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## NEWSLETTER 1

**Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa**

*The year has started the way it always seems to at Greenmeadows School – with happy, energised students and staff all ready to go right from the very first day.*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to the children and their families who have started at our school (or returned) this week:

Zane & Seth Langridge, Cyris Peters, Rangimarie Jury, Daniel & Mattie Geange, Keira Stewart, Lauren Reilly, Emma Hutchinson, Izaak Ferguson, Lennox Lancaster, Emily Feck, Jacob Penn, Jett Durbin, Isla Wilson-Cochrane,

Coby O'Neill, Cordaez Tareha, Alishba Qazi, Jovi-Lee Billing and Peyton Ross. They are all making a wonderful start to their time at our school and settling into learning fantastically. These enrolments mean we have started the year with 412 students.

### STAFFING UPDATE

We welcome Miss Paige Alexander who has commenced the year in Room 12 with the wonderful group of children in that class. Mrs Sue Martin also returns to Room 5 after being on leave travelling overseas for Terms 3 and 4. Mrs Christina Tareha recommences full-time teaching in Room 2 with her class of Year 1 students.

Our staff for 2016:

Principal	Mark Johnson	Deputy Principal	Maaka Papuni
Assistant Principal	Allyson Ross	Assistant Principal (Junior school)	Ali de Lange

#### Teachers

Paige Alexander	Room 12	(Yr 5)	Greg Bain	Room 14 (Yr 5 & 6)
Pixie Bryan	Room 9	(Yr 4)	Jane Carter	Room 11 (Yr 2)
Monique Cowie	Room 7	(Yr 2)	Wendy Currie	Room 1 (Yr 1)
Kim Davidson	Room 17	(Yr 6)	Marty Gibbs	Room 16 (Yr 5 & 6)
Sarah Groenveld	Room 8	(Yr 3)	Helen Harvey	Room 6 (Yr 1)
Paula Kinsey	Room 18	(Yr 3)	Jane McCosh	Room 10 (Yr 3)
Sue Martin	Room 5	(Yr 2)	Toni Miles	Room 13 (Yr 4)
Shona Millner	Room 18	(Yr 4)	Christina Tareha	Room 2 (Yr 1)
Ceirwyn Ware	Room 15	(Yr 5 & 6)		

#### Part-Time Teachers

Catherine Webster	Kay Holst	Jane Lee
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#### Administration

Sara Anderson	Office Administrator Carolyn Thorburn	Office Administrator
Kim Cook	Teacher Aide/Librarian	

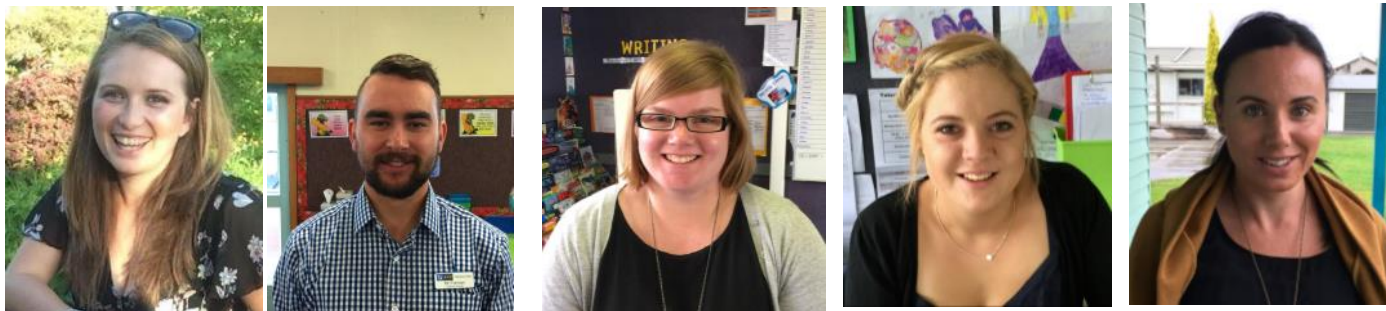
#### Teacher Aides

Linda Cunningham	Lynne Canty	Hayley Jury	Carol Mardon
Kirsten Martin	Leanne Duncan	Annie McDougall	

Property Manager	Paddy Mellon	Cleaners	Heather and Danny Kennedy
Gardener	Louise Nicholson	School Canteen	Kim Batt



We are also hosting four candidate teachers from EIT over the course of this year. They are Brook Forman, Annaliese Paton, Sacha Spurrier and Rosalie Stephens.



*From left to right: Paige Alexander, and our EIT Candidate Teachers Brook, Annaliese, Sacha and Rosalie.*

## **WAITANGI DAY OBSERVATION**

A reminder the school will be closed with Waitangi Day observation on Monday 8 February. School will reopen on Tuesday 9 February.

## **SUN HATS AT SCHOOL**

The hot burning Hawkes Bay sun has been out in force over the last couple of days ... SO a reminder to everyone to bring their wide-brimmed hats every day during Term 1.

Suggestion: name each hat inside with a permanent marker, as well as the small tag.

## **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

A notice will be sent home next week outlining the information about the parent interviews set for 29 February and 1 March.

## **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA**

The PTA have their first meeting Tonight WEDNESDAY 3 February in the staffroom.. Start time is 7.30pm. Please come along if you can — we are starting planning for our Food Fair which is coming later this term. All are most welcome to attend—come along and find out about ways to support our school.

