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CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 22



Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Our school year is almost at an end, and in front of you is the final newsletter for 2009. There is a lot of important information in the next few pages, so you are urged to read them carefully. Hopefully we have everything covered!



SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2010

The school has recently made an appointment of a new staff member. Mr. Marty Gibbs from Puketapu School will start teaching next year as a member of the senior team. *Below is the structure the school will have next year:*

Senior syndicate

Room 15	Year 6	Mrs Linda Dallimore - Team Leader
Room 13	Year 5	Mr Marty Gibbs
Room 14	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Jonette Dale
Room 16	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Pixie Bryan
Room 17	Year 4 & 5	Mrs Johleen Lubbe

Middle syndicate

Room 12	Year 4	Ms Allyson Ross - Team Leader
Room 1	Year 3	Mrs Lyndsey Starkey
Room 3	Year 4	Mrs Monique Cowie
Room 4	Year 3	Mrs Shona Millner

Junior syndicate

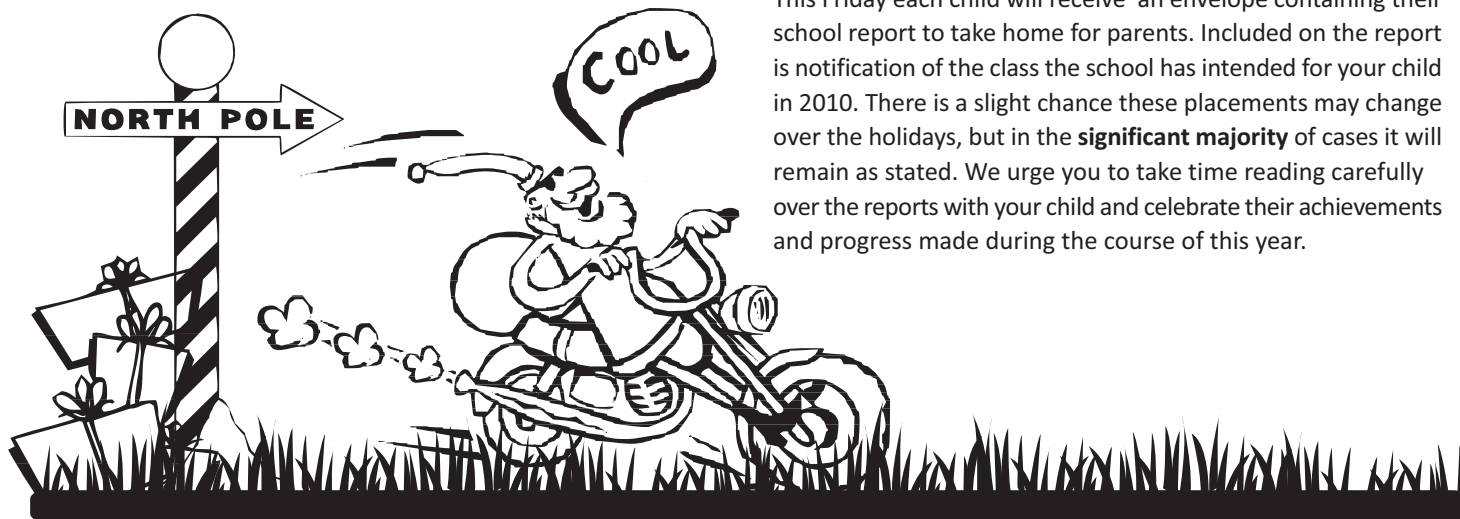
Room 10	Year 1	Mrs Kay Holst - Team Leader
Room 5	Year 2	Miss Nicole Trubshaw
Room 6	Year 2	Miss Jane McCosh
Room 7	Year 2	Mrs Helen Sims
Room 8	Year 1	Mrs Wendy Currie (New Entrant)
Room 9	Year 1	Miss Angela Young

From this year's staff we farewell Susanna Moore, who is moving to Gisborne to take up a position at Mangapapa School. Sarah Kelly and Sue Martin who have started up New Entrant classes during the course of this year also finish their positions once the end of the year arrives. We have also been advised Rachel Exeter has decided to resign her teacher aide position, having been on maternity leave for the past two and half terms. We thank of these members of staff for their contributions during this year.

We also farewell Kevin Coombs who has decided to retire at the end of this year. Kevin has been caretaker at Greenmeadows School since February 1998 - which must include a very large number of balls collected off roofs, tonnes of lunch rubbish disposed of and countless hours of dedicated labour spent developing and improving our school in so many ways. We wish him all the best for his retirement, which in reality does not sound like it will be that 'quiet' listening to Kevin's plans.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

This Friday each child will receive an envelope containing their school report to take home for parents. Included on the report is notification of the class the school has intended for your child in 2010. There is a slight chance these placements may change over the holidays, but in the **significant majority** of cases it will remain as stated. We urge you to take time reading carefully over the reports with your child and celebrate their achievements and progress made during the course of this year.





