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Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Three new students have started their schooling at Greenmeadows School since the last newsletter. Cohen Batterham, Jaggar Carney and Tyla Joros have all joined the happy classroom of Room 11. It is great to have you as members of our school family.

Miss Withey and Miss Swinbanks finish their teaching experience here at Greenmeadows School this Friday. We have enjoyed having them as part of our team at school and we wish them well for the rest of their studies in 2010.



WINTER ILLNESSES

It appears our school community is starting to be affected by the various bugs and viruses that have been keeping large numbers of children at home in other schools around Hawke's Bay. We want to reinforce the message that the school urges children to stay at home if they are unwell. This allows them better chances of a speedy recovery as well as cutting down on the chances of spreading the sickness.

HELP - BOOK AMNESTY!!!!

Our stocks of some junior reading book titles are getting dangerously low. SO ... with no questions asked, we are holding an amnesty on all school reading books. Could you please check bedrooms, school bags, book shelves, in fact anywhere that may house school readers? We need them back urgently - some of the numbers are so low that teachers are struggling to give the children in a group a copy each. Your help would be appreciated.

SCHOOL REORGANISATION

We are close to opening up our third New Entrant class for the year, as the numbers with Mrs Martin grow. We are currently advertising for a fixed term teacher to take this class until the end of the 2010 school year. We had planned to put this class in Room 2, but have had a rethink of the situation and this class will start up in Room 12. This means a move for Ms Ross and her class in the empty Room 2 class - this will happen from Monday.



SPOONER SHIELD RETURNS TO GREENMEADOWS!!!

The Spooner Shield was retained by our team with their win last week - repeating the achievement of the 2009 squad. The Spooner Shield is competed for between eight local schools in a one day tournament hosted by Bledisloe School. A variety of sports are involved and the shield-winning school is the one that scores the most points for all the win and draws results. Greenmeadows School had not held the shield for sixteen years before the win last year, so to win two years in a row was another great achievement.

2010 Team competition placings were:

- Year 5 netball - 1st placing :: Year 6 netball - 2nd placing - *Also Hazel Gillies Shield (overall winners of netball)*
- Hockey - 1st placing :: Girls football - 1st placing
- Boys football - 2nd equal : Rugby - 6th placing

It was great to hear feedback that our teams were recognised for their fair play as well as their performances on the field. Well done to all of you! A special thank you to all the coaches of the teams for all their hard work in preparing the teams so expertly: Julie Herbert (hockey), Andrew Dine (girls football), Rebecca Taylor (Year 6 netball), Pixie Bryan and Kim Cook (Year 5 netball), Marty Gibbs (boys football) and Steve Bloor (rugby). **We are very proud of you all.**

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSSCOUNTRY EVENTS

There are three cross-country events coming up on the next few weeks:

1. The Junior School Cross Country is to be held at Greenmeadows School on Tuesday 24 August 2010 at 11.30am.
The postponement date is Wednesday 25 August 2010, 11.30am.

There will be races of varying distances for:

- ~ New Entrant boys and girls ~ Year 1 boys and girls
- * Year 2 boys and girls

The children have been training for a considerable time now gradually building up their fitness and distances and working out their own pace. This is the first time the Juniors have had a cross country event so come and support your child. Afterwards we will have a healthy picnic lunch. You are welcome to bring your lunch and have it with us.

First, second and third place getters in each race will be recognised at the conclusion of all the races.

2. Middle and Senior School Cross-Country is set to be held on Thursday 2 September. The postponement date is Friday 3 September. We are hoping to return to the Anderson Park venue we have used for the past few years, although this will be weather dependant, as the park is very wet at the moment. The event is run during the later part of the morning. A separate notice will be sent home regarding the details and times, once we have confirmation of the venue.

3. Napier Interscholar Cross-country - Greenmeadows School are organising this event on Tuesday 14 September for the 20+ schools eligible to enter. This is to be held at Park Island and takes place during the morning. The school team gets selected from the school cross-country placings. We require parents to help us organise the day. If you can assist, can you please let Mr Gibbs (in Room 13) know.

SPORTS RESULT

Basketball - last Thursday afternoon saw the matchup between the two Greenmeadows School teams: the Suns and the Lakers. **What a game!** A successful Caleb Sloane shot with seconds remaining saw the final score levelled at 20-20 in front of a large crowd of cheering parents and team mates. Very exciting.

INTERMEDIATE OPEN SESSIONS

A reminder about the information sessions for the two local intermediate schools:

Tamatea Intermediate School
Tuesday 31st August 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Taradale Intermediate School
Saturday 4 September 11.00–1.30pm

SOME WRITING FROM ROOM 3

Below are some examples of the fantastic writing Room 3 has been doing lately:

The Birthday Party - Lance Dustow

On Sunday I went to Ethan's birthday party at the Onekawa Pools. I played in the swimming pools with the water toys and I had lots of fun. At the party there was lots of food. There were apples and chips - it was yummy. There were chicken nuggets. The chicken nuggets were delicious and I had tomato sauce with them. And then after the swimming we had the birthday cake. After the party I was going to go home. Ethan was going to open his present from me.

