

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

MINI- GALA : 'MAKE A WISH' FOUNDATION

One of the many things that really impresses me about Greenmeadows School is the generosity of the students, staff and wider community. Last Friday was no exception – the Student Council organised classes to hold a mini-gala to raise funds for a charity. This year the selected charity was the 'Make A Wish Foundation' and they will be very impressed with the figure raised: \$1185.40. Well done everyone who contributed to the success of this day.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—Thursday 19th November

Sent out with this newsletter is an envelope that will allow you to order school photographs for 2009. Our photographer this year is Ross Gannon from Rossi Gannon Photography. If you wish to get photographs taken you have a few options to select from. These are:

- class photographs (8 by 10" —20 by 25 cm) with names printed in the border—\$11.00 each
- Individual and/or sibling portraits (5 by 7") - \$8 each
- Portrait pack—\$15 each (see the order form for details)

If you wish to order any photographs please return the envelope and payment with all information written on the front by Wednesday 18th November. Please note that late orders will not be taken. To assist with ordering please note that envelopes go directly to **class teachers** and not to the office. Fingers crossed for a fine day!

TARADALE INTERSCHOOL YEAR 6 MATHLETICS

Last Wednesday evening nine senior students from Greenmeadows School took part in the annual Mathletics competition at Taradale Intermediate School. This event involves five schools all very keen to do well.

Our competitors were organised into teams of three:

- GMS 'Einsteins' — Rhys Dooney, Linda Huang and Hamish Smith
- GMS 'Crunchers' — Lachie Calder, Jarrad Hellyer and Rosemary Mair
- GMS 'Mathsbusters' — Jade Chan, Calvin Herbert and Ethan Martin

Our teams had been preparing for this very tough competition for several weeks practising solving problems and learning lots of new maths concepts both at school and at home. NOW the exciting bit ... the 'Crunchers' were the overall winners of the competition!! In addition to this the 'Mathsbusters' (incidentally all Year 5 students) finished an impressive fourth in the teams competition. Our great year at GMS continues—well done to you all!!

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Over the course of this year we have had a number of dogs visiting school—all of them friendly and very well behaved. However we know that not all dogs have the ability to be as safe as the ones we have had visiting, and a request has been made to the Board of Trustees to clarify whether dogs should be on the school site. This was discussed at the last meeting of the Board. As a result the decision has been made to make the school a dog-free zone. The only exception to this is in support of direct learning programmes (e.g. police dog demonstration) and is at the discretion of the Principal. We thank all families for their assistance in this matter.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS—TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Next week we hold our athletic sports here at school. This will be an interhouse event and involves children from Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, and 17. The sports will commence at 9.30am on the school field and run for most of the day. Parents are welcome to attend the day and cheer on our athletes (who knows you may even be able to volunteer to help as well!). We will have a sausage sizzle on the day and Juicies will also be for sale at lunch time. Children from the junior school will be able to purchase these as well. More details to come later this week.

THIS WEEK'S CRICKET DRAW

Friday 13 November	Greenmeadows A v Onekawa Firebirds	Nelson Park	Pitch 1
	Greenmeadows B v Onekawa Wizards	Nelson Park	Pitch 6
Saturday 14 November	Greenmeadows v Arthur Miller	Greenmeadows School	

T-BALL NEWS

From GMS 5 Tee ball on Saturday 31 October Player of the Day was Callum Van Den Berk and the team was led by Danika Brown. A great start to the season team!

OPTIMIST YACHTING

This week the Year 6 students have been involved in sessions of sailing yachts on Pandora Pond. They commenced yesterday and had a great session, finishing just before the rain arrived. Our thanks to Mr Coombs, Mrs Dale, Mr Bloor and all the wonderful parents who come along to support and transport our enthusiastic sailors. Room 15 sailed again today, and Room 16 has a turn on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING—TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

Starting at 7.00pm on the 8th December there will be a meeting for interested parents in the school hall. This meeting will outline plans for 2010 including class structures, planning for the school's future developments and issues facing our school. There will be opportunities to discuss aspects of the school, opportunities for parents to ask questions, and for the school to seek feedback on a whole range of issues.