STATIONERY 2010

On the final day of school next week all children will briefly visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher. At this time the children will receive a copy of their stationery list for the 2010 year. We encourage families to purchase their stationery supplies from Taradale Paper Plus who have packs prepared for especially for Greenmeadows School. These packs are competitively priced and Paper Plus have got the specific books required for your child. If you lose the stationery list, you can download it from the Greenmeadows School website (after 17 December), or simply go into the Taradale Paper Plus store and ask for the pack for the classroom your child will be part of in 2010. It would be greatly appreciated if all children arrive for the first day of school (Tuesday 2 February) with all their books.

NOTICES ON THE PHONE - OPTION '5'



When ringing the school there is an option to press '5' to hear about school events - we use this option to record information about current cancellations and postponements. An example of this is the cancellation of the junior swimming display last week. We recorded this on the phone 'Option 5' as being cancelled, yet still received a large number of calls directly into the school asking for the same information.

Try option 5 first!

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

We are now at the busy time of year with plenty of events happening in the lead up to end of the school year. Below are the details of some:

Monday 14 December

Parent Helper's morning tea held in the Hall starting at 10:45am. If you intend coming please let the office know by Friday 11 December.

Tuesday 15 December

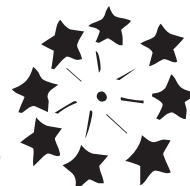
The school break-up and prize-giving, which all children are expected to attend. We ask that children arrive at school between 6.00 and 6.15pm. The break-up will commence at 6.30pm and last just over an hour. The event will take place on the school field. We ask that parents help us by keeping all preschoolers and other visitors off the adventure playground while the break up is on, so as not disrupt proceedings. If the weather will not allow us to have the break up on the Tuesday evening, it will be postponed until Wednesday 11.15am.

If there are any doubts about the weather, all postponement information will be included on the school's telephone system - Option '5'.

Wednesday 16 December - THE FINAL DAY FOR 2009

School will finish with an assembly that will start 11.50am and end at 12.30pm. The children will be dismissed from the Hall. In this assembly we will farewell our departing staff and students.

TARADALE AND DISTRICTS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS



Greenmeadows School completed the 'clean sweep' of all the interschool events for 2009 when our athletics team of 32 competitors won the interschool event just over a fortnight ago. Congratulations to all who competed - **it was a real team effort!**

Top three placings for Greenmeadows School competitors went to:

Danika Withell

1st 9 year old girls

Mikayla Mead

2nd 9 year old girls

Jade Price

1st 11 year old girls

Mitch Drew

1st 11 year old boys

Ethan Martin

1st equal 10 year old boys

Inter-Schools competition results (8 schools in total):

1st Greenmeadows

2nd Porritt

3rd Reignier

4th Taradale

5th Bledisloe



REPLACEMENT CARETAKER

The school are looking to employ a caretaker on a fixed term to replace Mr Coombs. The period of employment will be from the middle of the school holidays until Monday 3 May 2010.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the position there will be application information on the school's website under 'Staff Vacancies' or from the school office after Monday 14 December 9.00am.



UNIFORM ORDER

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



CRICKET DRAW - FINAL GAMES FOR 2009

Friday 11 December

Greenmeadows Vettori v Porritt B Nelson Park - Pitch 1

Greenmeadows McCullum v Arthur Miller - Nelson Park - Pitch 6

Saturday 12 December

Greenmeadows v Napier Central - Greenmeadows School

CONGRATULATIONS

Mention needs to be made of Bailey Wiig who won the HB/CHB Motocross championships in the 6-8 years 50cc class. He was also the highest aggregate points overall for a mini-rider.

T-BALL PLAYERS OF THE DAY

The following players have earned Player of the Day awards recently:

GMS 3

Week 2 - Ethan Gilmour-Downes | Week 3 - Dare'im Johnson

Week 4 - Seth Beckett | Week 5 - Alanah Watts

Well done to you all!

CARS ON THE GRASS - CHURCH CARPARK

Another request from the St Mary's Church across the road - please do not park on the grass. We are fortunate that the church allows parents to park in their car parking area, and we need to be mindful about cooperating with them. If Greenmeadows School parents were to lose access to this car park, then the congestion on the streets around us at 3.00pm every day would be considerably worse than it is at the moment. Please help us in this matter.

ASSEMBLY

This Friday assembly will include a video presentation on our year in 2009.

CANTEEN NEWS

The last day for canteen lunch sales is tomorrow.

The canteen will re-open early in Term One 2010.



GREENMEADOWS KINDERGARTEN

Greenmeadows Kindergarten has a great fundraiser for Christmas. A wonderful recipe book packed full of recipes from the families at kindergarten and also a few celebrities as well. If you would like to purchase a book for \$15 each please contact the kindergarten on 8449182 or pop in during kindergarten operating hours from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

PTA NEWS



Thank you to all the families who have been busy selling raffle tickets. All tickets **SOLD or UNSOLD** must be returned to school tomorrow the **11th December**. The raffle will be drawn at the school break-up on 15th December and the winners notified by phone.