Karate Kid - Tyler Payne

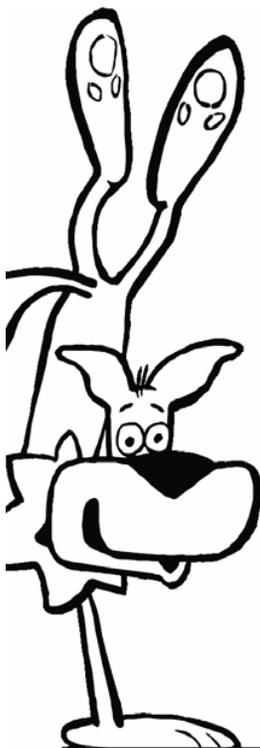
On Saturday me and Dad went for a bike ride. We went to the movies. The movie we saw was 'Karate kid'. It was awesome!!! I liked the movie because Jackie Chan was in it. I liked all the karate moves and training the Karate Kid did. Jackie Chan was the Karate Kid's trainer. I liked the ending because the Karate kid won the fight.

After the movie we went for a bigger ride around Napier Hill. It was a sunny day. I liked going to the movies with Dad.

The Day I Was Nine - Caleb Cameron

Yesterday it was my birthday. I invited Cory, Cade, Joel, Michael and Tyler. We went to the movies and saw 'Marmaduke'. For party food we had popcorn, Crunchies, Pepsi and cake. My favourite bit in Marmaduke is when the dog farts on the bed. In the game parlour I played a racing car game and air hockey. I played the racing game with Cory and the air hockey with him too. I won both of my games. My presents were a soccer ball, Skate DX, two Tech Decks and four cars.

After the movies we went home and played force back. I force back you kick a ball to the other team. If you catch the ball you can move up five metres. After that we played soccer with no goals. My team had Joel and Cade. Tyler's team had Cory and Michael. Then we played Playstation II. After that everyone went home. It was the best day ever!



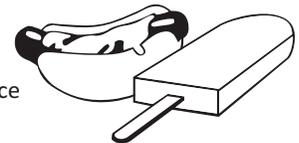
GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA



We have added another \$2000 to the fundraising thermometer (the proceeds from last terms quiz night and pizza lunch) and to continue fundraising for the mini-makeover of the school hall we have booked a Pizza Fundraising Night at Domino's 92s Greenmeadows. For every \$7.90 pizza sold between 4.30 and 6.30pm on Wednesday 1st September our school gets \$1. Please keep an eye out for next weeks' notice about this fundraiser.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday for morning tea and lunch. Please note the price changes in this terms menu and ensure all envelopes are well sealed. Additional copies of the new price list are available from the office. **Thank you for your continued support!**



A NOTICE FROM MCCAIN

McCain's School Veggie Patches is a great way for primary school children to learn more about the goodness of vegetables. McCain School Veggie Patches show that veggies are natural and come straight from the goodness of the earth. Primary schools around Australia and New Zealand are invited to build their own veggie patches and grow their own vegetables. To lend a helping hand, McCain is giving away over \$500,000 worth of veggie patch equipment to primary schools during 2010. Primary schools across Australia and New Zealand can get involved through hands-on experience. They can grow their own veggies with equipment and advice from McCain when they purchase products from the McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato range. Collect points by sending in barcodes from McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato packs. We can redeem points for veggie patch equipment for our school - school's can order equipment once per calendar month from 14th until 31st October 2010. The community can collect barcodes from McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato packs.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

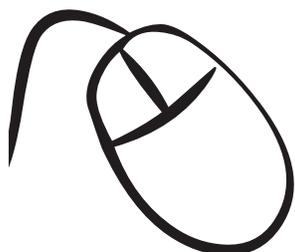
For more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz

AUGUST

- 24 Junior School Cross-country
(postponement 25th Sept)
- 24 Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 26 Peter and the Wolf performance *(a note has been home regarding this \$4.50 per pupil)*
- 26 Rooms 9 and 10 commence swimming

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Domino pizza fundraiser *(a note will come home regarding this)*
- 2 Greenmeadows School Cross-country
(postponement date 3 Sept)
- 8 New Parent's morning tea
- 14 Interschool Cross-country at Park Island
(postponement 15 Sept)
- 24 **END OF TERM 3**



GMS.SCHOOL.NZ WEBSITE

Our teachers have been very busy setting up folders for each class on our school website. Have a look - there is some impressive examples of learning going onto the website all the time in the class folders.



Have a great week. Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal

★ PRINCIPAL AWARDS ★ TERM 3 - WEEKS 3 & 4

Room 1
Zara McDonald
Ben Ireland

Room 3
Marty Annas-Kopa

Room 4
Ashley Bayley
Adam Barron

Room 5
Hannah Exton
Christina Wilson

Room 6
Swimming both weeks

Room 7
Swimming both weeks

Room 8
Luke Crosby
Kees McKirdy

Room 9
Ben Fanning
Claire Meybaum

Room 10
Anna Durrant
Ella Cross

Room 11
Lydia Wilkins
Alister Dickson

Room 12
Caleb Dingle
Maddison Christensen

Room 13
Quin McPike
Aimee Hardie

Room 14
Joedeci Lewis

Room 15
Sophie-Leigh Tuck
Dylan Barron

Room 16
Jayme Pakoti
Hamuera Winterburn

Room 17
Callum Tucker
Jack Bennett



Wacky Wednesday

Room 11 had 'W' as their letter of the week, so had a Wacky Wednesday!!
Room 8 and 9 joined in the fun too.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

ITEM	SIZE	NO:REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$12.50	
Sports Shirt			\$13.50	
Polo Shirts			\$13.50	
Tee Shirts			\$ 8.50	
Crew Sweat Shirt			\$14.50	
Hooded Sweat Shirt			\$19.50	
Trackpants			\$14.50	
TOTAL				\$

Child's Name: _____ Room No: _____ Phone: _____