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Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Five new students have started at Greenmeadows School in the last two weeks. We welcome Carston Fraser-Haze, Jack Bowers, Leroy Corby, Kara-Lee Hawken and Will Steadman to our school community. Three teacher trainees have also commenced postings at our school. Miss Jolie Swinburn is working in Room 10 with Mrs Holst and Miss Christina Withey is with Room 12 and Ms Ross. Jolie and Christina are with us until the end of Term 1 and then return for a month later in the year. Miss Kate McKenzie is also using Greenmeadows School as a base training school for the 2010 year. We welcome them all to Greenmeadows School.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2010

Nominations for the three vacancies on Board closed last Friday and we received a total of seven. This means we are now having an election with voting required - the first time for Greenmeadows School in several years. Thank you to those people who were prepared to put their names forward to the future of Greenmeadows School. Voting papers have been posted out this week. The poll closes on 19 March 2010 at 12.00pm, by which time all papers must be delivered to school, or posted, by this time.

POSTPONEMENT OF NZEI TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING

The meeting for teachers that was due to be held on Wednesday 17 March has now been postponed until a later date. School will finish at 3.00pm on that day as normal.

SURVEY-SCHOOL HATS

We have received a lot of responses to our hat survey. Thanks to those of you who have taken the time to respond to date.



The draw will be made for a spot prize of all returns received by this Friday - 12 March.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS YEARS 4 TO 6



The Middle and Senior school will be holding their annual swimming sports on Monday 29 March at the Napier Aquatic Centre in Onekawa. We will be holding championship races to determine our swimming champions for 2010. We will also be holding house competition races to determine our champion swimming house. The house competition will cater for the less able swimmers or those not wishing to enter the championship races.

The children will be travelling to the Napier Aquatic Centre on Monday 22 March for a practice swim and also to select children who will compete in the championship races at the swimming sports. Buses will provide the transport - there will not be a cost involved for students. The swimming sports will be a great opportunity for children to display the skills they learned during last year's swimming lessons. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend the swimming sports on Monday 29 March. The first race will start at 9.30am with the last race finishing before 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL PLANNING

Is there community support for school centennial celebrations which are due in 2011? There will be a meeting in the staffroom on Thursday 25 March starting at 5.30pm. for all those interested people. This need not be limited to current school parents, and all community feedback is welcome.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES AND ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all those families who have been paying their school fees and activity costs for their children. Remember the 10% discount applies for school fee donations until the end of this term. This year there are a lot more families choosing to pay using internet banking or by instalments, which we can accommodate. One request from the office staff - if paying cash for student activities, it would be a great help if the correct amount of money was sent along as we do not have a lot of change on hand. Many thanks.



- * Former Greenmeadows School student, Nicholas Jacobs for being appointed as Deputy Head Boy of Tamatea Intermediate
- * Levi Rice (Room 16) who won the opportunity to train with the Black Caps last week (was he the secret to them winning?!?)

CRICKET DRAWS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Friday 12 March

Year 3 and 4 team v Tech White

Nelson Park :: Pitch 2 :: 3.30pm

Saturday 13 March

A Grade v Porritt School :: Greenmeadows School

B Grade v Onekawa School :: Park Island :: Pitch 4

FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

If your child has developed a case of head lice and you have a community services card, a form can be obtained from the school office. Completing this form allows a family to purchase malathian headlice treatment for the prescription price only from the Balmoral Pharmacy.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

Have you ever thought about joining the PTA?

We are a group of parents and staff who meet once a month to discuss what we can do to help provide the resources we would like our children to have access to. We all have busy lives with work and family commitments so we aim to keep the workload to a minimum. If you can spare an hour or two a month to help support your children's school then we would love it if you would consider joining the PTA.

ROLL-ON SUNSCREEN:

Room 1 is selling handy roll-ons every Wednesday and Friday morning before school. The roll-ons are \$6 each with \$2 from each roll going back to the school.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Each year the PTA hold an Easter raffle. We ask each family to bring along an Easter egg, or similar, to school and place it in the box provided. We would really appreciate this if these could be delivered during the period of 15th to 24th March. From next week each child will be issued with one raffle sheet to sell. The sheets will have 10 tickets at a cost of \$1.00 each. We would really appreciate help in selling these tickets. Any unsold tickets can be returned to school. Also if anyone has unwanted baskets we can use to bundle the prizes we would gratefully accept these. Many thanks for all your support.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SHARED LUNCH:

The PTA will be running a Sausage Sizzle at lunch time on the last day of this term (April 1st). Parents and whanau are invited to come along to school for lunch. More details will follow soon.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday for morning tea and lunch. Lunch lists are available from the school office or the school website under the PTA tab.



WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

MARCH

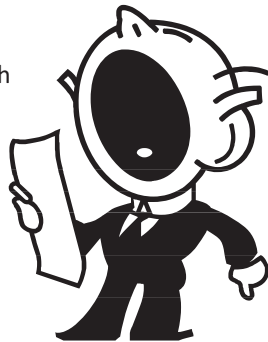
- 16 Room 15 to The Faraday Centre
- 17 Room 14 to The Faraday Centre
NZEI National Standards bus visits
Greenmeadows School
- 18 Room 16 to The Faraday Centre
- 22 Practice for swimming sports Years 4 to 6
Onekawa Pools
- 23 Room 13 to The Faraday Centre
- 25 Room 17 to The Faraday Centre
- 25 Greenmeadows School Centennial meeting
- 29 Swimming sports 9 - 12.00pm at Onekawa Pools

APRIL

- 1 Last day of Term 1
Sausage Sizzle shared lunch

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal



★ PRINCIPAL AWARDS ★

WEEKS 4-5 - TERM 1 2010

Room 1 Ashantae Hazel Alex Exeter	Room 8 Ella Cross Caitlin Gorringe	Room 15 Ethan Martin Tara Kearney
Room 3 Logan Bishop Marty Annas-Kopa	Room 9 Molly King Tegan Knowles	Room 16 Ethan King Joshua Keating
Room 4 Chaz Heke Abbey Hutchinson	Room 10 Lily Cameron Anna Durrant	Room 17 Zoe Morris Michael Howey
Room 5 Amber Single-Owens James Gerken	Room 12 Cory Evans Tyler Watts	
Room 6 Sage Norris Emily Hawkins	Room 13 Benay Clifton David Brown	
Room 7 Emilie Robb Sharn Gliddon	Room 14 Kelsey Dine Jaimee Sewell	



RETURN FORM - GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

YEAR 4 to 6 STUDENTS (Rooms 3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17)

My child/ren _____
has/have permission to travel to the swimming sports on 22nd and 29th March by bus.

Signed: _____



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL - SUN HAT SURVEY

Family Name: _____

1. Do you support Greenmeadows School adopting a standard 'uniform' hat? Yes No
2. If "Yes" for Question 1, which type would you prefer? Bucket hat Wide brimmed hat
3. Would you be prepared to pay \$12 for a school issue hat? Yes No

Any comments:



All forms returned by 12 March will go into the draw for a yummy prize. Please return to class teachers.