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| **Important Dates**  12 May Greenacres School Cross Country  23 May Prospective and new parents meeting  24 May Tawa Zone Cross Country  25 May School Photos  30 May -2 June Pink Shirt Week  3 June Teacher Only Day  6 June Queen’s Birthday Holiday  24 June Matariki |  | **Term Dates**  Term 1 02 Feb - 14 April  Term 2 02 May - 08 July  Term 3 25 July - 30 Sept  Term 4 17 Oct - 14 Dec  **Useful Links**  greenacres.school.nz  schooldocs.co.nz |
| **Rāapa 11 Haratua 2022**  **Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Namaste, Ni hao, Shalom, As-salāmu ʿalaykum and Greetings**  **KETE (Kids Enhancing the Tawa Eco-System)**  **Litter Week** - One of the discoveries from our Litter Week audit was that we tend to be using quite a few paper towels. The Student Council is issuing the ONE PAPER TOWEL CHALLENGE. Check out the poster below which they will be putting up at school.    **Mountains to Sea** - Puāwai have loved having Jorge from Mountain to Sea working with them this week. Over the term, they will be exploring the health of local waterways and taking action from what they discover.  **Zero Waste** - Lorraine Boennic from WCC has been working with Kano and Māhuri this week. They are learning about dealing efficiently with rubbish by reducing, reusing, recycling and refusing.  **Kano worm farm** - Our Kano tamariki have been learning about worms. They have set up a worm farm near Kano. A huge thank you to Adele, Georgia, Jake, Ryan and James for donating worms from your farms. The worms have now settled into their new home and made some friends!  It is wonderful to see our tamariki engaging in programmes that re-enforce that we are all Kaitiaki of Papatūānuku (the land / the Earth Mother) and we can all take action to promote a better future.  **Celebrating National Science week**  Calling all Year 1-8 students and parents from our Tawa Kāhui Ako with an interest in Science! Come along to Tawa College and have fun with some experiments that you can replicate back at home in your kitchen, as well as some demonstrated by college students.  Check out the poster below for details, and to register here is the link  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLnHIhDc0QQqDJmsXBIztHLriZoqN1n0WikJINEVmEkZ73SA/viewform  **Winter Sports**  From the reports received from many excited children (and parents), it was clear that our first weekend of winter sports went very well. The Lightning (Year 3/4) hockey team were fizzing after their game. The Storm (Year 5/6) also had heaps of fun on the turf at Tawa College. Our netballers also made an excellent start to the season. Ka pai!  **Players of Day**  Netball Lucy Kleyne  Hockey Yr 3/4 Lightning Whole team  Hockey Yr 5/6 Storm Lucas Fenton  **Cross Country**  As mentioned in the posts last week, we are looking forward to Cross Country tomorrow (Thursday) from 11.10 on the bottom field. You are all very welcome. We are hopeful the weather and conditions will be okay and will make a decision on Thursday morning if we need to postpone. The postponement day is Wednesday 18 May at the same time. Please make sure your child brings a change of clothes and good running shoes as the track could be a bit slippery.  **School Photos**  The photos will be taken on Wednesday 25 May. Sports team photos will be taken at 9am, followed by class photos starting with Kano. Here is the link for pre-ordering photos online - <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=PCR22AJJ>    **Covid**  We are pleased that here at Greenacres things are pretty quiet on the Covid front. Today we only have three children away with Covid and just one isolating as a family contact. We are aware that Covid continues to be a bigger presence in other local schools so thank you for keeping children home when they are unwell, RAT testing when needed and communicating with us so well. Your support over the pandemic has been amazing!  **Sausage Sizzle**  Sausage Sizzle is back on Friday this week.    Ngā mihi nui  Mike Thomas  Tumuaki      **COMMUNITY NOTICES**    **If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands & Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym!** **TERM 2 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON’T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY!** Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness**!** Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! 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[www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)  **GIVE RUGBY A TRY!** Make friends, have fun, build confidence, be healthy! Find out more information about Marist St Pats junior rugby - msprugby.co.nz/juniors or email mspjuniorrugby@gmailcom  **Drama: Wonderplay** is now taking registrations for term two of Churton Park drama classes.(3.45-4.45pm Tuesdays). Also ask about our famous Wellington Young Actors class for teens. Classes held at Churton Park Community Centre. First class is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, [www.wonderplay.co.nz](http://www.wonderplay.co.nz/)  **Wellington Brickshow** - Amazing LEGO creations from some of NZ’s best builders, 4 and 5 June at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt. Tickets available at [www.well-lug.nz/tickets](http://www.well-lug.nz/tickets) | | |
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