



# CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE SPECIAL



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## GREENACRES SCHOOL'S REACTION TO THE EARTHQUAKE

The students of Greenacres School have been greatly affected by the tragic earthquake that occurred in Christchurch on 22 February. Year three student, Raihaan Dalwai, thought the school could do something to help, so he called an urgent Student Council meeting where it was decided to hold an ice cream day and also collect donations for a coin trail.

With only two days to organise things the council swung into action with the support of the staff and by lunchtime Friday everything was ready to go. Despite the short notice the whole school community was so supportive and the school had its most profitable ice cream day yet.

The staff of the school were so impressed by the students' efforts that they agreed to match every dollar collected on the coin train. The end result of this fantastic day was that over \$1400 was raised, all of which has been donated to help provide aid to the people of Christchurch.

To celebrate our success, the student council was presented with a mock cheque at the school assembly. We as a school are so proud of the initiative shown by our students and the support offered by the community.



Greenacres School Student Council

## WELLINGTON MALE VOICE CHOIR'S CONTRIBUTION

The Tawa-based Wellington Male Voice Choir is hastily arranging a concert with proceeds going to a suitable Christchurch Earthquake Charity. The two-hour concert commencing at 2.30pm on Sunday 6th March will take place in the Tawa College hall.

The intention is to also involve a local school choir and local orchestra but, at this stage, these haven't been confirmed.

More details will be posted on [http://www.tawalink.com/coming\\_events.html](http://www.tawalink.com/coming_events.html).

## CIVIL DEFENCE IN TAWA

In case you aren't already aware, the four Civil Defence Centres in Tawa are at Greenacres School, Linden Social Centre, Redwood School and Tawa School.

And no doubt you have the following organised, as per the inside back cover of the Yellow Pages:

### EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS

- Water (3 litres per person per day, for at least 3 days or more)

- Canned, non-perishable food
- Torch and radio (with spare batteries)
- Toilet paper, plastic bags and bucket
- First aid kit and essential medicines, including paracetamol
- Bbq or other means of cooking
- Face and dust masks

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION

There are various organisations receiving donations including:

- Red Cross - <http://redcross.org.nz/donate>
- Salvation Army - <http://salvationarmy.org.nz/research-media/media-centre/local-news/christchurch-earthquake-update>

Other relevant sites:

- For those who would like to offer accommodation to displaced Christchurch people - <http://www.quakeescape.org.nz>
- Earthquake updates - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Zealand-Earthquake-Updates/113580638717273>
- Let's help Christchurch - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/pages/Lets-help-Christchurch/201449363200081>

And:

- In order to raise morale and provide support for those displaced/made homeless by the Christchurch quake, some Wellingtonians are organising a home-baking food drop. The idea is that you make your favourite/best treats and bring them down to Civic Square on Monday morning (7am-9am) and they'll be delivered that day down to Christchurch. See <http://www.thegreatsundaybakeoff.org/>

Cheers

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*"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."* - Winston Churchill

*"Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart."*  
- Erma Bombeck

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