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CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

It does not take long to get back into the operation of school, and the children have settled brilliantly into their learning and the challenges a new year brings.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We have enrolled a number of children new to our school. We welcome the following twenty four students:

Jayden Allen	Luke Tibbitts
Ella Cross	Ilisha Thompson
Caitlin Gorringe	Aaliyah Rodda
Jah Hughes-Lock	SeanDean Paekau
Cody Johns	Keryn Olsen
Hunter Piercy	Emma O'Neill
Michaela Pistorius	Sian Nicholls
Morgan Shakeshaft	Ben Nicholls
Typhanie Taylor	Joshua McKenzie
Kamoe Fabish	Cassidy Konia
Hamish Johnson	Aellerie Konia
Renee Kiangala	Tiaki Fabish

We hope that the time here at Greenmeadows School is a most successful and enjoyable one for you all.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2010

Preparations are now underway for the Board of Trustee elections this year. Our school has chosen to undertake the election process earlier than most schools in New Zealand, so our timeline is going to be different to neighbouring school communities. This election there are three vacancies for the Board. The important dates are:

10 February	Electoral roll open for inspection
15 February	Roll closes (supplementary roll opens)
16 February	Nominations open
3 March	Supplementary roll closes at noon
5 March	Nominations close

The announcement of final results are determined by the need as to whether there is an election or not.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees to date. A reminder about the option of internet banking.

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.

ROAD CROSSING DUTIES - PARENT SUPERVISION

We require only ONE more parent to complete our road warden supervision duty roster - Friday afternoons on the Gloucester Street crossing. Can anyone help? It is a very important role, yet simple to do. Please contact the office if you can help us. Many thanks.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Last week you would have received a letter from your child's teacher introducing themselves. Since then we have planned parent meetings for each of the teaching teams in the school, and we encourage all parents to attend.

Dates and times are as follows:

Junior (Rooms 5,6,7,8, 9 and 10)

Thursday 11 February 3.10pm in the Hall

Senior (Rooms 13,14, 15 , 16 and 17)

Tuesday 16 February 3.15pm in Room 15

Middle (Rooms 1,3,4 and 12)

Wednesday 17 February 3.10pm in Room 12

EQUIPPERS KIDS CLUB

If you are a Year 3 to 6 child you are invited to come along to an afternoon of fun, laughter and games at Equippers Church, 24 York Avenue, Tamatea. The club runs from 4.30 until 5.45pm on Wednesday evenings, starting 10th February. Parents, if your kids are interested in coming along to an afternoon of fun in a supervised environment contact Lisa 021 270 2289 or Shelley on 027 631 3145.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL STANDARDS

No doubt many of you will be aware of the current debate over 'national standards' being introduced for Year 1 to 8 students. The issue has been one of the biggest faced in education of the past few decades. Having talked to many parents and teachers over the past few months about it, there is certainly a lot of confusion about the controversy, or even why there is disagreement over the issue.

So why is there such an argument over these standards? Teachers and Principals are fully in favour of reporting accurately and clearly to parents, and increasing student achievement - there is no doubt about this. -We encourage the opportunity for all teachers, parents and whanau to talk about their child's progress and learning needs. Greenmeadows School wants all our teachers to perform at their best to continue effective teaching and learning. There are some things about the national standards implementation that will help us do that. However, there are a number of issues that genuinely concern educators.

GIRL GUIDING

All girls aged 5-8 years old are invited to join us at lunchtime on Wednesday 17 February for half an hour of interactive activity. See you outside your School Dental Clinic at lunchtime after you've eaten at 1.10pm.

This is a one-off introduction to the leisure and life skills programme run by Girl Guiding during school terms:

Tamatea Pippins (5 & 6 yrs) Mondays 4-5pm

Tamatea Brownies (7-9 1/2 yrs) Tuesdays from 4-5.30pm

Both meet in Mahoe Guide Hall, Anderson Park Greenmeadows.

St. Augustine Girl Guiding Group (7-13 yrs) Thursdays from

6-7.30pm. Meet at the Onekawa School Hall

Contact Cherie 8447489 or Tracey 8450435.

