

Wednesday 23 September 2020

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Nameste, Ni hao, Shalom, Assalāmu ‘alaykum and Greetings

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Three

25 Sep End of Term 3

Term Four

12 Oct Term starts

23 Oct Teacher Only Day

26 Oct Labour Day

15 Dec End of Year

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

Athletics Day

What an amazing day we had yesterday! The sun came out and everyone was out there giving it their best and having fun. Our RKMCs were clear for everyone to see.

I loved seeing so much KINDNESS on display. For example, during the high jump there were just a few boys left competing. It was very exciting and one of them knocked the bar down but it was heartening to see the other boy was so genuine when he called out “Bad luck!” In his next attempt that boy got over the bar! Maybe the encouragement helped. As parents you can be very proud as the tamariki were awesome encouraging each other with kind words and actions throughout the long day.

A positive MINDSET was also very evident. The look of determination on the faces of the children was super. It didn’t matter whether they were coming first or last, the children were giving their best. In the long jump the children were given their distance which meant they could really strive to improve on their last effort. They got a real kick out of beating their last jump.

Thanks to Rob Calder for stepping in and leading us with this event!

A massive shout out to the team from Tawa Intermediate School who were brilliant support throughout the day. It was especially cool seeing ex-Greenacres children coming back to help out at their old school.

It was wonderful having parents attending too! Thanks to those of you who could come at such short notice.



This week we welcomed Maxwell Lemuelu to Te Rito 4. We wish him and his family all the best on their learning journey with us.



Digital Citizenship - Digital Technology Curriculum Evening

As mentioned last week, we would like to invite you to school on Tuesday 13 October. It is a chance to involve you in efforts to ensure all our students are using digital technology in purposeful ways and becoming safe, responsible and constructive digital citizens.

The evening will be split into three sections.

1. Technology Expo. 6:30 - 7.00pm. We will have some tamariki here at school showing parents what they are using the Chromebooks for at school - a great chance to see first hand the range of platforms and apps being used.
2. Digital Citizenship at Greenacres. 7.00 - 7.30pm. We will talk through our draft Digital Citizenship work (posters) which outlines how we link the RKMCs to being a responsible digital citizen. Please check the Digital Citizenship posters attached to this newsletter.
3. Guest speaker. 7.30-8.00pm. We have invited Sue Bush, Senior Community Officer from the NZ Police, to talk with you about digital citizenship and safety at home.

Here is a link to a Google form asking you to confirm your attendance.

[Digital Curriculum Evening](#)

If you have any particular questions or feedback on the posters or other areas we would really appreciate it if you added it to the google form. This is an important area and your feedback is really important to us getting this right for everyone. We will also be working with the children to get their opinions and engagement.

Covid Level 1

Yay! It is great we are at Level One. The message is clear that we need to keep being vigilant to knock Covid out entirely. Hygiene will still be really important. We will keep up the hand washing and good sneezing etiquette here at school. Please continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell.

It is great having whānau back inside the school again. We will keep displaying the Covid app for parents and visitors to use for tracking. As you know we have gone back to a 3.00pm finish for everyone.

Enrolments for first half of 2021

We have a small number of places available for out of zone new entrant students for Terms 1 and 2 2021. We have placed a notice in the local paper this week, but have found word of mouth is the most effective method of reaching the community! Therefore if you are aware of anyone with pre-schoolers who may be interested in enrolling them at Greenacres next year, please suggest they contact the office on 2326445 or email office@greenacres.school.nz for a pre-enrolment registration form.



Little Garden

Some of you may be aware that New World supermarket has resumed giving away Little Garden pots with shopping. If you shop at New World and do not want the pots for yourself, our Garden to Table team here at school would love to have them. To donate them to school please just sent them with your child, or drop them off yourself at the office.

Yummy Stickers

Last week to help the school out with Yummy Fruit stickers and labels (on the fruit bag). The more stickers and labels we collect, the bigger the share of the prize we get. This promotion will finish this Friday.

Winter Sport - 19 September

Netball - Players of the Day

Greenferns 1 Daisy Wilkinson

Greenferns 2 Shahnah Lord

As the winter sports season comes to an end, we really have to be thankful that it happened at all. Despite Covid, the children were able to get out there and have fun with their friends and improve their skills. Our sincere thanks goes out to the coaches, managers, umpires and organisers for all your work. In particular:

Dave Conway, Jenny Peacock, overall organisers

Netball managers and coaches, Jess Aupa'au, Abby Leota, Barry Baker and Kelly Lord

Hockey managers and coaches, Jane Davie, Sam Ros and Kelly Lord

Good luck to the netballers who have their final games on Saturday.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that Friday 23 October will be a teacher only day. It will be a chance for the staff to update their first aid qualifications.

Lost Property

Now that we are at Level 1, on Friday afternoon, weather permitting, you are welcome to come and check out our massive pile of lost property that has been gathering over the term!

