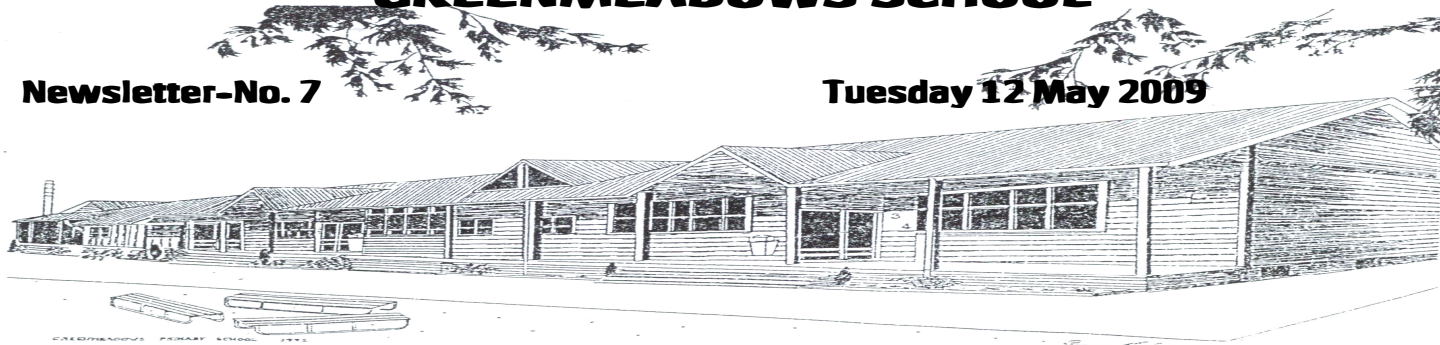


# GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Newsletter-No. 7

Tuesday 12 May 2009



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL WEBSITE

The exciting news is that our school's website is about to be launched—we will be on line by Thursday. Our website will be built up over time, but initially will have school events and newsletters, as well as a copy of the school's information handbook. The website can be accessed on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz). Please note Greenmeadows Intermediate in Auckland also has a website with a similar address, so check you have made it to the correct place! Thanks to Mrs. Dale for her efforts in creating the layout and design of the web pages. We hope you find the website informative and useful—we welcome any feedback.

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Our school is due to receive a visit from the Education Review Office in the week starting Monday 25 May. Four reviewers will be in the school for most of that week looking at the effectiveness of learning and teaching for our students. For each review the school concerned selects an aspect of the learning programmes for the reviewers to focus on while they are in the school. We have selected the teaching of reading as the main focus area for the visit later this month. A report on the school will be written as part of the review process.

## TEACHER TRAINEES

Our school is currently hosting three teacher trainees from Massey University. They are Mrs Angela Baird, who is in Room 5 with Ms Ross; Mr Michael Winkley in Room 8 with Mrs Currie and Mr Daniel Sefton in Room 10 with Mrs Holst. We welcome all three to Greenmeadows School and know that the placement will be a very valuable experience towards their future careers.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES / PTA MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees meeting for May will be held on Wednesday 13 May starting at 5.30pm in the school's meeting room. The Greenmeadows School PTA meets in the staffroom on Wednesday 13 May commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## NEW COMPUTERS

Our school currently has a mobile set of laptops for classes to use to support learning programmes. These have proved to be very useful and as a result the school has a strategic goal of obtaining a second collection of laptops to use within the school. As purchasing ICT resources can put pressure on school budgets, we are thrilled to announce a joint venture between OSCAR and the Board of Trustees to initiate the process of obtaining a second set of computers. The school thanks the OSCAR programme for their very generous support of our students.

## WINTER ILLNESSES

Although the prospect of a major influenza outbreak has not been the major news item for the past few days, we still need to be vigilant as the winter approaches. It is an opportune time to remind children of good, safe practices concerning basic hygiene. We suggest you talk with your children about:

- regular and thorough washing of hands,
- good sneezing and coughing practices
- ways in which they can minimize the risk of spreading or catching germs or a virus.

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell to help their recovery, as well as limiting opportunities for illness to spread. If you have more concerns, the Ministry of Health website may be useful for up to date information.

## SOCCKER FIELD DAY

Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in a soccer field day to be held at Park Island this Friday 15 May. Mr Bloor organises this event which has over 600 children participating from schools throughout the Taradale area. If the field day needs to be postponed, the new date for the event is Thursday 21 May.

## GUPPY ROAD CROSSING

During the recent holiday break the pedestrian crossing outside Reignier School was removed and replaced by a 'Kea crossing' about 60m down the road. Kea crossings provide children with a safe place to cross the road, similar to our school's crossing on Osier Road. A Kea crossing only operates when a school patrol and two fluorescent orange crossing point flag signs (one on each side of the road) are present. When there is no school patrol and no crossing signs, the crossing point is just like any other section of road.

## PIZZA ORDERS

Tomorrow is the day for our pizza and cake fundraiser. We can accept last minute orders up to 9.00am tomorrow morning. Thanks to the PTA for organising this event, and to all the families who have got behind this fundraiser.

## PTA CAR BOOT PANEL REPAIR DRAW

The winner of the Dent Magician Hawkes Bay free panel repair draw from the PTA Car Boot sale was Paul Affleck.

## MANCHESTER UNITY NOTICE

School banking is being promoted for the students in our school. All families will receive a notice from Manchester Unity with this newsletter providing opportunities for enrolling in the banking programme.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13/5 Pizza and Cake lunch fund-raiser  
Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm  
PTA meeting 7.30pm

14/5 Middle School trip to the Aquarium

15/5 Taradale and Districts Soccer Field day—Park Island (postponement Thursday 21 May)

19/5 Junior classes trip to the Aquarium

25/5 ERO review starts

Have a great week. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

**Principal**

## **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

		Room 1	Antonia Neville Paige Van Der Meent
Room 2	Tiah Gibb Hannah Keating	Room 3	Alyssa Rowley Josh Keating
Room 4	Matthew Leonard Bailey Wiig	Room 5	Sara Dooney Bella Robb
Room 6	Sam McInnes Zara McDonald	Room 7	Natashia Jorgensen Joshua Parslow
Room 8	Kayla Glentworth Baylee Sharp	Room 9	Logan Jane Hannah Exton
Room 10	Ashantae Hazel Michaela Upston	Room 11	Jaime Kinder Ben Fanning
Room 12	Ben Coles Ella Herekiuha	Room 14	Luke Thorburn Jessie Johnson
Room 15	Mitch Drew Jordan Allan-Wright	Room 16	Joshua Lobb Sara Reid
Room 17	Mikayla Rickard-Simms Jarrod Hellyer		

Weeks 1 and 2—Term 2

