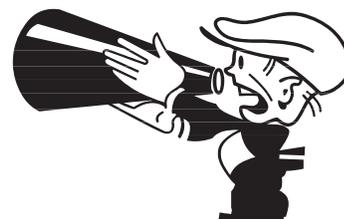




CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 2

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Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

As mentioned in the last school newsletter, Greenmeadows School has commenced the year with a number of new enrolments and have 362 children enrolled. Since the beginning of the year we have welcomed the following students to our school:

Rylee Ashton	Jarrin Binnie	Kadin Bennie	Brianna Boyce
Emily Carson	Shannan Crawford	Riley English	Kate Fellows
Rickie Ferguson-Bell	Jacob Fraser	Ruben Frost	Jorja Fryer
Janaia Greening	Spencer Greening	Max Johns	Chelsea Keith
Jackson Keith	Melissa Kinzett	Seb Kettle	Ryder Moore
Amelia Murphy	Kapri Phillips	Ethan Sullivan-Christie	Jake Truuts
Logan Truuts	Nick Wall	Ellie Watts	Shae Watts
Giana Weeks	Bailey Wiig	Kate Wilson	

A very warm welcome to you all - we know you will enjoy learning, growing and achieving here at GMS.

SCHOOL FEES

Each year schools ask for fee payments from families. We delayed requesting fees for the first two weeks of school so we could set up a new invoicing system, and we are now ready to commence. You will receive your invoices this week - one for each child at school. Internet banking is the preferred form of payment, and the school account details are included on the invoice.

Previously Greenmeadows School has charged an 'activity fee' which was a one off amount we requested for each child to cover the cost of the range of different things that come along over the course of the school year. This can include costs such as educational trips students go on, transport to activities or any visiting performers who may come to school. This year we are asking parents to pay for activities on receiving the school invoice which will come out approximately once per term. Costs for individual events will be invoiced this way. Families still have the option of paying the one off fee if they choose to and want to get this amount paid off at this stage of the year. This amount is set at \$45 per pupil for the year, if you choose to pay this way.

Your first invoice will include two amounts. The first is the school fee 'donation'. This form of funding is vital to any school as there is considerable pressure to meet the expenses in providing a quality education for the students. Unfortunately the funding we receive from the Ministry of Education is not sufficient to provide the types of opportunities and meet the actual costs of running an effective school. Coupled with this, Greenmeadows School's decile rating of '7' means we receive considerably less funding than some other schools in the wider community. The more families who support our school, and the children, by paying this fee helps Greenmeadows School. Remember these amounts are tax deductible. The amounts are \$50 per pupil for the year and is capped at \$110 for a family if they have three or more children at school. In addition to this there is a 10% discount on this amount if it is paid by end of Term 1 2011. The second amount is for the transport costs for the swimming lessons later in the year. The cost of the bus is \$15 per pupil. For the series of seven lessons that all children will receive during Terms 1 and 4 this year.

Families can also elect to make regular automatic payments (e.g. \$10 or \$20 per week) over the internet to reduce their accounts by instalments. If paying by cheque or cash, this can be done at the office.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

The school house captains have been selected and are:

Ahi (Red) Tiaki Fabish - Jarred Coutts - Tessa Cotter - Camryn Bailey
Marama (Yellow) Rohan Smith - Hamuera Winterburn - Paige van der Meent - Sapphire Te Pou
Ngahere (Green) Quin McPike - Luke Johnson - Maddie McIntyre - Antonia Neville
Moana (Blue) Hamish Johnson - Joshua Keating - Francesca Gross - Paige Hunt

The first interhouse event for the 2011 year has been held - 'Tug of War'. Some powerful teams were on show. The results were: 1st Ahi - 2nd Marama - 3rd Moana - 4th Ngahere

WALKING BUS

The walking bus is on every Thursday morning (weather permitting of course!). We will be taking the route down Park Road, then through Ross Place, before crossing Auckland Road onto Bowling Road. All are welcome to join us from 8.05am onwards.

SUNHATS

A reminder that wide brimmed hats are required for all students from the beginning of 2011. It is great to see so many of our students out and about with the wide sun hats being worn. Please help us keep your children protected from the sun's rays with adequate sun protection on the head.

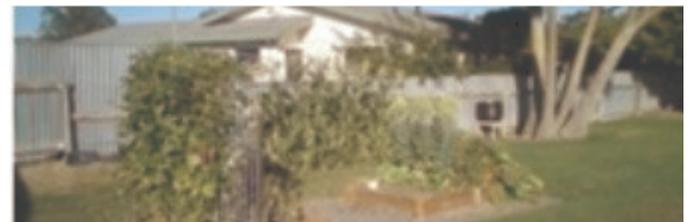
GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS YEARS 4 TO 6

The Middle and Senior school will be holding their annual swimming sports on Thursday 3 March at the Napier Aquatic Centre in Onekawa. We will be holding championship races to determine our swimming champions for 2011. We will also be holding house competition races to determine our champion swimming house. The house competition will cater for the less able swimmers or those not wishing to enter the championship races.

