

# GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

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## TERM 4 BEGINS

The weather comes right just in time to get everyone back to school for the final term — and what a busy one we have planned. It is great to see all the happy faces here — ready for a mountain of learning and fun.

Mrs Sue Martin has commenced in the junior school, and for the next few weeks she will be teaching in Room 11 alongside Ms Kelly, before starting a class of New Entrants in Room 13 in November. We also welcome Miss Hayley Seddon who is a student teacher from Massey University College of Education. Hayley will be part of the learning environment in Room 7 for the next three weeks.

Pictured on the right is the Greenmeadows School cross country championship winning squad who won the Napier Inter School event late last term. They are a very fit group of athletes. (Can you spot Magpies Thomas Waldrom and Ross Kennedy in the back row?)



## TEACHER ONLY DAY — THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

There will be a teachers' only day on Thursday 22nd October. This coincides with the Hawkes Bay Show Day and is 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. Children are not required at school for the day. The OSCAR programme will be operating for the day and is taking bookings.

## EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOL THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER — STAFF FIRST AID COURSE

Greenmeadows School will close early on Thursday 29 October — the end of the school day will be at 2.00pm. This is to allow staff to complete eight hours of first aid training. Any children who are unable to be picked up at 2.00pm will be supervised at school until the normal school closing time of 3.00pm. We ask all families to sign and return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter letting the school know whether your child will leave at 2.00pm (early time) or stay at school until 3.00pm (normal closing time). OSCAR will open at 2.00pm for children who are booked in.

## ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

It is vital that parents inform the school office if their child is absent for the day. Mrs Gregory and Ms Garrett spend a considerable amount of time each morning ringing around trying to find the whereabouts of any child who has not arrived at school. This is time that could easily be saved if a message had been left on the school's answer phone. Our school undertakes the task of locating all absent children to ensure that all are safe and cared for. Please help us by letting the school know first, rather than leaving it to the office to ring. Also, if your child is to be absent for any reason other than illness, please send a note of explanation to the office. Thanks for your co-operation.

## SUNHATS

All children are to wear a hat during Terms 1 and 4. It is preferred that children wear a wide brimmed hat to protect their ears, nose and back of the head. Please ensure that your child brings a named hat each day.

## BANDANA WEEK—THURSDAY 15 to WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Bandanas can be purchased from Room 5 at a cost of \$4 each from 8.30 until 9.00am each day. Please bring the correct amount. Purchased bandanas (not ones from home) can be worn at school while bandana week is on. All proceeds go to **CANTEEN**.

## UNIFORM ORDER

Attached is an order form for school shirts and shorts. Please return the form by Friday 16 October if you wish to make an order. Sizes available are 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is open for sales during morning tea and lunch every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. We have a new canteen menu out for Term 4. We have added several new food items, as well as returned some old favourites. Please note the changes in some of the prices also. We have also changed the flavours of the Quench Aqua Fruits drinks. These drinks are 97% sugar free and contain no artificial sweeteners. Please see the new menu for flavours. We look forward to your continued support!

## PTA NEWS

1. **ICON PHOTOGRAPHY** - This was a great success with almost \$1200 dollars raised! Viewing for photos is next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The venue for the viewing will be the school library. Each family will be able to book a time to view the photographs.
2. **ART CALENDARS** - It's that time of year already ... the children completed their artwork at the end of last term, and from what we've seen they look fantastic! Order forms for calendars and greeting cards will be coming home tomorrow (Thursday 15th October). If you would like to view your child's artwork before ordering you are welcome to do so, please go into their classroom immediately after school finishes on Thursday or Friday this week.

Prices are the same as 2008, calendars will be \$11 each and packs of eight greeting cards will be \$12. Please return your orders to school by Thursday 29th October. Note that late orders can not be accepted.

3. **NEXT PTA MEETING** - This Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room. All Welcome!

## SCHOOL BANKING

All children who bank this term will go into a draw for a Warehouse voucher (\$25), as well as getting a bonus deposit of \$25 into the winner's savings account. Banking is every Wednesday morning and bank books are returned by post.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz))

14 Oct	PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom	19 Oct	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
22 Oct	Teachers Only Day	23 Oct	Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day – school closed
26 Oct	Labour Day – school closed	27 Oct	Niall de Burca performance
29 Oct	Early finish to school – 2.00pm	30 Oct	PTA Disco; School Council – Mini Gala
3 Nov	Choir practise at Taradale Int. 1.00–3.00pm	4 Nov	Mathletics – Year 5 and 6 students
9 to 13 Nov	Week of Optimist Yachting – Year 6 students		
10 Nov	Choir practise – Taradale Int	16 Nov	Final choir rehearsal
17 Nov	GMS Athletics Seniors & Mid / Choir Festival		
18 Nov	GMS Athletics (postponement) / Choir Festival		
16 Dec	Last day of the 2009 school year		

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Mark Johnson  
**Principal**

ITEM	SIZE	NO: REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$13.00	
Sports Shirt			\$13.00	
TOTAL				\$
Child's Name: _____ Room No: _____				

### EARLY FINISH—THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Room \_\_\_\_\_ is able to be released:  
at 2.00pm on Thursday 29 October                      at 3.00pm—normal time      (Circle one option)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Michael Howey
Room 2	Taylor Exton
Room 3	Lance Dustow
Room 4	Melissa Hellyer
Room 5	Kelson McKay
Room 6	Tamara Cornick
Room 7	Natashia Jorgensen
Room 8	Phoebe Johnson
Room 9	Tristram Fryer
Room 10	Jasmine Hawthorne-Gray
Room 11	Liam Houliston
Room 12	Carrie Palmer
Room 14	Luke Thorburn
Room 15	Jayden Ashton, Sam Keating,
	Connor Parslow
Room 16	Lauren Stephenson
Room 17	Trent Randell

Week 10 — Term 3 2009

