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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The roll continues to grow here at Greenmeadows School. Our warmest welcome is extended to the following students who have enrolled in the past two weeks: Ireland Kelly, Kees MacKirdy, Brandon Nel, Monique Rabie and Aleah Goody. We wish you all a very happy and successful time here at our school.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2010

Our Board of Trustees election process is now fully underway with nominations currently being called for. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, or simply finding out what the roles and responsibilities are, don't hesitate to contact any current Board members. Our current Chairperson Carolyn Neville is very happy to talk to anyone with questions about being on the Board - she can be contacted on 8442965 or email on c.neville@xtra.co.nz if you want to find out more. Alternately you can contact the school office and talk to Mark if you want to ask any questions. Greenmeadows School has an exciting future ahead and many people in our community have valuable skills and experiences to help make a positive impact on the future of education in our area. Nominations need to be received by Friday 5 March please give it serious thought.

SURVEY - SCHOOL HATS

Attached to this newsletter is brief survey form that we ask families fill in and return. The survey is looking at the question of sun hats and whether we should revise sun protection routines for children while at school. At present all children are required to wear a hat when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4, otherwise they must play in the shade. We currently get a wide range of hats worn - some that provide only limited protection from the sun (especially baseball type caps with no protection of the neck and ears). The Board of Trustees are keen to find out parental support for having a compulsory hat that all children wear with greater protection for the whole head.



CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Wednesday 24 February 2010

NZEI TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING

There will be a meeting for teachers during the afternoon of Wednesday 17 March at Porritt School from 1.30pm. As most staff will attend this meeting, we encourage parents to collect their children from 1.00pm on this day. Supervision will be provided for those children who need to remain at school until 3.00pm. Our next newsletter will have a return slip so parents can let us know whether their child remains at school or is to be picked up at 1.00pm. The exception will be students in Room 14 who are due to visit the Faraday Centre on a trip that afternoon. They return to school by 2.50pm.

STAFFING UPDATE - MRS LUBBE

Mrs Lubbe is not expected back for the rest of Term 1 due to her back injury. We all wish her a quick recovery. From next week Room 17 will be taught by Mrs Miles and Mrs Paula Kinsey in a job sharing role.

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS

This programme has commenced for students in Years 3 & 4 Rooms 1,3, 4 and 12. Sessions run from 9.00 until 9.30am on Friday mornings.

A REQUEST FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

The junior syndicate is looking for supplies of paper and envelopes to replenish their classroom writing boxes. Anything would be gratefully received. Paper can be lined, unlined or coloured. Many thanks.



**GREENMEADOWS
SCHOOL ~100 YEARS
OLD IN 2011**

Our school turns 100 years old next year on 1st October 2011. Next month we will call for interested people who may be available to form a committee looking at the possibility of centennial celebrations.

**100TH
ANNIVERSARY****UNIFORM ORDERS**

Attached to this order form for school shirts and shorts. Please return the form by Monday 8 March if you wish to place an order. Sizes available are 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14.

CRICKET DRAWS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

- Friday 26 February** Year 3 and 4 team v Tamatea Primary
Nelson Park Pitch 10 - 3.30pm
- Saturday 27 February** A Grade v Napier Central
Greenmeadows School
(assemble at 8.30am)
- B Grade v Taradale Primary
Park Island Pitch 2 (be there at 8.40am)

NEW PARENT'S MORNING TEA

All new parents to Greenmeadows School are invited to a morning tea on Wednesday 3 March. This held in the staffroom and starts at 9.00am. If you intend coming please ring the school office. RSVP by Tuesday 2 March. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are often asked about the different extra-curricular activities children can become involved in at school. Below is a summary of what we have operating here at Greenmeadows School:

KAPA HAKA - Beginning Term 1, Week 3. This runs through until the end of Term 3. Years 3 to 6 are involved with practise on Thursday lunchtimes. Teachers in charge - Mrs Shona Millner and Mrs Pixie Bryan.