What a wonderful term with so many highlights. The powhiri at the beginning of the term, Cross Country running, IF programmes, the completion of Kākano building, the House Group day focusing on Science, Te wiki o te reo Maori and the Athletics Day to mention a few. We will certainly also remember it for changing Covid levels and the new learning and adaptations needed there.

For those of you who I don't see over the next few days, have a great term break!

Ngā mini

Mike Thomas

Events Committee

Annual 'Spring into Tawa' Bake Sale, Saturday 17 October

Saturday 17 October is the annual Spring into Tawa festival which, due to Covid-19, will be THE ONLY fundraising events for the school this year. Since 2011, we have had a hugely popular bake stall and games stall.

During the first week of Term 4, your child/ren will bring home a plate in a plastic bag and your donation of baked goodies (or \$5 donation if you prefer) would be very much appreciated. Baking (or donations) can be returned to school on Friday 16 October.

This fundraising event is co-ordinated by parent volunteers on the Events Committee and your support is a huge benefit to the students of Greenacres School. If you would like to volunteer to help on the stall, please text Natalie Mason on 021394445.



BEING AN AWESOME GREENACRES DIGITAL CITIZEN

I AM A KIND DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Always say and do things that are kind.
- Make sure everyone has a turn on the device if we are sharing devices.
- Know when I communicate online it is to a real person.
- Will tell an adult if someone is not being kind online.
- Will help my classmates with digital technology if I can.
- Ask myself "would my parents be proud of me doing this online"?

I USE A POSITIVE MINDSET TO ACHIEVE AS A DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Use digital technology to help with my learning.
- Want to learn new ways to use technology to help with my learning.
- Make sure that I think about what I am doing online and ask for help if I need it.



I AM A RESPECTFUL DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Treat the devices in a respectful way and look after them.
- Don't use food or drink around devices.
- Don't tinker with devices or remove or change anything about them.
- Tell the teacher right away if a device is damaged or broken.
- Make sure that the device is ready for the next person to use (charged and in the right place) when I am finished.
- Use the apps and activities in the right way so I can learn.
- Ask people's permission before taking photos or recording them in some way.



I MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AS A DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Keep my home digital games and activities at home, unless I have permission from my teacher.
- Only share my work with the teacher, my classmates or my family.
- Keep my password safe and I don't tell other people my password.
- Ask the teacher before I download any information.
- Am aware that anything I do online is there forever. (Digital footprint)
- Tell an adult right away if I see anything online that I don't like or that makes me uncomfortable.
- Ask the teacher before I send any messages to anyone.

BEING AN AWESOME GREENACRES DIGITAL CITIZEN

I AM A KIND DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Treat others as I want to be treated; I don't say or write comments online if I believe it is wrong to say them face to face with someone.
- Ask permission before sharing information or taking and using photos or videos involving other people.
- I will be an 'upstander' if I think people are being rude or inappropriate online, even if I think it's only a joke.
- Will tell an adult straight away if I think someone, or myself, is being bullied online.

I USE A POSITIVE MINDSET TO ACHIEVE AS A DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Use the technology and devices for learning tasks- researching, communicating, creating, collaborating, and thinking critically.
- Search only appropriate information that supports my learning task.
- Actively and sensibly participate in all learning opportunities.
- Know that I can use/share the expertise of myself and others to help with learning.
- Help others by becoming a digital citizenship role model.



I AM A RESPECTFUL DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Communicate with others in a respectful, thoughtful way. Even when no-one is looking I will think, "what will my parents think about what I'm doing or saying?"
- Take care of all technology equipment and treat it as a valuable learning tool-no food and drink near them, make sure they are charged, hold them in a careful manner and not intentionally remove or damage pieces.
- Know that school devices are for everyone to use to help with their learning.
- Be respectful of others when on a video call, to allow everyone the same chance to learn and contribute.



I MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AS A DIGITAL CITIZEN BECAUSE I...

- Keep home and school separate by not accessing personal apps, emails or accounts from school.
- Show I can be trusted to use the internet.
- Make sure I am not sharing personal and private information of my own or friends online.
- Am aware of the visibility of my digital footprint when online.
- Seek adult permission before I download any apps, software or subscribe to anything online.
- Will shut the window/tab and tell an adult straight away if I see anything online that I think is inappropriate or makes me feel uncomfortable. I won't draw it to the attention of other students.
- Keep my passwords safe and secure from other students.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kelly Club Greenacres offers Before School Care (7:00am-8:30am) and After School Care (3:00pm-6:00pm) located in Greenacres School Hall. Book online at: kellyclub.co.nz/greenacres or phone 027 241 4295.



The 'Pop Up Market' is back - handmade arts and crafts. New World Atrium, 35 Oxford Street, Tawa, on Saturdays from 10am till 2pm. Dates are 26 September, 17 October, 28 November and 12 December.