Thanks to the generosity of some of our local businesses, we have some fantastic prizes which include:

Vouchers from:

Ormlie Lodge, Mission Estate Restaurant, Pak 'n' Save Tamatea, Napier Brake and Clutch, Red Chilli Indian Restaurant, Taradale Unichem Pharmacy, Heavens Bakery and Café, Taradale Bin Inn, Prebbles Menswear, Mc Donald's Restaurant Taradale, Surf to Earth, Spots and Dots, Orbit Café, Hell Pizza Greenmeadows, and Greenmeadows Hairstylist.

Products and Gift Items from:

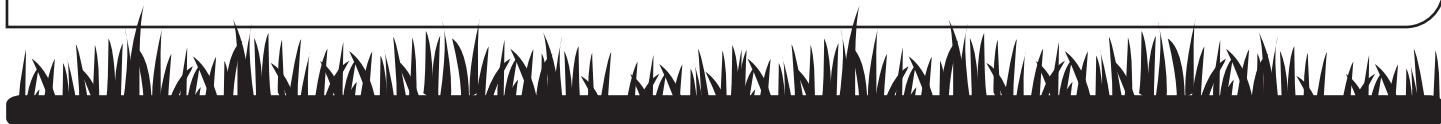
Lennox and Gee Pharmacy, Paper Plus Taradale, Insite Health, Visage Hairdressers, Glenn Roberts Pharmacy,

Greenmeadows Four Square, Greenmeadows New World, Greenmeadows Pharmacy, Brookfield's Vineyard, Onekawa New World, Countdown Napier, Church Road Winery, and The Old Church Restaurant.

The PTA would like to thank all of the above mentioned businesses for their generous contributions to our fundraising endeavor.

FUNDRAISING TOTAL

While the exact total remains an estimate until all the Christmas raffle money has been counted and banked (tomorrow), our school community has managed to raise more than **\$25,000** over the last two years. This money will be used to fund new outdoor seating and to contribute towards the building of the 'Heart of the School'. The PTA would like to thank all the school families who have supported the many fundraising projects over this time, and wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday.



DANCE STUDIO 2010

A dance studio will be operating in the Greenmeadows School hall on two after school sessions per week next year. The Diana Shand Dance studio will have a range of grades. For more information contact Diana on 842 0433 or 021 499 543.

NETBALL ACADEMY

Former Silver Fern Tanya Dearn (and GMS parent) is establishing a netball academy early in 2010, running on Mondays after school at the Pettigrew-Green Arena. The academy will commence from the beginning of Term 1, and is taking bookings now. Contact Mr Johnson if you require more information.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

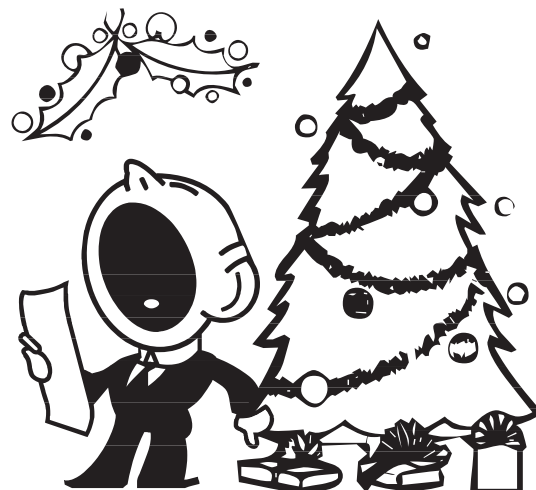
DEC 09

- 10 Year 6 social held at Greenmeadows School
- 11 Reports sent home
- 14 Parent Helpers morning tea - 10.45am start
- 15 End of year break-up and prize-giving for Greenmeadows School
Children assemble from 6.00 to 6.15pm. Ceremony has a 6.30pm start
- 16 **Last day of the 2009 school year - 12.30pm finish**

FEB 10

- 2 **First day of the 2010 school year**

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday break. All the best to those departing from our school. To everyone else we look forward to catching up in the new school year.



Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

WEEK 8- TERM 4 2009



Room 1 - Luke Yarrall
Room 2 - Brianna Davis
Room 3 - Lance Dustow
Room 4 - Nikita Taylor-Chaffey
Room 5 - Emily Llewellyn
Room 6 - Courtney Roff

Room 7 - Maddison Harris
Room 8 - Luke Westphall
Room 9 - Andrew Brown
Room 10 - Ashantae Hazel
Room 11 - Claire Meybaum
Room 12 - Sharn Gliddon

Room 13 - Lily Cameron
Room 14 - Jaydi Taylor-Chaffey
Room 15 - Jake Cotter
Room 16 - Ethan Bickers
Room 17 - Alana Rudzevecuis
& Ethan Martin

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER	SIZE	Number REQD	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$13.00	
Sports Shirt			\$13.00	
TOTAL				\$

Child's Name: _____ Room No: _____