CHOIR - Beginning late Term 1. Practises are Tuesday lunchtimes. Those involved are Years 3 to 6. Teachers in charge - Mrs Shona Millner, Mrs Johleen Lubbe and Miss Nicole Trubshaw

GYMNASTICS - Term 2 Years 3 and 4. Two practises per week: one a lunchtime and one after school leading up to the Novice Gym Festival on Tuesday 22 June. Days for practises to be confirmed. Teachers in charge - Mrs Lyndsey Starkey and Miss Nicole Trubshaw

NETBALL - Week 6 Term 1 netball teams are organised. Term 2- Netball games begin for Years 4 to 6. Fun Ferns for Years 2 and 3 take place here at school (during lunchtimes). Teacher in charge - Mrs Wendy Currie

HOCKEY - Terms 2 and 3. years 3 to 6 students involved. Wednesday afternoon practises are most likely. Teacher in charge - Mrs Kay Holst

VOLLEYBALL - operates Terms 1 and 4. Games are at NBHS and Centennial Hall on Wednesday after school. Practises are Tuesday lunchtime. Teachers in charge are Mrs Catherine Webster and Miss Angela Young

T-BALL AND MINI-PITCH - operates Terms 1 and 4. Game are at Tareha Park on Saturday mornings. Practises are either on Thursday or Friday afternoons. Years 1 to 6 are involved. Teacher in charge - Mrs Helen Sims

CRICKET - Terms 1 and 4. Year 3 and 4 students play on Fridays at Nelson Park, while Year 5 and 6 students play on Saturday mornings. Practises are on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Teachers in charge - Mr Mark Johnson and Mrs Monique Cowie.

THANKS TO:

Greenmeadows School PTA - for the thirty new benches that we have added to our lunch area. They are very comfortable and look very smart in this space. Thanks PTA!

Greenmeadows Service Centre - who have renewed their sponsorship of the Greenmeadows School Principal's award scheme. Our thanks to Phil and Kathryn Simmons for their ongoing support of our school.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

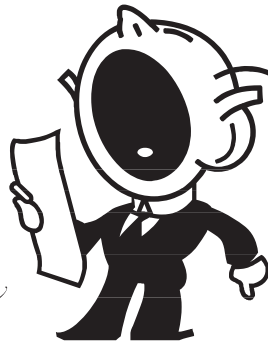
For more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz

MARCH

- 1 Junior team trip to Cape Kidnappers
- 3 New parents Morning Tea 9.00am start in staffroom
- 8 Term 1 reports sent home
- 16 Room 15 to the Faraday Centre
- 17 Room 14 to Faraday Centre; 1.00pm finish to school
- 18 Room 16 to Faraday Centre
- 22 Practice for swimming sports Years 4 to 6-Onekawa Pools
- 23 Room 13 to Faraday Centre
- 25 Room 17 to Faraday Centre
- 29 Swimming sports 9 to 12.00pm Onekawa Pools

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal



★ PRINCIPLE AWARDS ★

WEEKS 1-3 - TERM 1 2010

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| Room 1
Cara Hendry
Zack McPike
Ben Ireland | Room 8
Jahzaliyah Hughes-Lock
Cody Johns | Room 15
Claire Downey
Calvin Herbert
Charlotte Taurima-Thomas |
| Room 3
Tane Thomas
Wendy Hiko
Alice Downey | Room 9
Jaime Kinder
Cameron Steed
Madeline Sayer | Room 16
Carl Coombe
Brearna Jeffares
Jessie Johnson |
| Room 4
Ethan Yong
Ashleigh Sherriff
Courtney Roff | Room 10
Jamie Evans
Lana Simes
Bailey Prentice | Room 17
Finn Durrant
Jack Still
Maddison McIntyre |
| Room 5
Tom Davies
Logan Jane
Jasmine Hawthorne | Room 12
Emma Symons
Taylah Exton | |
| Room 6
Ethan Groube
Lucy Cairns
Andrew Brown | Room 13
Callum Berriman
Francesca Gross
Tessa Cotter | |
| Room 7
Oliver Stewart
Rebecca Howey
Morgan Wilkins | Room 14
Dylan Pakoti
Jaydi Taylor-Chaffey
Madzsin Gliddon | |



SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER	SIZE	Number REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$13.00	
Sports Shirt			\$13.00	
TOTAL				\$
Child's Name: _____		Room No: _____		

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL - SUN HAT SURVEY

Family Name: _____

- Do you support Greenmeadows School adopting a standard 'uniform' hat? Yes No
- If "Yes" for Question 1, which type would you prefer? Bucket hat Wide brimmed hat
- Would you be prepared to pay \$12 for a school issue hat? Yes No

Any comments:



All forms returned by 12 March will go into the draw for a yummy prize. Please return to class teachers.