

**Wednesday 17 March 2021**

As-salamu alaikum

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term One

- 19 Mar Sausage Sizzle
- 19 Mar Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 29 Mar EOTC week
- 2-6 Apr Easter Break
- 13 Apr Learning Conversations
- 14 Apr Learning Conversations
- 16 Apr Term 1 ends

### Assemblies

- 12 Mar Māhuri
- 19 Mar Kano

### 2021 Term Dates

- Term 1 03 Feb - 16 April
- Term 2 03 May - 9 July
- Term 3 26 July - 1 Oct
- Term 4 18 Oct - 15 Dec

### Useful Links

- [greenacres.school.nz](http://greenacres.school.nz)
- [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz)

Two weeks ago, I talked in our newsletter about our goals in relation to whanaungatanga, communication and partnership. This afternoon, I wanted to share more information about our Strategic and Annual goals relating to Wellbeing / Hauora.

### [Growing Greenacres School Charter](#)

Strategic Goal 1: Hauora - Provide a positive learning culture with a strong focus on the hauora of students and our community that enables success for all.

Annual Goal 1 - Develop a Greenacres School Wellbeing Approach based on our Restorative Practice foundations.

2020 certainly was a year dominated by Covid 19. A key learning was the importance of wellbeing and the understanding that it is not one dimensional. Mason Durie's Whare Tapa Whā model really resonated with us here at school and how wellbeing is holistic and that we need to have all four sides of our whare (house) in place to be balanced and strong.

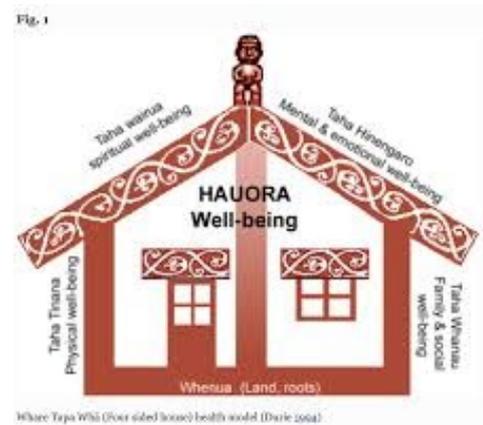
Our work with the HAL (Healthy Active Learners) Advisors also brought to the fore the importance of the Health aspects of the PE and Health Curriculum. It is not all about learning to throw and catch a ball but about looking at our own wellbeing, as well as the wellbeing of other people in our community.

Our RKMCS are well embedded here at Greenacres School. Our tamariki know them and what they mean. In saying that, we are aware that some of our children are still learning to take ownership over certain aspects of their behaviour.

With this all in mind, in 2021 we are focusing on developing our 'Greenacres School Wellbeing Plan'. We are confident that there are a range of excellent initiatives already in place but we are reviewing what we currently do, as well as considering some additional frameworks.

An example of a new initiative is "Above the Line". In this approach we are encouraging everyone to take ownership of their behaviour, as well as the way they respond when things don't go to plan. There is no doubt that we all make mistakes but what is important is that we are able to front up to them, make things right and learn from them. The "Above the Line" model also recognises that we are a team here at Greenacres. In the link provided you will see the words 'Upstander and Bystander.' An 'Upstander' takes positive actions to support others whereas a 'Bystander' is more passive.

We are already having lots of success and useful conversations with tamariki using the 'Above the Line' framework. Feel free to talk about it at home.



## OWNERSHIP



- **Yes, I did make a mistake.**
- **I did things to hurt my family and friends.**
- **I will fix it by apologising in words and actions.**
- **I'll make a plan to be more successful and to move forward.**

## GROWTH MINDSET

## LIVE ABOVE THE LINE



## AVOIDANCE

- **No, I didn't. It wasn't me! But...**
- **He/She made me do it.**
- **I don't care.**
- **He/She was doing it too.**

## FIXED MINDSET

## ERO

In 2021, ERO has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation, supporting each school's improvement over time. Instead of coming for three or four days, providing a report with recommendations and then coming back a few years later, ERO is now spending longer with individual schools and supporting them to implement changes and improvements. We are pleased to have been assigned an ERO evaluation partner. After some emails and zoom conversations, we welcomed Mary Ely to our school last week. Mary will work alongside us, supporting us to evaluate our strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of an ongoing improvement journey. We have enjoyed talking with Mary about Greenacres School and our context here in Tawa and look forward to a useful and productive partnership. Click on this link to read more about how the new process works <https://www.ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/new-schools-operating-model/>

## Literacy at Greenacres

Yesterday we emailed you the link to a Literacy Survey <https://forms.gle/72zCdVH6ziDc6pdTA> Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. It would be really appreciated if you could spend a few minutes to complete it for us.