JEWELLRY AT SCHOOL

A number of students (all female!) have been wearing long 'dangly' ear-rings to school. Studs or sleepers are acceptable for those with pierced ears, but children wearing jewellery any larger than that will be asked to remove them in the interests of safety. Please help us in this matter.

ROTARY READING TRAINING

If anyone is interested in becoming a Rotary Reader, or knows of someone who may be, there will be a training session held on Friday 19 February at the Onekawa School Reading Resource Centre. This will run from 1.30 until 3.00pm. Please ring 843 1373 to confirm your attendance.

We have some information here at school, and the actual guidelines. This is available for parents if you wish to read more. I encourage you to take the time to research the various aspects of this debate. At Greenmeadows School we will be reviewing our methods of reporting to parents for 2010 to be more specific about individual capabilities and skills. At the next Board of Trustees there will be discussion about the way we are due to deal with this issue of standards as a school. After this meeting we hope to communicate to our community about the way national standards will be dealt with at Greenmeadows School.



WHAT'S COMING UP...

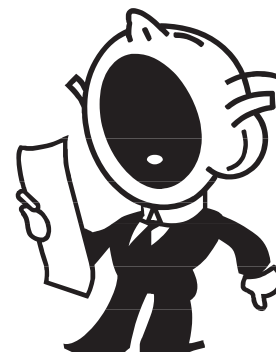
For more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz

FEB

- Parent meetings
- 11 Junior Team meeting
- 16 Senior Team meeting
- 17 Middle Team meeting

MARCH

- 1 Junior team trip to Cape Kidnappers (notice to follow)
- 8 Term 1 reports sent home
- Ka kite ano



Mark Johnson Principal

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)

**CUT OUT AND
KEEP ME**



LUNCH PRICE LIST 2010

AS FROM 8TH FEBRUARY - OPEN WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

To order, please write your child's **NAME, ROOM NUMBER, ORDER** & when food is for i.e. **LUNCH** or **MORNING TEA** clearly on the front of an envelope and enclose the money OR cheque payable to Greenmeadows School Canteen (*one cheque per family*). Orders must be taken to classrooms by 9am.

Please ensure envelope is well sealed. Thank you for supporting your school's canteen!

MORNING TEA MENU

Calci Yum Milk	\$1.50
H2go Water 300ml	\$1.00
Cheese Segment	\$.60
Cookie Time Cookie 4	\$1.00
Dairy Food Yoghurt (with spoon)	\$1.30
Jelly & Fruit Pottle (with spoon)	\$1.30
Popcorn (small bag)	\$1.00
Nacho Corn Chips (small)	\$1.00
Lamington	\$1.00
Muffin - Blueberry or Choc	\$1.30

LUNCH MENU

Filled Roll - Ham or Chicken	\$3.00
Salad Wrap - Ham or Chicken	\$3.00
American Hot Dog with Mustard/Tomato Sauce	\$2.00
Spaghetti & Cheese Volcano	\$2.00
Hawaiian Mini Pizza	\$2.00
Toasted Sandwich - Ham/Cheese	\$2.00
Pot of Noodles - Chicken or Beef	\$2.00
5 Chicken Nuggets with Tomato Sauce	\$3.00
Large Mince Pie	\$2.00
Large Potato Top	\$2.00
Small Mince Pie	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Dairy Food Yoghurt (with spoon)	\$1.30
Jelly & Fruit Pottle (with spoon)	\$1.30
Muffin - Blueberry or Chocolate	\$1.20
Lamington	\$1.00
Cookie Time Cookie	\$1.00
Mini Donuts Pkt of 2	\$.50
Hard Boiled Egg	\$.50
Cheese Segment	\$.60
Popcorn (small bag)	\$.80
Nacho Cheese Corn Chips	\$.80
H2go Water 300ml	\$1.00
Calci Yum Milk	\$1.50
Aqua Quench - Apple & Rasp/ Lemonade/ Tropical	\$1.50
Moosies - Sold between 1pm - 1:20pm	\$1.20
Juicies	\$1.00