



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

The new school year is upon us—and it is the first time in decades that the school year has started on a wet day! A special welcome to all our school families—whether returning families or those who are new to our school. We also welcome Mr Paddy Mellon our new school caretaker to Greenmeadows School. Paddy commenced in the middle of January and has been very busy since that time. Hello also to Mr Marty Gibbs who is having his first day teaching in Room 13. We have started the year with a roll of 330. There is a very positive feeling around school this morning, which I am sure will continue through the weeks ahead.

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2010**

Principal—Mark Johnson

Deputy Principal—Steve Bloor

#### **Senior syndicate**

Room 15 Year 6 Mrs Linda Dallimore —Team Leader

Room 13 Year 5 Mr Marty Gibbs (new teacher)

Room 14 Years 5 and 6 Mrs Jonette Dale

Room 16 Years 5 and 6 Mrs Pixie Bryan

Room 17 Year 4 & 5 Mrs Johleen Lubbe

(Mrs Lubbe is unable to work during February, so Mrs Toni Miles is taking Room 17 for this time.)

#### **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 (New Entrant) Mrs Wendy Currie

Room 9 Year 1 Miss Angela Young

#### **Part-time Teachers**

Mrs Catherine Webster—Reading Recovery & Release

Mrs Jane Lee—Release (Middle and Senior)

Mrs Clair Barry—Room 5 Release

Mrs Catherine Dark—Release (Junior)

#### **Support Staff**

Mrs Mary Gregory—Executive Officer

Ms Micky Garrett—Assistant Secretary

Mrs Karen Goodgame—Librarian / Teacher Aide

Mrs Linda Cunningham—Teacher Aide

Mrs Carol Mardon—Teacher Aide

Mrs Kim Cook—Teacher Aide

Mrs Lynne Drew—Teacher Aide

Mr Paddy Mellon—Caretaker

### **STATIONERY 2010**

It is heartening to see so many children arrive at school today with their stationery orders with them. If all children can have their stationery organised by the end of this week, that would be a great help. Taradale Paper Plus have our school stationery packs on sale at very competitive prices, and are open until 6.00pm each night this week.

**ASSEMBLY** — This Friday we will have our first school assembly for 2010.

**CANTEEN NEWS** — The canteen will be open from next week on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

Each year schools ask for fee payments from families. The amounts the school requests need some explanation.

1. The '**activity fee**' is a one off amount we request for each child to cover the cost of the range of different things that come along over the course of the school year. This can include costs such as educational trips students go on, transport to the swimming pool for sports or any visiting performers who may come to school. The idea of a

one off charge is to avoid having to constantly ask for small amounts of money on a regular basis, and is a more effective system. This amount is set at \$45 per pupil for the year.

2. Families are also asked for a 'school fee donation'. This form of funding is vital to any school as there is considerable pressure to meet the expenses in providing a quality education for the students. Unfortunately the funding we receive from the Ministry of Education is not sufficient to provide the types of opportunities and meet the actual costs of running an effective school. Coupled with this, Greenmeadows School's decile rating of '7' means we receive considerably less funding than some other schools in the wider community. The more families who support our school and the children by paying this fee helps Greenmeadows School. Remember these amounts are tax deductible. These amounts are \$50 per pupil for the year (capped at \$110 for a family if they have three or more children at school). In addition to this there is a 10% discount on this amount if it is paid by 31 March 2010.

3. Some families are electing to pay their transport costs for the swimming lessons later in the year. The cost of the bus is subsidised by the Board of Trustees and is \$10 per pupil.

We realise that these amounts can place families under pressure, especially at this time of year. Some families elect to pay by internet banking, which is perfectly acceptable. Our school account details for accepting payments is 030631—0194905—00. If you choose to make payments by this method please make sure you include clear information related to the payment, to avoid confusion at our end! Families can also elect to make regular automatic payments (e.g. \$20 per week) over the internet to reduce their accounts by instalments.

#### **TOTAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE:**

##### **1 child at school**

\$45 Activity Fee + \$50 School fee donation (minus 10% if paid in Term 1— \$45) + \$10 Swimming transport

##### **2 children at school**

\$90 Activity Fee + \$100 School fee donation (minus 10% if paid in Term 1 —\$90) + \$20 Swimming transport

##### **3 children at school**

\$135 Activity fee + \$110 School fee donation (minus 10% if paid in Term 1 —\$99) + \$30 Swimming transport

Fees can be paid at any time. If sending the money along this week, please put into a labelled envelope with clear information of the amount being paid. These amounts will be collected by the office staff from classrooms.

#### **KELLY SPORTS—TUESDAY AFTERNOONS YEAR 1 to 4**

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term. 'Multisport madness' is designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. For those who have never joined a club before it gives them the confidence to give sport a go. For those already playing sport they get the opportunity to improve their skills for the summer and winter seasons. To enrol please fill in the registration form (available from Mr Johnson) or contact Craig Findlay on 8434219 or [craig@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:craig@kellysports.co.nz)

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

4 Feb Walking Bus commences

10 Feb Greenmeadows School canteen reopens

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

**Principal**

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**Please return to school if making School Fee Payments by Internet Banking**

**Family name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If making payment by internet banking please list the:**

**Amount being paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How often it is being paid?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of 1st Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What the payment is for?** \_\_\_\_\_

(e.g. Activity fee; Swimming Transport; School Fee Donation)