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# CHATTERBOX

## NEWSLETTER NO. 5



Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Four new students have started at Greenmeadows School in the last two weeks, taking our school roll to 344. Our latest arrivals are Courtney Banks, Eryn Nel, Simran Grewal and Porche Potgieter. A teacher trainee, Mrs Lorna Morice, has commenced a seven week posting in Room 12. We welcome them to all our school.

### A BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATEMENT ON NATIONAL STANDARDS AT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Schools throughout the country have been dealing with the newly introduced national standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There are two main aspects of the national standards as developed at this stage:

- Schools are making assessments on student progress against the national standards
- Schools are required to provide reports to parents in plain and simple language, that indicate the current levels of achievement

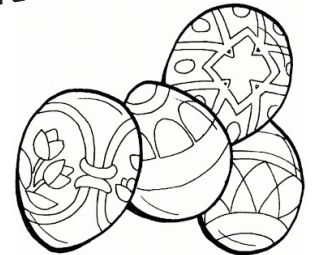
Here at Greenmeadows School we are committed to meeting the needs of your child, and informing families where children are achieving. Children are constantly assessed and the next learning step for them established. One of our strategic goals for this year has been to revise our report format to be more specific and informative to parents. We hope you notice positive changes in this area as this year unfolds, and we will be looking your feedback on the new reports.

It is important that our school community is aware that the full development of national standards assessment and reporting will not be possible for some years. There is a lot to work through, and we want to be sure of each step, rather than going too quickly. By taking the best parts of our current assessment practices, use of individual goal setting and informed teacher judgments we hope to continue setting an ongoing programme of learning for all our students.

If you have any questions regarding anything regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact our Principal, Mark Johnson.



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### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2010

Votes will be counted on Thursday 25 March and the results made public on Friday 26th March. A notice will be sent home informing all of the result. The first meeting for the Board has been set for Tuesday 30 March at 5.30pm.

We are losing three long serving Trustees from the Greenmeadows School board as this week comes to a close. Lisa Dooney, Inga Stephenson and Carolyn Neville have given our school many years of dedicated and committed service - constantly striving for the benefit of the students, staff and community of Greenmeadows School. We will be officially thanking these three valued Trustees at our end of Term assembly on Thursday 1 April starting at 2.20pm.

### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS YEARS 4 TO 6

The children were involved in a practise swim this past Monday as we prepare for the swimming sports event on Monday 29 March. The heats went very smoothly, and this year there seem to be a lot more children swimming the full length events than the width distances when compared to 2009. Parents are most welcome to come along on Monday and see the children in action. We start the first race at 9.30am, and finish at noon.

### BOOKS GOING HOME

This Friday all children will be taking home their books to share with parents to demonstrate the types of learning that has been taking place over the course of this term.

**The books must come back on Monday - please help us by ensuring your child returns them.**

## WY ANTIPIBO

Does anyone have any Duplo or Lego they could donate to the school? Mrs Cowie would love to build a supply of this play equipment. Contact her in Room 3 if you can help.  
Many thanks.

## 'HIWI THE KIWI GOES FISHING'- SHOW AT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

On the second day of Term 2, Tuesday 20 April, the Minstrel will present his very entertaining show to our whole school. The cost will be \$3 per pupil and the whole school will be able to attend during his morning performance. Those who have paid their activity fee do not have to send any money as this will cover this amount. Those families who have not paid their activity fee will receive a notice next week reminding them about the show.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL MEETING -THURSDAY 25 MARCH

A reminder about the meeting for all those interested in looking at Greenmeadows School centennial celebrations to be held this evening starting in the staffroom at 5.30pm.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

There has been a change in the prices for items in our stock of uniforms, effective from 1 April 2010. The attached return form includes the new prices if you are interested in placing an order.

## SURVEY - SCHOOL HATS

Thank you to those who responded to our survey giving your feedback on the question of a standard hat, and possible styles. We received 166 replies with 87% supporting the idea. This will be useful information for discussion at Board level. The winner of the prize draw was the Jeffares family.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

**EASTER RAFFLE** - The raffle tickets are selling well and there are more ticket sheets available from the school office. **ALL ticket sheets SOLD or UNSOLD must be returned to school by THIS FRIDAY 26 MARCH.** A big thank you to all the families who have bought in Easter items and have been busily selling tickets.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - The PTA will be selling sausages and Juicie ice blocks for lunch on Thursday 1st April. Parents and whanau are also invited to come to school for lunch. All food must be pre-ordered on the order form at the end of these notices.

**2010 AGM** - It's AGM time again! This will be held immediately prior to next month's meeting on Wednesday 21st April at 7pm in the school staff room. All are welcome. As there is a proposal to only have one treasurer instead of two, a vote will take place to change the constitution (which currently states we have two treasurers).

