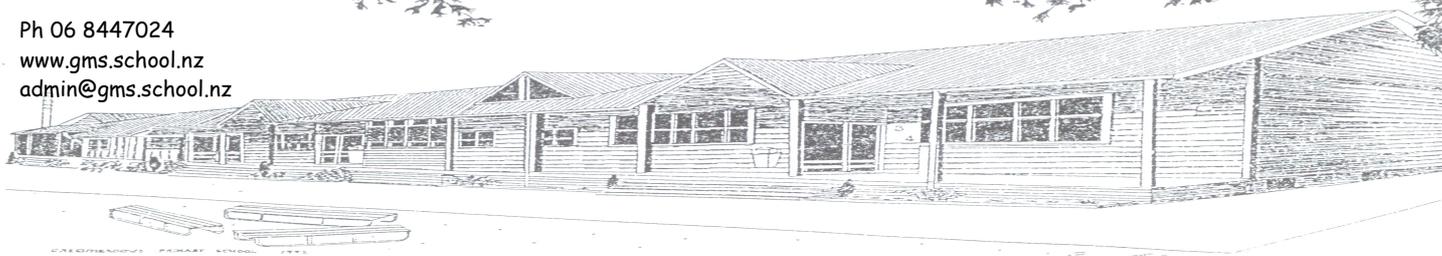


# GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

## **MRS GREGORY**

Over the course of the weekend Mrs. Gregory, our office administrator, suddenly took ill while she was at home with family members. As a result she has been sent to Auckland Central hospital, where she remains after an operation yesterday. This morning we hear Mary was 'sitting up, talking and eating breakfast' which is very encouraging news. We all wish her a speedy and full recovery. Ms Micky Garrett will cover the office administrator's role in the next few weeks.

## **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Thank you for the positive messages we have received about the school's new website which went online ten days ago. New information and features are being added to the website regularly. Recently more details have been added to the 'school events' section which should be a useful reference for those of you wanting to find about things coming up at school. You find us on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz).

## **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL**

We are into the second day of our school's review. Yesterday our Board of Trustees met with the reviewers, as did the staff after school. Today the reviewers have visited classrooms and observed learning in action. The final day for the review is on Thursday.

## **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL—'READING ROCKS' FAMILY WORKSHOP**

Keep the night of Thursday 11 June free as we are holding a 'Reading Rocks' information evening between 6.00pm and 7.15pm. For the parents we have a guest speaker, Rita Palmer (a reading consultant who is currently working with Greenmeadows School), who will speak to parents about how to help children improve their reading. To follow there will be three short informative workshops on:

- Ideas of books that are proven to get children interested in reading
- How to get children of different ages reading
- Some fun reading activities

As the workshop is close to dinner time, you are encouraged to bring your children along if it makes arrangements easier for you. To keep the children entertained, we have well known New Zealand author Yvonne Morrison ('A Kiwi Night Before Christmas') to read children some of her stories in a separate classroom. She will also explain to children the process of writing a book. We look forward to having as many families as possible involved in this activity.

## **SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING FOCUS 'PEOPLE IN THE PAST'**

Commencing next week the whole school are going to be involved in the theme of 'people in the past'. Each class is going to choose a range of settings and cultures to examine a range of ideas about the lives of those who have lived in different times. Ask your children about the types of things they are learning and skills they are developing as they get involved in this exciting school focus.

## **CLOTHING**

We carry a supply of spare clothing for emergencies, but we are in need of long pants sized for children from 5 to 8 years of age. Any donations would be welcomed by us. We also wish to stress that children need to attend school dressed appropriately for the winter weather conditions. Sometimes leaving the choice of selecting clothing up to your child will not work. Often it means that they are not likely to think about changes in temperature, and can be left shivering in the cold conditions (such as we had last week).

## **A BIG THANK YOU!**

A number of classes have been out of school over the last few weeks involved in learning opportunities related

to their science focus—and a number of parents have been accompanying the children on these trips. Many thanks to those of you who have supporting our learners. Our school has also been running PMP (the 'Perceptual Motor Programme') on Tuesday to Thursday mornings. Kirsten Martin coordinates the programme very efficiently, but it would be as effective if we were not able to call on a team of dedicated Mums and Dads (as well as some grandparents). We all appreciate those willing to give their time to support Greenmeadows School.

### REQUEST FROM ROOM 1

Room 1 would love to have any old or unused Scrabble sets that families no longer need. Any donations would be gratefully received.

### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

Attached to this newsletter is notice from the PTA. They are attempting to build their data base of parents who are able to help them supporting our school and your children. Please give this dedicated group any support you can.

### KELLY SPORTS AT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Kelly Sports continue to offer sports programmes to Year 1 to 4 students at Greenmeadows School in Term Two. The programmes will be on after school on **Tuesdays**. Join up with your friends and have lots of fun learning important skills specific to rugby or basketball over a four week period. It will give you the opportunity to experience a sport over a longer duration and will allow you to gain further confidence and build a strong fundamental skills base. Get your registration forms from the office or for more information visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or contact Craig or Donna on 8434219 or [craig@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:craig@kellysports.co.nz).

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 June	Queen's Birthday—school closed	5 June	PTA Disco—GMS Hall
10 June	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm	10 June	PTA meeting 7.30pm
11 June	'Reading Rocks' Family workshop	15 June	Year 6 Leadership conference - Palmerston North
18 June	Kiwisport Fun Day Years 5 and 6	22 June	Reports sent out
23 June	Health Promoting Schools meeting	24 June	Reports sent back to school
26 June	PTA Quiz—NOBM clubrooms	29 June	Parent interviews
30 June	Parent interviews; BoT meeting	1 July	Storyteller 'The Gardner' visits
3 July	Term 2 ends		

Have a great week. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Dylan Bishop
Room 2	Jayden Cairns
Room 4	Mia Pemberton
Room 6	Winter Francis-Thickpenny
Room 8	Oliver Stewart
Room 10	Tom Davis
Room 12	Ethan Glentworth
Room 15	Thomas Symons
Room 17	Mikayla Mead
Room 3	Jack Still
Room 5	David Brown
Room 7	Savannah Jones
Room 9	Tristram Fryer
Room 11	Charlotte Hatchard
Room 14	Sophie-Leigh Tuck
Room 16	Liam Johnson

### Week 4—Term 2

