

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

The last week of term is upon us — how can it be that three quarters of 2009 is almost complete? This week sees the end of the time Mrs. Dine has spent in Room 10 covering for Mrs. Holst. We thank Merylyn for all her efforts over the past six weeks. The repainting of the school is almost at an end. The new colour scheme has given the school a real lift visually and makes a great improvement to the appearance of our school. Our thanks to Versatile Decorating for the professional and efficient way they have undertaken this work.

NAPIER PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

The great sporting year for Greenmeadows School continues — we are the **2009 Napier Schools Cross Country champions** after winning the event at Park Island last week. We had some excellent individual achievements in the various races, including these students in the top 20 of their events (in fields of close to 100 runners):

1st Danika Withell Year 3 and 4 girls	3rd Ethan Martin Year 5 boys	3rd Claudia Layton Year 6 girls
5th Josh Keating Year 3 and 4 boys	5th Emma Bennett Year 5 girls	5th Jordan Heal Year 6 girls
7th Hannah McIntrye Year 5 girls	13th Tessa Cotter Year 3 & 4 girls	
14th Jack Bennett Year 3 and 4 boys	17th Callum Berriman Year 3 and 4 boys	

Four of our teams were placed: 1st Year 6 girls 2nd Year 3 & 4 boys 2nd Year 5 girls 3rd Year 3 & 4 girls.
Overall winner — Greenmeadows School!!! Well done to you all.

Also related to sporting success — last week the school was presented a canvas print of our winning Spooner Shield competitors. This was received at last Friday's assembly. Our thanks to Wendy Mead from 'Artzone A to Z' for this very generous and impressive gift.

NEW ENTRANT UPDATE

Our numbers in the new entrant area of the school continue to grow. From the start of next term we will have another teacher in Room 11 alongside Ms Kelly. The teacher appointed is Mrs Sue Martin, who has taught in a number of Napier schools and has just returned to New Zealand after a time in England. Sue will work as part of the junior syndicate for Term 4, and as the numbers of new enrolments continue to increase, she will move with children to Room 13. We welcome Sue to Greenmeadows School.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

There has been a lot of interest in the new sports shirt as modelled in last week's newsletter. These shirts will probably not be available until next year, and when they arrive will be kept as part of a school supply. These will be worn on special occasions when the school travels out or competes during the school day. It is expected that children will still have their own polo shirt. If you wish to order a polo shirt or school shorts for your child for the coming summer season, you are urged to do so by the end of this week so an order can be processed in time.

ROAD PATROL

We are desperately short of parents who can help with monitoring the road warden duties in the mornings and afternoons in Term 4. If you are prepared to assist and put your name down for a time during the week, this would be a great help to our school. The fact we have so much traffic around school at peak times means we need supervision for the children on the warden duties. If you can help, please let the office know. By returning the reply slip attached.

LOST PROPERTY

All families are urged to check the lost property before the end of the week. We do not have the storage facility for a large amount of clothing - so please check for any of your child's belongings. Lost property is shown outside Room 8.

POOL DEMOLITION

This project will be undertaken during the holiday break and is intended to be completed by the end of the school holidays.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME — NAPIER AQUATIC CENTRE

Rooms 5 and 6 will be swimming on the first day back in Term 4—Monday 12 October. Notices about the swimming arrangements have been sent home today. Please return the slip by Friday 25th September.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

There will be a teachers only day on Thursday 22nd October. This is Hawkes Bay Show Day and immediately prior to the long Labour weekend. The teachers will be looking at the new curriculum set for implementation into schools from the start of next year.

SUNHATS

A reminder that during Term 4 it is compulsory for all children to hats while at school.

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is offering sports programmes to year 1 to 4 students at **Greenmeadows School** in Term four. The programmes will be on after school on **Tuesdays** and will consist of a **Summer Sports Blitz**. Get your registration form from the office or for more information visit www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Craig or Donna on 8434219 or email craig@kellysports.co.nz.

NAPIER HARRIERS CLUB

The 2km 5km run or walk series every Tuesday for eight weeks commences on the 6th of October. The 'race' commences at 6.00pm with a \$3 entry fee. The venue is the Bluewater Hotel. For further information ask Mr Johnson.

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

25 Sept	End of Term 3
12 Oct	Start of Term 4
12 Oct	Swimming instruction commences for Rooms 5 and 6
22 Oct	Teachers Only Day
23 Oct	Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day—school closed
26 Oct	Labour Day—school closed
16 Dec	Last day of the 2009 school year

We wish you all a safe and happy two weeks as you spend with your children and families. This also applies to our teachers and staff who have all worked very hard this term with some excellent results for Greenmeadows School and our students.

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Benay Clifton	Room 3	Aimee Marshall
Room 2	Daniel Baker	Room 5	Maddi McIntyre
Room 4	Timana Pereniko	Room 7	Ethan Wynne
Room 6	Andre Allen-Wright	Room 9	Kayley MacKirby
Room 8	Simran Bedi	Room 11	Cameron Steed
Room 10	Bailey Hunt	Room 14	Emma Bennett
Room 12	Braden Gibb	Room 16	Christy Hennessy
Room 15	Constance Karaitiana	Room 17	Darian Beyer-Way

Week 9 — Term 3 2009



ITEM	SIZE	NO: REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$13.00	
Sports Shirt			\$13.50	
TOTAL				\$

Child's Name: _____

Room No: ___ Phone: _____

ROAD PATROL ROSTER—PARENT HELP

Name: _____

I am available to go on the Road Patrol roster for Term 4.

Preferred day(s) of the week:

Morning? Afternoon? Signature: _____