**NEXT PTA MEETING** - After the AGM on Wednesday 21st April at 7:30pm in the school staff room. Any new members are most welcome.

## CRICKET DRAWS FOR THIS WEEKEND

*(the last weekend of cricket this season):*

### Friday 12 March

Year 3 and 4 team v Napier Central A

Nelson Park Pitch 2 :: 3.30pm

### Saturday 13 March

A Grade - A bye - This team plays Taradale Primary on Tuesday from 1.30pm here at GMS.

B Grade v Arthur ,Miller School

Greenmeadows School 9.00am

We have had a very successful cricket season with all three teams showing a lot of improvement over the course of the past two months, as well as a lot of enthusiasm towards the game. Many thanks to all our supporters and the parents who helped coach and organise our games.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday for lunch and morning tea. Menus are available from the school office. The last canteen day for this term is Wednesday 31st March and the canteen will re-open the first Wednesday back after the holidays.

## NAPIER JUDO CLUB

Children of all ages are being encouraged to give judo a go! Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00 until 7.00pm for juniors and 7.00 to 8.00pm for seniors. Venue: 13 Peddie Street, Taradale. Lots of fun, fitness, self-confidence and self-defence. Contact Mandy 8443967.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The following are just some of the holiday programmes on offer over the break:

### **NAPIER CITY ROVERS FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 6th April - Friday 9th April 2010**

**Tuesday - Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm**

At Napier City Rovers Clubrooms, Clyde Jeffery Drive, Park Island, Tamatea with the Senior coaches and players from Napier City Rovers.

\$75.00 per child or, two or more player family \$70.00 per child. More information from the school office.

**Netball skills sessions** for Year 5 and 6 students Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th April. Contact Mrs. Currie for more information.

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

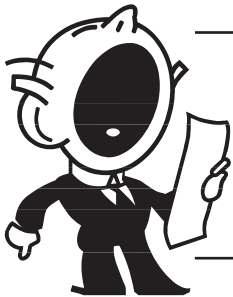
For more details look under 'School Events' on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz)

### **MARCH**

- 25 Room 17 to Faraday Centre  
Greenmeadows School Centennial meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
- 29 Swimming sports 9.30am to 12.00pm Onekawa Pools
- 30 Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
- 31 Basketball tournament at PGA for GMS team 12.00pm until 2.30pm

### **APRIL**

- 1 Last day of Term 1**  
Sausage Sizzle shared lunch. End of Term assembly starting 2.20pm
- 19 Term 2 commences**
- 20 Hiwi The Kiwi Goes Fishing show by the Minstrel
- 21 Rooms 3 and 12 on Art Deco and Earthquake trip to Napier  
GMS PTA AGM 7.00pm to be followed by the monthly meeting
- 22 Rooms 1 and 4 on Art Deco and Earthquake trip to Napier



**Enjoy your holiday time with your children.  
We look forward to seeing you all back at  
the start of Term 2.**

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*Mark Johnson*  
Principal





# PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 6-7 - TERM 1 2010



**Room 1**  
Andre Allan-Wright  
Alister Goody

**Room 3**  
Scott Coombe  
Brianna Davis

**Room 4**  
Holly Kinzett  
Joshua Parslow

**Room 5**  
Michaela Upston  
Bryce Lott

**Room 6**  
Lydia Carson  
Kiarah  
Miringaorangi-Turua

**Room 7**  
Ethan Glentworth  
Dare'im Johnson

**Room 8**  
Morgan Vincent  
Will Steadman

**Room 9**  
Ella Parnell  
Reuben Davies

**Room 10**  
Brooke Exeter  
Jakob Morris

**Room 12**  
Caleb Gill  
Jack Digby

**Room 13**  
Jack King  
Elliot Hendry

**Room 14**  
Peter Lafferty  
Jenna Annas-Kopa

**Room 15**  
Ryan Coburn-Vincent  
Ben Herekiuha

**Room 16**  
Giarna Beets  
Ben Neville

**Room 17**  
Jayden Cairns  
Monique Rabie



## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - Sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

ITEM	SIZE	No. REQUIRED	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$12.50	
Polo Shirts			\$13.50	
T- Shirts			\$13.50	
Crew Sweat Shirt			\$14.50	
Hooded Sweat Shirt			\$19.50	
Trackpants			\$14.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE - THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2010

The PTA will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 1st April (last day of term).

Children and parents can order sausages in bread for \$1.50 each and Juicie Ice-blocks for \$1.00 each.

Parents and whanau are invited to come along to school to have lunch with the children.

Please include sausages/ice-blocks required for parents and preschoolers on your child's order form below.

Please write your child's name, room number, and number of sausages/ice-blocks required on the order form below and send it back to school with your sausage and ice-block money by 9am Wednesday 31st March. No late orders can be accepted.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ sausages @ \$1.50 each

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ ice-blocks @ \$1.00 each

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for sausages/ice-blocks