The children will be travelling to the Napier Aquatic Centre on Monday 28 February for a practice swim and also to select children who will compete in the championship races at the swimming sports. Buses will provide the transport at no cost. On both days - the practise day and the event day - we depart from school at 9.10am. The swimming sports will be a great opportunity for children to display the skills they learned during last year's swimming lessons. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend the swimming sports on Thursday 3 March. The first race will start at 9.30am with the last race finishing before 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB FEEDS HUNDREDS!!!!

The vegetable garden that has been planted in the area where the long jump pit was grew a very impressive crop of corn over the holiday break. Led by Louise Nicholson, the school's gardening club was able to feed most of the school with their corn harvest last week. The photographs tell the story of a very yummy lunch last Wednesday.



FOOTBALL COACHING

Hawkes Bay United football players are providing training sessions for students in the senior and middle classes. These are being held each Tuesday during the month of February. No cost is associated with this activity.

GREENMADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Our class swimming programme commences on Wednesday 9 March for Rooms 12 and 13.





PRINCIPAL AWARDS

WEEK 1 AND 2- TERM 1 2011



Room 1

Isabella Davidson-Payne
Clayton Terry-Moore

Room 2

Lana Simes
Reuben Davies

Room 3

Charlotte Hatchard
Cameron Steed

Room 4

Bailey Hunt
Emilie Robb

Room 5

Charlie Mudgway
Ben Fanning

Room 8

Kate Fellows

Room 9

Caleb Carlisle
Asha-Lee Coombs

Room 10

Brad Single-Owens
Jorja McIntyre

Room 11

Tyla Joros
Jonny Penisula

Room 12

Harrison Fox
Jackson Keith

Room 13

Cedar Wairau
Matthew Kennedy

Room 14

Melissa Hellyer
Finn Durrant

Room 15

Newton Chan
Jack Still

Room 16

Taylah Exton
Chiara Wallace

Room 17

Ben Ireland
Sarhara Glentworth

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

FOOD FAIR Friday 25 March

Our major fundraiser this year is an evening Food Fair to be held at school from 5.00pm and 8.00pm. More details to follow - if anyone is interested in helping the PTA for this exciting project that will involve the school students as well, contact any member of the PTA.

Canteen News

The canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday for morning tea and lunch. Lunch lists are available from the school office or the school website under the PTA tab.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Parents Reading Course 'Supporting - Children Reading'. Details from the school Reading Resource centre. Ph 843 1373.
- Kid's Bike Jams - to be held 27 March at Eskdale Forest Park. See www.kidsjams.co.nz for more information.
- Recorder lessons for children - Monday afternoons at All Saints Vicarage. Ph 844 1081.
- Free violin lessons at Bledisloe School on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Ph 845 0019 for more information.
- Become a Cathedral Chorister - more information phone 835 8824.
- Zumba in the GMS Hall every Tuesday starting at 6.30pm. Contact Kelsey Ph 877 9364.



RETURN FORM—GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

YEAR 4 to 6 STUDENTS (Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17)

My child/ren _____ Room ____ has permission to travel to the swimming sports on 28th Feb & 3rd March by bus.

Signed: _____



SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

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 Wednesday 22 February. 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.

TARADALE JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

Taradale AFC Juniors (*was formerly TJSC*). To be held at the Taradale Sports Association club rooms Symons Lane (next to the Tennis Courts), Sunday 20th Feb 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Monday 21st Feb 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

WHAT'S COMING UP..

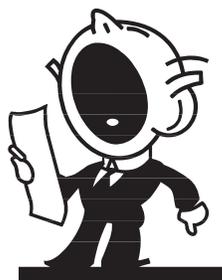
For more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz

FEB	
16	Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
28	Year 4 to 6 swimming sports practise at Onekawa Pools
MAR	
3	Greenmeadows School swimming sports Onekawa Pools 9.30am start
9	Rooms 12 and 13 commence swimming programme
25	Greenmeadows School PTA Food Fair 5.00pm to 8.00pm
APR	
16	End of Term 1

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson

Principal



Finally ... you may have noticed in Saturday's Hawkes Bay Today an article on the front page about reports of a man in a vehicle approaching school aged students in the Napier area. Similar incidents were reported to local Police three times during last week. We ask that parents talk to children about the need to be vigilant if they are ever in the situation when they may be confronted by unknown adults. These incidents were not in the area close to Greenmeadows School, although we do have pupils who walk quite a distance to and from school. We urge families to discuss this issue, and without unnecessarily alarming children, talk about strategies that could be used if approached.

Have a safe and happy week.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

ITEM	SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)	NO REQ'D	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: _____

THIS WEEKS CRICKET DRAW

FRIDAY - Greenmeadows v Nelson Park School on Pitch 10

SATURDAY - Greenmeadows v Porritt at Greenmeadows School

