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Dear Parents and Caregivers
Tena koutou katoa

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FORMAT AND UPDATED LOGO

If you have read this far, you will have noticed a new layout for our school newsletter, as well as the inclusion of our new school logo at the top. Our thanks to Lisa McPike from DesignSpace for all her help and creative talents in developing these impressive innovations.

TARADALE SCHOOLS CHOIR FESTIVAL



It was a pleasure to be part of the audience at the second evening performance of the mass choir from the local schools. Our children sang so sweetly as part of the large group of enthusiastic singers and it was great entertainment. Libby Robb sang a great solo on Wednesday - what a talent! Thanks to our teachers who put so much time into getting our children prepared for the festival - this would not have happened without Mrs Lubbe and Mrs Millner. **Great stuff everyone!**

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS - TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Our school athletic sports day last week was a great event - it was a great occasion seeing all the children who decked themselves out in their house colours. *Below are the results :*

AGE GROUP		1ST	2ND	3RD
11 years old	Boys	Mitch Drew	Connor Parslow	Hamish Smith
	Girls	Jade Price	Rosemary Mair	Jordan Heal
10 years old	Boys	1st = Ben Herekiuha, Jacob Wiggins		Trent Randell
	Girls	1st = Neshaiha Te Pou, Emma Bennett, Christy Hennessy, Isobel Barretto		
9 years old	Boys	Ethan Martin	Daniel Christensen	3rd = Jack Bennett, Callum Berriman
	Girls	Danika Withell	2nd = Anakah Isherwood Briana Sivewright	
8 years old	Boys	1st = Warner Dearn, Joel Morrison		3rd = Jack Wilson-Bramwell, Jarred Coutts
	Girls	Josie Boyd	Maddison McIntyre	3rd = Francesca Gross, Nikita Taylor-Chaffey

The final result for the inter-house competition is as follows:

1st Moana (Blue) - 2nd Ngahere (Green) - 3rd Ahi (Red) - 4th Marama (Yellow)

TARADALE AND DISTRICTS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Tomorrow the interschool sports will be held at Marewa Park. Our team has been selected following the athletic sports held last week and we wish them all well as they look to compete against the top athletes from the other schools in our area.

This will also be the first time our new school sport shirt tops have been seen as the team will be wearing them. If the weather is not favourable, the event will be postponed until, Wednesday 25 November.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING - TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 7.00PM



A reminder about the meeting for all interested parents in the school hall. This meeting will outline plans for 2010 including class structures, planning for the school's future developments and issues facing our school. There will be opportunities to discuss aspects of the school, opportunities for parents to ask questions, and for the school to seek feedback on a whole range of issues.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL 'WALKING BUS'

Each Thursday morning our walking bus leaves from 55 Park Road at 8.05am heading towards school, where we arrive at 8.30am. Our goal is to get a combined total of 200 participants over the last five weeks of school. So far our total is 39 - are there any other travellers out there who want to join in?



TRAFFIC SAFETY.....



The potential danger outside our school gate every afternoon with very high volumes of traffic is one that constantly causes me concern. Please help us provide as safe an environment for your children by:

- not enticing or walking your children across Osier Road without using the school crossing
- being prepared to walk a little further, and park safely along the street rather than jamming into the church car park and parking on the grass (*which the church have requested we do not do*)
- keeping the area in front of the 'Little Guppies' child care driveway clear and not parking on the yellow lines in front of their premises

Traffic safety is an issue we all have to take responsibility for.

JUNIOR SWIMMING DISPLAY

On Thursday 3 December there will be a display of swimming by all our junior students at the Reignier School pool. This will commence at 1.30pm and go through until 2.45pm. All juniors will be involved in three different groups. Parents are welcome to attend and see some of the progress the children have made in their swimming at the Onekawa pools over the past few weeks.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF (OFFICE STAFF AND TEACHER AIDES)

NZEI Support staff are in negotiations with the Ministry of Education for a pay increase, something that has not been addressed for almost two years. On Friday 27 November support staff will be presenting local MP Chris Tremain with signatures to show support for their pay negotiations.

Anyone wanting to support this issue is invited to visit the school office and sign the badges.

NO ASSEMBLY

No assembly this week due to the Niall de Burca performances this Friday.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is open for Morning Tea and Lunch every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Juicie Ice-blocks are \$1 each and Aqua Fruit Quench drinks are \$1.50 each. The last canteen day for the year will be **Friday 11th December**.



