



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

Here we are at the final newsletter for 2010 – just where have the last forty weeks of school gone to? It has been a great time for us at school with such a busy year of learning and some marvellous things happening as the four very full terms have unfolded. So here are the last snippets of news for you all ...

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We just keep growing as two new pupils have started here in the past week as members of our New Entrant room –Hayley Gerken and Garrett Chan. You are both getting the 'perfect' start to school—a couple of weeks learning, then off on holiday for six weeks ... welcome to these two students.

STAFF FAREWELLS—OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF STAFF:

No doubt over the past few months many of you will have spotted Miss Young looking unmistakably pregnant. Angela has been granted maternity leave for the 2011 school year with her baby due in early February. We wish her and Todd all the very best for the coming weeks, and exciting times ahead. Mrs Sue Martin has been employed to replace Angela while she is away from school.

Mrs Anna Murphy was employed to run our third New Entrant class for the later part of 2011, and she has done a fantastic job in this role. Her employment was for a fixed term and this finishes at the end of next week. Our thanks to Anna for giving all those five year olds such a quality start to their schooling years.

Mrs Clair Barrie has been involved in a part-time teaching role in the school for the past two years. This will officially conclude at the end of this term, although I am sure we will continue to see her in a relief teaching capacity next year.

STAFFING FOR 2011

Our school is going to have a slightly different team structure next year. This change is primarily to cater for the different numbers of students we have in various year groups throughout the school. The room organisation in the new school year will be:

Room 1 - Miss Nicole Trubshaw (Year 2)	Room 2 - Miss Jane McCosh (Year 2)
Room 3 - Mrs. Monique Cowie (Year 3)	Room 4 - Mrs. Shona Millner (Year 3)
Room 5 - Ms Allyson Ross (Year 3)	Rooms 6 and 7 empty for junior classes later in 2011
Room 8 - Mrs. Wendy Currie (NE/Year 1)	Room 9 Mrs. Helen Harvey (Years 1 and 2)
Room 10 - Mrs. Kay Holst (Year 1)	Room 11 - Mrs. Sue Martin (Year 1)
Room 12 - Mrs. Pixie Bryan (Years 4 and 5)	Room 13 - Mr. Marty Gibbs (Years 5 and 6)
Room 14 - Mrs. Jonette Dale (Years 4 and 5)	Room 15 - Mrs. Linda Dallimore (Year 6)
Room 16 - Mrs. Lyndsey Starkey (Years 5 and 6)	Room 17 - Mrs. Johleen Lubbe (Year 4)

Junior team—Rooms 8 to 11

Middle team—Rooms 1 to 5

Senior team—Rooms 12 to 17

SCHOOL REPORTS

This Friday your child will receive their school report on the 2010 year. The format is different to that used last year and has seen a considerable amount of time and care put into their preparation by class teachers. We hope you find them informative about the achievements of each child in a wide range of areas.

We would be interested in all feedback on the quality and clarity of the information provided by the reports—feel free to email your thoughts to reports@gms.school.nz at any stage from Friday onwards.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

Included in the information in the school report going out on Friday is the intended class for your child in 2011. Creating class lists is a very challenging activity, and unexpected student movements in or out of the school could force changes. It is vital any families let the school office know as soon as possible if their children will not be returning next year. Just as important is an indication of any new enrolments for the coming year we may not know about it. This can help reduce the 'juggling' on the first day of the school year!

END OF YEAR BREAKUP AND PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 16 December—a full school assembly will be held on the school field starting at 11.30am with a bell to assemble all the students from their classes. The prize-giving will be finished by 12.30pm.

STATIONERY ORDERS

As we did last year we are getting our stationery orders through Taradale Paper Plus. They have packs made up for all classes — you simply go in and ask for the pack for your child's class. Prices are very competitive from Paper Plus, with very little difference between them and their competitors. All children will be given a stationery list on the last day of the school year when they make a brief visit to their new classroom. Also the lists will be available on the school website for your reference. Packs for all children are approximately \$30 each.

CRICKET DRAWS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday afternoon at Nelson Park

Greenmeadows A v St Patricks Pitch 3

Greenmeadows B v Onekawa Pitch 2

Saturday morning 9.00am start Greenmeadows v Arthur Miller at GMS

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

The school is now receiving orders for school shirts and shorts for children to have in the new school year. If you wish to order please get the attached order form back by Tuesday 14 December. Take care to 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.

CANTEEN

The final day for lunch orders is Friday 10 December. As some stock is now running low, and will not be replenished until the new school year, some orders may not be completely as requested, so alternatives may be provided. Our thanks for your understanding on this. Also thanks to Kim Batt for the excellent service she has given the school year running the canteen.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We have received a whole host of information on various holiday programmes. These have been displayed on the notice board outside the Hall.

MOVEMBER SUPPORT

Thanks to all who supported the Movember fundraiser—especially on the school's 'Hairy Day' last week. Our three moustache team raised almost \$1000 for the cause—a great effort.

MARINELAND CAMPAIGN

Reignier School student Briana Otto has been leading a school student awareness campaign about Marineland and the options for its future. All children interested in supporting her are able return a letter of support which will be distributed with the newsletter. These can be returned to the box in the Hall foyer before the end of the school year.

PTA NEWS

The year's activities with the PTA are just about at an end. 2010 has been a very successful year for the PTA with us being able to make significant donations towards the Hall and the cost of an interactive whiteboard for the

school. The Heart of the School project has settled on a concept plan, so that will be a project we will support in the new year. We will also be investigating the possibility of getting some air conditioning into the Hall as we continue the 'makeover'. Thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA this year .

The calendar orders with children's artwork have arrived at school and are in the process of being distributed.

Our Christmas raffle has received some incredible support—winners will be contacted.

THANKS:

The 'Chatterbox' format of the newsletter has been very skillfully prepared by Lisa McPike throughout this year. It gives the fortnightly newsletters a great look—many thanks Lisa for your dedicated efforts this year. Don't our newsletters look fantastic!!!!

AND FINALLY ...

That is just about it—the time for signing off the year. I wish you all a very rewarding and fruitful festive season and ask that you look out for those who may that bit of extra support over the coming weeks.

I would like to wish all the school leavers and their families continued opportunities to learn, grow and achieve in the years ahead. Don't forget the great times and wonderful learning at GMS. Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break—enjoy the company of your children.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz)	
9 December	Board of Trustees meeting 4.00pm start
10 December	School Reports sent home Parent Helpers Morning Tea Final day for school lunch orders Peer mediator/House captain/School Council lunch treat
13 December	Senior school to Swim Heretaunga programme at Frimley Pool Middle School to Splash Planet
15 December	Year 6 Social -6.30pm start
16 December	School breakup and prize-giving (11.30am start) End of Term 4 (12.30pm)
1 February 2011	Start of 2011 School year 9.00am start
15 April	End of Term 1 2011

2011 GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - To be returned by Tuesday 14 December				
ITEM	SIZE (Please circle))	NO: REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		\$13.50	
Sports Shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		\$12.50	
TOTAL				\$
Child's Name: _____ Home Phone No: _____				