



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL



Room 12 is the growing room at the moment — Olivia McKay, Helgard Oosthuysen, Harley Taurima, Asha Penn, Kaitlyn Barra and Jorja McIntyre have all started in this class over the past couple of weeks. We now have 399 pupils at Greenmeadows School—and the 400th is not too far away either. We welcome our latest newcomers and their bright smiles to the Greenmeadows School community.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS—YEARS 3 to 6 THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER

This Thursday is our day for the school's athletics meeting set to take place on our field. We have relocated the long jump pit to the far side of the grounds to make the run up safer for competitors (so they don't have to run over the concrete path!), otherwise things are similar to last year's arrangements.

Remember to bring sun hats and water bottles for the day. Students can also dress in their house colours as well to add to the atmosphere of the sports. Lunch arrangements are as normal—no sausage sizzle is scheduled.

Times for the day are:

9.30am Years 3 to 6 students assemble on the field.

Rotations 1 9.40 to 10.10am 2 — 10.10 to 10.40am Morning Tea—10.40 to 11.00am

Rotations 3—11.10 to 11.40am 4 — 11.40 to 12.10pm Lunch 12.10 to 1.10pm

Rotation 5—1.15 to 1.45pm House relays—1.45 to 2.15pm

Parents are most welcome to attend and help run the day. Fingers crossed for fine weather!!! If the event is to be postponed it will be held on Friday 5 November.

The team for the interschool athletics competition will be selected from the results at our own sports day.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Later on this week your child will receive an envelope that will allow you to order school photographs for 2010. 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—Greenmeadows School siblings only (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 17th November.

Please note that late orders will not be able to be taken. To assist with ordering please note that envelopes go directly to **class teachers** and not to the office. Finally, we tried to accommodate siblings into photos from outside school (i.e. from kindergarten or preschool) last year, but organisationally it proved very difficult to manage here in terms of timing. For this reason we will only be able to take photos of children who are pupils of the school. Fingers crossed for a fine day! If the weather does not allow us to go ahead, then the postponement date will be Monday 29th November.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL HALL UPDATE

We have action set for the next few days regarding the hall – we have received approval for the ceiling strengthening to start immediately. Hopefully we will be able to use the Hall in the coming weeks once the project has been completed. We have also had new blinds installed into the Hall. The curtains that have been in the Hall have become rather shabby and untidy over the years, so with support from our PTA we have been able to add another item to our Hall makeover. Many thanks PTA and Peter from Blinds 2000!



SUNHATS

Sun hats **must** be worn in the playground during breaks and sports times. Please send your child along to school with adequate sun protection—families play a very important role in keeping our children sun safe all day.

BEWARE—'MOVEMBER' STRIKES AT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL!!!

By the end of November there will be three hairy upper lips to be seen around school, belonging to Mr Gibbs, Mr Mellon and Mr Johnson. We are getting behind the 'Movember' fundraiser to raise awareness and support towards men's health. We will keep you posted on progress —hopefully the evidence will be there to see ... Feel free to sponsor any of the 'GMS Lads' on the nzmovember.com website.



2010 KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL —TARADALE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday evening this week our school's kapa haka group will be performing in the combined schools kapa haka festival. The children have performed wonderfully at the Greenmeadows Kindergarten last week as well as at Reignier School last night in preparation for the festival. All the best for your time in the spot light children —kia kaha!

READATHON

Our total from the Readathon closed on \$6000 - thank you again for the families and community members who supported this project. We have also been looking over the records of time spent reading by the children. We announced the students with the longest time spent reading—and here are some more who accumulated impressive numbers of hours with their head in a book for at least thirty hours during the Readathon:

* Danika Withell	32 hours	* Ethan King	35 hours	* Claire Downey	36 hours
* Joel Peninsula	45 hours	* David Brown	84 hours	* Charlotte Brown	93 hours

RED AND BLACK DAY

There was fantastic support for our fundraiser to support schools in Canterbury last Thursday. We collected just over \$340.00 to send as part of a Hawkes Bay schools project. Many thanks to all those of you who got behind the day — there were some wonderful costumes and colour on show.

SPARE CLOTHING

We have a supply of spare clothes we lend to children in times of emergency (e.g. slipping in the mud). Lately we have given so much of our clothing out we have virtually no supplies left. If your children has been given clothing from the school, could you please ensure it is washed and returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

The school is still receiving orders for school shirts and shorts for children to be part of our weekend sports teams. If you wish to order please get the attached order form in as soon as possible. Orders take up to six weeks to process, be made up and arrive back from the manufacturer. Therefore it is important you specify the correct size for your child on the order, as that is what will be made for you at the factory. We can only put in an order when we get a minimum of ten shirts and /or shorts to make. If you wish to order any please return the form by Monday 8 November.

CANTEEN BANDANAS

These will be on sale from Room 2 each morning from Monday 8 November between 8.30am and 9.00am for \$4 each.

PTA NEWS

Halloween Disco - another great evening of dance and fun. Thank you so much to Mr Bloor for being DJ again—he was brilliant!!! Thanks also to the parents and teachers who came along to support the evening as well..

Sunblock - Room 1 will be selling roll-on sunblock every Thursday and Friday morning from 8.30am -8.50am starting from Thursday 28th October. Roll-ons are \$6 each and \$1 from each sale goes to our school..

Next meeting—Wednesday 10 November in the staffroom starting at 7.30pm

TARADALE GUIDES FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 10 November - for every \$7.90 pizza sold between 4.30 and 6.30pm at Domino's Greenmeadows store, Taradale Guides get \$1. This fundraiser goes towards the 2012 Jamboree. SO take the night off cooking duty and encourage your friends and family to do the same!

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. This was a small opportunity to acknowledge the great teachers we all meet during our lives. Did you realize there are something like 96,000 trained teachers just in New Zealand? At Greenmeadows School we are so fortunate to have a staff of hardworking, dedicated and capable teachers here—always there to support and encourage the children of our community. Thanks for all the learning you create teachers.

READATHON PHOTOS

More scenes from Book Character Day last month ...



We know that is Room 3 on the right ... but who is 'Puss in Boots' on the left????

Remember to look on the school website to see the colour version of the newsletter this week (School Newsletters are found under the 'Parent Information' tab)

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal



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

- 3 November Kapa haka group involved in combined schools Kapa Haka festival at Taradale Intermediate Performance 1
OSCAR AGM 7.30pm start
- 4 November Greenmeadows School athletic sports
Kapa haka group involved in at Taradale Intermediate Performance 2
- 5 November Postponement date for Greenmeadows School athletic sports
- 8 November Start of Optimist Yachting week for Year 6 students
Bandanas for sale—Room 2
- 15 November Tamatea Intermediate staff visiting Year 6 teachers attending in 2011
- 16 November Taradale Intermediate staff visiting Year 6 teachers attending in 2011
- 17 November Interschool athletic sports HB Regional sports park
- 18 November School photographs taken (weather permitting)
Mathletics competition held at Taradale Intermediate School
- 22 November Camps for Year 5 and 6 students commence
- 29 November Back up date for school photographs
- 30 November Year 6 photograph taken
- 10 December School Reports sent home

End of year breakup arrangements still to be confirmed as we await the availability of our school hall and the production 'One Bright Star'

16 December End of Term 4 (12.30pm)

2 February 2011 Start of 2011 School year

15 April End of Term 1 2011

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - To be returned by Monday 8 November

ITEM	SIZE (Please circle))	NO: REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		\$13.50	
Sports Shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		\$12.50	
TOTAL				\$

Child's Name: _____ Room No: _____