CANTEEN BANDANA APPEAL

Crikey there must be a lot of bandanas out there - Greenmeadows School raised **\$462** through the Canteen appeal earlier this term! Thanks to all those who supported this fundraiser.

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Lessons are available at Greenmeadows School for Term 4 or 2010. For details phone Sandra on 876 9261 in the evenings.



CRICKET DRAW / LAST WEEK'S CRICKET

Friday 27 November

Greenmeadows A v NTOB
Nelson Park - Pitch 1

Greenmeadows B v Porritt C
Nelson Park - Pitch 6

Saturday 28 November

Greenmeadows v Taradale Primary
Greenmeadows School

Great performances from all three teams last week. Well done everyone - we are certainly learning a lot from the two coaches who come along from the Bracewell Cricket Academy and provide training for us all. Special mention from last weekend's game has to go to Rosemary Mair who batted well to score 33 before retiring, then bowled brilliantly to take 4 for 7 including a triple wicket maiden (impressive for those who know what that means!).



PTA NEWS

- **ATHLETICS DAY SASUAGE SIZZLE** - This was a great success with almost \$300 raised. A big thank you to all our wonderful helpers!
- **ROLL-ON SUNBLOCK** - Room 1 is still selling these handy roll-ons every Wednesday and Friday morning before school. The sun-block is \$6 per roll-on and \$2 of this goes back to our school
- **HELL PIZZA LUNCH** - Tuesday 1st December. The children can order a small individual pizza each. \$1.00 from each pizza goes back to our school. Order forms for this went home yesterday.
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - Our last fundraiser for the year will be a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Look out for raffle tickets coming home early next week. The raffle will be drawn on the evening of our Christmas Break-Up and there will be prizes for the top 3 ticket sellers.
- **NEW SEATS** - The 'Heart of the School' Project is now well underway with the landscape architect drawing up plans. In the mean time, we have gone ahead with the ordering of \$7,000 worth of new outdoor seating. Due to the fantastic fundraising support we have received over the last two years, we also have another \$15,000 to further contribute to the 'Heart of the School'.
- **LAST PTA MEETING FOR THE YEAR** - Wednesday 9th December at 7.00 pm in the Staff Room. Followed by a Christmas drink at the Duke of Gloucester at 8pm. **All are welcome!**

2010 TERM DATES:

- Term 1** 2 February to 1 April
- Term 2** 19 April to 2 July
- Term 3** 19 July to 24 September
- Term 4** 11 October to 16 December

**STUDENT JOB SEARCH**

Looking for tertiary students for one-off, part-time, full-time or casual work in your household or business? List your vacancy with Student Job Search free of charge at www.sjs.co.nz, and we will refer students that we think are right for you and your position - it's that easy!

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

NOV

- 24 Inter School Athletics, Marewa Park (teams picked following our school athletic sports)
- 25 (Postponement Day) Inter School Athletics, Marewa Park (info to follow)
- 27 Niall de Burca whole school \$3.00 each - order: Senior / Junior / Middle

DEC

- 3 Junior swimming at Reignier School 1.30 to 2.45pm
- 4 Puketapu School rock band performs at Greenmeadows School assembly
- 7 Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 8 Parent Consultation meeting. Greenmeadows School Hall 7.00pm
- 9 PTA meeting - 7.00pm (note earlier starting time)
- 10 Year 6 social held at Greenmeadows School
- 11 Reports sent home
- 15 End of year break-up and prize-giving for Greenmeadows School 6.00pm start
- 16 Last day of the 2009 school year

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal





PRINCIPLE AWARDS

WEEKS 5 AND 6 - TERM 4 2009



Room 1

Callum Van Den Berk
Danika Withell

Room 2

Hannah Keating
Taylor Exton

Room 3

Vision Edwards
Sam Thorburn

Room 4

Blake MacKirdy
Kaytie Owen

Room 5

Claudia Chittenden
Sara Dooney

Room 6

Andre Allan-Wright
Megan Entwistle

Room 7

Ella Walker
Alex Exeter

Room 8

Dare'im Johnson
Bayley Sharp

Room 9

William Marsden
Emily Hawkins

Room 10

Ethan Gilmour-Downes
Shaylah Jury

Room 11

Lana Simes
Madeline Sayer

Room 12

Ben Coles
Chloe Narayan

Room 13

Reuben Davies
Finn Blundell

Room 14

Trae Sorensen
Ben Neville

Room 15

Erin Hutchinson
Jade Price

Room 16

Courtney Kennedy

Room 17

Brearna Jeffares
Briana Thomas