PTA NEWS

- **CANTEEN NEWS**—our Canteen is open for morning tea and lunch every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Juicie Ice Blocks are a great way to cool off on hot days. There are a variety of yummy flavours available for just \$1 each! The new additions to our summer menu seem to be selling well and we look forward to your continued support.
- **HALLOWEEN DISCO** - This was a very successful evening. The children looked fantastic and our DJ did an awesome job! A big thank-you to all the helpers who helped to make the night such a success.
- **ART CALENDARS** - These have been sent off for processing and should be returned to school in a couple of weeks. We took in plenty of orders and have made around \$2000 profit.
- **ROLL-ON SUNBLOCK & SUNBANDS** - Room 1 is doing a fantastic job of selling these every **Wednesday** and **Friday** morning before school. The sun block is \$6 per roll-on and the sun bands are \$3 each or 3 for \$7.
- **ATHLETICS DAY SASUAGE SIZZLE** - The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle on Athletics Day. Please look out for the order forms later in the week.

NEXT PTA MEETING - This Wednesday 11 November at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome!

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL—PLANNING FOR 2010

Here at school we are starting to plan classes for next year. One of the key factors in our decision-making process relates to the numbers of New Entrant pupils who turn five during the course of next year. If you have a child you intend enrolling at Greenmeadows School in 2010 (or know of neighbours, relatives or friends in a similar position) please fill in the slip below and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Send us the form even if you think we already have this information — the school would rather see this twice, than not at all! Also if there are families in the community who are unsure where to send their five year old child, please encourage them to ring and make an appointment to visit the school. I encourage them to meet with me and come on a tour to see some of the things that make Greenmeadows School special.

Date of Birth	M / F	Surname	First Name	Address	Phone

'Driving Miss Daisy'

This is a secure and safe personalised driving service, perfect for busy parents who require help delivering their children to after school activities and appointments during school hours. For more information contact 0800 948432 or visit www.drivingmissdaisy.co.nz

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz)

9 to 13 Nov	Rooms 9 & 12 Swimming at Napier Aquatics Centre (Onekawa Pools)
9 to 13 Nov	Week of Optimist Yachting — Year 6 students
10 Nov	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
11 Nov	PTA meeting 7.30pm.
16 to 20 Nov	Rooms 8, 11 & 13 Swimming at Napier Aquatics Centre (Onekawa Pools)
17 Nov	GMS Athletics Seniors & Middles 9.30am—2.30pm
17 Nov	Choir Festival at Taradale Intermediate 7.00pm
18 Nov	GMS Athletics Seniors & Middles—Postponement Day
18 Nov	Choir Festival at Taradale Intermediate 7.00pm
19 Nov	School photographs
24 Nov	Inter School Athletics, Marewa Park (teams picked following our school athletic sports)
25 Nov	(Postponement Day) Inter School Athletics, Marewa Park (info to follow)
27 Nov	Niall de Burca whole School \$3.00 each
8 Dec	Parent Consultation meeting. Greenmeadows School Hall 7.00pm
11 Dec	Reports sent home
15 Dec	End of year break-up and prize-giving for Greenmeadows School 6.00pm start
16 Dec	Last day of the 2009 school year

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson
Principal

MINI GALA DRAWS IN THE CROWDS

A scene from the last Friday's Mini-Gala where the whole school were able to take part in a charity fundraiser during lunchtime. It was a great event — well done everyone, especially the Student Council.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Shakia Shannahan Olivia Thorburn
Room 2	Tyler Payne Kayla Heath
Room 3	Hamuera Winterburn Alice Downey
Room 4	Kaytie Owen Scott Coombe
Room 5	Aaron Robinson David Brown
Room 6	Shacacia Wiggins Sean Kearney
Room 7	Ethan Wynne Maddison Greeks
Room 8	Diya Ciji Oliver Stewart
Room 9	Mia Barretto Olivia Rowley
Room 10	Tom Davies Ethan Gilmour-Downes
Room 11	Holly Lawrence Renee Wilkinson
Room 12	Paige Hughes Rebecca Howey
Room 13	Angelyn Zeng
Room 14	Calvin Herbert Nick Ironside
Room 15	Jayden Ashton Noah Callaghan
Room 16	Kaya Wereta Ben Marsden
Room 17	Brandon Driver Isobel Barretto

Weeks 1 and 3 — Term 4 2009