## **ABSENCES**

Our administrative staff do an excellent job of checking each day if all children are accounted for at school. If we have a child who is absent and we have no explanation, then Mrs Anderson will ring or text the family. She will then ring emergency contacts in an attempt to find out where the child is and check that they are safe. If there is no information as a result of these calls, then our school's policy is to inform the local truancy officer and involve them. This happens as a result of our concern for all children and doing all we can to make sure they are safe.

You can help making sure the school knows if your child is going to be absent or late for school before the start of the school day. A message on the school's answer service, email or note should be provided if your child will not be at school to start the day at 9.00am.

If your child is going to be absent from school please do one of the following:

- please ring the school office on **8447024**
- or text **0279264452** before 9.00am

Please make sure you do this **before** 9am on the morning your child is going to be absent as the office staff are spending a lot of time contacting parents to make sure their children are safe.

## **FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

Our first assembly for the year will be on Friday morning at 9.15am in the Heart of the School (weather permitting).



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen will re-open on Wednesday 10th February.

An updated canteen menu has been uploaded to the school website.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the library. The library is open from 8.30-8.55am each morning and at lunchtimes from 1.15-1.45pm, for issues and returns or just to hang out. Listen to the daily notices to find out what is happening in the library each lunch time. Classes visit the library each week at an allocated time. During this time students can issue and return books. All books need to be in a book bag before they leave the library and this bag needs to be used at all times to help protect our books. Students can issue books for two weeks. Overdue or damaged books will be charged to the student, several letters will be sent home before this happens. It is the student's responsibility to take care and return all issued books.

## SPORTS NOTICES

### TERM 1 SPORTS 2016

Information and registration forms for Term 1 Saturday and after school sports teams have been sent home with all pupils this week. There is something for everyone and we encourage all children to have a go and get involved in a sport. Please return registration forms to the school office by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February to ensure your place in a team. Many sports begin on 13<sup>th</sup> February, so it is vital we have these forms in promptly. Please note - if you played for any GMS team in 2015 you must still complete a registration form to play again this term. Spare forms are available at the school office and on the school website.

### 2016 WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February

*Entries for the Weetbix Kids TRYathlon have been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> February!!*

This event is part of the biggest series of its kind in the world, and encourages Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities, aged between 7 and 15, to get out and *Give it a TRY!* Held at Frimley Park, Hastings, children can enter either as an individual and complete all three legs of the event, or as part of a team of two and complete either the swim/run or bike/run sections (both members of the team do the run). **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE FROM HOME.** The entry closing date has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> February, and by using our School Code of **GREE0618** when you enter, you will receive a discounted entry fee and be eligible to go in the draw for great spot prizes on the day. Entries can also be made at the event on the day, however there are no discounted fees available then. For full information and registration, visit [tri.weetbix.co.nz](http://tri.weetbix.co.nz).

### FRIENDLY DENTAL IRONKIDS TRIATHLON SERIES

A fun series of triathlons hosted by TriHB at Ocean Spa, Napier, for children aged 8 - 13yrs. Have a go at one, or all three on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Children can enter as individual competitors and complete the full swim, cycle, run on their own, or form a team with one or two friends to complete a stage each. Entry is made online for each of these triathlons at [www.trihb.kiwi](http://www.trihb.kiwi), or can be made on the day. **ENTRIES ARE NOT MADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL**, so please do not bring money or forms to school.

### GMS TRIATHLON CLUB

Any children keen on having a go at the Weetbix or Iron kids Triathlons are invited to join the GMS Triathlon Club to train and learn how to tackle their event. To join simply visit Mrs Martin in Room 5 and register your name. Training will be held on Wednesday lunchtimes from 10<sup>th</sup> February. Information notices regarding the club are available through class teachers, at the school office, and on the school website.



## BUILDING UPDATE

Contractors are making good progress building a new toilet block that is going to replace the old block outside the office. The aim is to have the toilet block operational from the start of Term 2.

## RTR TAEKWON DO 2016 COMMENCEMENT DATE & VENUE

RTR TAEKWON-DO (ITF), recommences Wednesday 3 February, St John Hall, Taradale.

General Class (7 yrs & above) 6.00pm-7.15pm, Monday & Wednesday (includes adults).

Mini kids (5-7 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm Wednesday only - starts 10 February.

**FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSONS - Family discounts available.** Run by experienced, mature, internationally qualified Instructors. Check out <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/> or phone 0210323289.

## KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering it's multisport programme on Tuesdays after school in Term 1 at GMS. This is designed for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. To enroll please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or contact Rachel Weeks 8434219.

## VIOLIN LESSONS

Once again, the Ministry of Education is offering free violin lessons for Year 3 to 6 students at your School in 2016. It is not necessary for students to have their own violin, as they can be hired through the Napier Instrumental Classes, for \$50 for the year. A charge will be made for a suitable music book as well.

The lessons are held after school at Taradale Intermediate School, Murphy Road, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays (days to be confirmed). Preference will be given to Year 5 and 6 students, and there will be a waiting list if all the spaces become filled. Please contact the tutor for more information:

Phone, text, or email the tutor: Charlotte van Asch.

[cva@clear.net.nz](mailto:cva@clear.net.nz), Ph 844 8060, Cell 027 6778118

## TARADALE GYMNASTIC CLUB

Enrolment day for Taradale Gymnastic Club is Saturday 6th February at Taradale Intermediate School Hall 10am to 12pm. Classes for boys and girls, any enquiries please phone 8442-335.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8 Feb	Waitangi Day observation
10 Feb	Canteen reopens
18 Feb	Weetbix Tryathlon
29 Feb/1 Mar	Parent Interviews

Have a great week—we certainly have had a wonderful start here at school.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