## EOTC Week 29 March - 1 April

It is anticipated that our EOTC programme will be confirmed by Friday. We are awaiting final confirmation of venues, buses and costings. There is an exciting range of activities planned including Pataka, BigAir, bush walks, wheels day for years 1 and 2; and badminton, Pirates Cove, Awesome Bounce, BigAir Gym and orienteering for years 3-6. As a heads up we anticipate the year 1-2 cost to be no more than \$30 and the year 3-6 cost to be no more than \$50. We are looking for parent helpers so please think about which days and times you could be available between 29 and 31 March. Thursday 1 April will be our athletics day. What an exciting, fun-filled week to look forward to! More information will be provided as soon as all activities are finalised.



## 'The Maui Tales'

On Tuesday, tamariki were enthralled with our visiting performers from Ecuador, Denis and Stephanie. They listened intently to the songs and were fascinated by the shadow puppets. Not only did they enjoy it, but a number were inspired and were heading home to research more about shadow puppets and hopefully creating their own. Tu meke!



## Traffic Safety

As I mentioned before, it has been great to see less traffic around with Movin' March. However, we still have concerns over some driver behaviour, including turning around in driveways in close proximity to the crossing and stopping on yellow lines. We have been chatting about the situation to our Police Liaison Officer - Sue Bush. She is planning a visit at pick up and / or drop off times to offer her support.

Ngā mihi

**Mike Thomas**

## Events Committee

**Sausage Sizzle** this Friday 19 March, \$2 per sausage. It would be very helpful if you send your child with cash on the day, and preferably in an envelope with their name on it, especially for year 1 and 2 students.

## Greenacres School Fundraiser - Massive Garage Sale!

We look forward to seeing you at the Greenacres Garage Sale on 28 March! A reminder to dig out your children's old clothes and treasures and run your own stall to make some Easter pennies for yourself! Each private stall is a \$15 donation to school. Register here - <https://forms.gle/To3x3H6v2pEdBnz89>



**MASSIVE**  
**GARAGE SALE**

**Greenacres School Fundraiser**  
28th March  
11am-2pm  
Greenacres School - 60 Raroa Terrace

**KIDS CLOTHING \* BOOKS \* TOYS \* BRIC A BRAC**

We are also inviting the Tawa Community to hold their own stalls selling their **children's clothing and treasures.**  
Click here to [Register for a stall](https://forms.gle/To3x3H6v2pEdBnz89) - \$15 donation per stall

Come along and grab a bargain!

Kind regards,  
**The Fundraising Committee**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Tawa Junior Rugby Club** – Want to play in the 2021 Rugby season? Come along to one of our Fun-filled 'Give It a Go' & Registration Days - Sunday 21 & 28 March 10am – 12pm at Tawa Junior Rugby Club or if you can't make that we will be running a registration evening on Wednesday 24th March 5pm-7pm. For more information visit the 'Tawa Junior Rugby Football Club' Facebook page or email [tawajuniorrfc@gmail.com](mailto:tawajuniorrfc@gmail.com)

**Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYMs Classes!** Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! **BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE** classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a clean, pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes.



Children learn amazing life skills through these classes, including self-confidence, achievement, determination, persistence, pride and how to respond proactively to feedback. Classes start on 1<sup>st</sup> FEB, so don't miss out! **Book for Term 1 NOW** at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz), or contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay 383 8779 [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz), or Bigair Gym Tawa 232 3508 [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).

**GKR Karate Free Open Night**, Friday 16 April 5.30-6.30pm in Mana, Sunday 18 April 10.00-11.00am Whitby. Call or text Anthony on 027 7653935 to reserve a spot, limited spots available.

**Umah Day Exhibition**, Understanding Muslims' Attainment and Harmony, 28 March 10am-4pm, TSB Auditorium, Shed 6, 4 Queens Wharf, Te Aro, Wellington - invitation by FIAMZ and Wellington City Council in remembrance of the 15 March 2019 attacks in Christchurch. Sign language interpreter will be available.

**Samuel Marsden Collegiate School - Year 7 entry 2022**, Open Day: Sunday 16 May, 2pm-4pm. Register at [marsden.school.nz/register](https://marsden.school.nz/register) Scholarships: Year 7 Academic and Māori & Pasifika Scholarships for entry in 2022 are now open, see details and apply online at [marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/](https://marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/) Applications close 20 May (6 August for Maori & Pasifika scholarship), exam date 29 May 2021. For questions, to organise a personal tour or day in class for your daughter please contact Enrolment Registrar Leigh McCathie on 476 8707. [marsden.school.nz](https://marsden.school.nz)

**Saint Mark's School Open Days** - Parents/caregivers of Year 6 students are warmly invited to the St Mark's School Open Days on Friday 19 March from 10am to 12 noon and Saturday 20 March from 12 noon to 2pm. This is a great opportunity to find out more about life at St Mark's from staff and students, hear about the curriculum and the IB programme, find out about the leadership and other opportunities offered to Year 7 and 8 students, and enjoy a tour of the school. Please register online <https://www.st-marks.school.nz/enrolment/open-days/>

**Meccano 2021 National Exhibition** - plus Hornby Model Railway Display, Waikanae Memorial Hall, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March, 10am - 4pm. All welcome.