Join North City Cricket Club this Summer! We have teams for Year 0 - Year 8 children. North City Cricket Junior Club is a dedicated and passionate club that provides all children the chance to learn and develop cricket skills, make friends and have fun in a team environment from Spring to Autumn. Online Registrations are open now, for more information visit

<http://northcitycricketclub.co.nz/junior-registration/> or <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCityCricket/> to keep an eye on up to date information.

Free Parenting Course www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz is offering a free parenting course to parents who might be having a struggle in managing things with their children, or just need some tips and advice. The course is offered on the website and is set out in video, and in written format so it can be looked at or read in your own time, or comfort. The course is based on filial therapy principles, it is child centred and most definitely works for those who put in the time. Have a look! and happy parenting:)

Tawa Tennis Club - Love tennis weekend is an opportunity to come and have a go, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October from 1-4 pm. Bring the family, tell friends. Tawa Tennis Club is by Redwood Railway Station. Any question contact Julie Roberts juliemroberts33@gmail.com

Registration is now open for Junior Athletics Season

Club nights are Wednesday evenings. Please see www.olympicjuniors.nz for information on club nights (see Junior athletics tab) and registration (see membership tab). First club night is Wednesday 21 October 2019, at Grenada North.

- Under 7s (3 to 6 year olds): 5:45pm - 6:45pm (Athletics NZ Get Set Go programme)
- 7-14 years: 6:00pm - 7:15 pm

Further details about other athletic events such as interclub meets at Newtown and Colgate Games will be available at club nights. Athletics is a great sport for developing not only in the track and field area but also in skills for all other sports. Facebook - Olympic Junior Athletics

Tawa Softball

Register for Under 7, Under 9 Tee Ball!

Register for Under 11, Under 13 Softball!

You can Register with Tawa Softball Club for the 2020 season now - Go to the website to register online!

sporty.co.nz/tawasoftball

Want to Learn more? Open day and final registrations on Saturday 26 September, 1pm, at the Tawa Softball Clubrooms, Redwood Ave, Tawa. Come along to learn the game, meet coaches, bring your own friends and make new friends! Check out our Facebook Page Tawa Softball Club - This is our main point of communication and sharing information. For any questions, please email tawasoftballclub@gmail.com

Summer Series Indoor Football 5-a-side at Porirua Indoor Sports

Games are played on Friday afternoons in Term 4. A great way to improve your skills over the summer months. Any questions contact Robbie Kerr on 021 329409 or robbie@poriruaindoorsports.co.nz For more details go to www.poriruaindoorsports.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Kelly Club Greenacres October School Holiday Programme running from Monday 28 September to Friday 9 October, located in Greenacres School Hall. Includes a trip day to Mission Inflatable, a PJ Party Day, and a nerf wars day! For enquiries and to book find us online at: kellyclub.co.nz/greenacres or phone: 027 241 4295.



Artrageous Kids - Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Bookings essential. Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington. 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Wellington Phoenix is holding a two day Holiday Programme in the second week of the School holidays. For more information check out their facebook page or contact Reece Lewis, Community and Membership Assistant, on 021 364762 or email nixlevel@wellingtonphoenix.com

Wilderkids is a School Holiday Programme with a Difference - Wilderkids is all care, curiosity, having fun and making friends. Wilderkids build shelters, forage for food, get crafty, save the whales, learn about nature. Programme runs from 28 September to 9 October, 8.30am to 3.15pm, at Innermost Gardens, 31 Lawson Place, Mount Victoria. For kids aged 5-12. Also ten \$10 spots for families with a Community Services Card. If you have any questions please email advice@sustaintrust.org.nz or freephone 0508 78 78 24 x 715.

Drama Holiday Programme – Drama Remedy - October holiday drama programme will be 3 days of activities based on Play. Production (28, 29 & 30 September). To find out more details visit www.dramaremedy.co.nz Spaces are limited! To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 or dramaremedy@gmail.com

Bigair Gymsports Tawa - Gym is exceptionally rewarding for children and its super fun! Kids gain strength, flexibility, balance, and body control but they also learn determination and perseverance, through persistently practicing skills until they are achieved. Kids also gain resilience and confidence, as they extend themselves and learn new skills! Bigair Gym is a clean, pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run classes in **Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampolining, Parkour** and **Cheerleading!** BOOK NOW for Term 4! **Book now for our SEPT/OCT School Holiday Programme!** Half & full days available. It is great for kids to be active during the holidays whatever the weather! Contact Bigair Gym Tawa: 04 2323508 or office@bigairgym.co.nz



KidzStuff Theatre for Children is presenting Thumbelina, Written by Rachel Henry and Directed by Hilary Norris.

What: Thumbelina

When: 26 September - 9 October 2020

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$11.00pp, Children under 2 Free

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz

Chipmunks School Holiday Programme - Join us for a fun filled school holidays, something for everyone. Bring morning tea, lunch plus a warm jacket. For more information call 2326363 or 021574057 or email tawa@chipmunks.co.nz