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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou

WEEK 9 ALREADY ...!!!!

The end of the term is racing towards us ... with just over a week remaining. There are plenty of things happening at school before the holidays and in the first few days of the Term 2. One event happening early next term is set for Tuesday 30 April when we will be having our annual Greenmeadows School ANZAC ceremony. This will be at 11.30am.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

We have had seven students start with us since the last newsletter. Welcome to Eli Bishop, Temperance Janmaat, Thomas Townsend, Vyom Rawat, Maya Nguyen, Rhys Morrell and Maddie Smith. This brings our roll to 451.

NOTIFYING PARENTS RE: HEAD KNOCKS

In the past we have telephoned parents or caregivers each time a child bumps their head, whether it be minor or serious. For Term 2 we are going to trial texting parents when their child bumps their head if it's a 'minor' bump. By 'minor' we mean that the child is not showing any symptoms of feeling unwell or in distress. If the child appears to be showing any signs of being concussed, confused or distressed, we will phone if we consider it to be more serious in line with the existing school practise.

LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

As with so many schools and organisations, the events last month in Christchurch have led us to review the policies we have for a possible 'lockdown'. A number of Hawkes Bay schools have been placed in a lockdown situation for various reasons in recent times. The police often make this decision and communicate this, although schools can choose to do so themselves. If a lock down was to happen at Greenmeadows School then parents and whanau need to work with the school. The school will attempt to provide notification details for parents if the situation allows it to. Otherwise staff will be doing everything they can to keep children out of sight and as secure as possible from any perceived threat. If we are placed in lockdown (and the chances are one day this will happen) then despite this potentially being an inconvenience we will adhere to any instructions given by the Police. In a coming newsletter we will publish our revised procedures for your reference.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS – 7TH JUNE 2019

Our school has Board elections coming up in Term 2. There are three parent representative positions coming up as vacancies. Nomination forms will be coming out in early May, and the voting process happening in June.

GMS PTA EASTER RAFFLE

Great to see so many raffle sheets being returned to school over the past few days. Please return all sheets that were sent out - whether you have sold the tickets or not. Remember there are a whole lot of prizes for children selling tickets. Please get all raffle sheets back to school by Monday 7 April.



If you are thinking about moving, let's work together to help both YOU and Greenmeadows School achieve a great result.

For every property that is listed and sold with us, we will give \$500 back towards Greenmeadows School for them to use to benefit your children. The next school trip, the new playground equipment - it could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.



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COIN TRAIL FOR CHRISTCHURCH FAMILIES

We raised \$607 with our coin trail on Wednesday 20 March. Thanks to our school community for this wonderful support.



USE OF ST MARY'S PARISH CARPARK

Our school is very fortunate to have access to the St Mary's Church car park as a drop off area for our students both morning and afternoon. The church authorities are happy to continue the understanding that Greenmeadows School families use this space. We need to ensure that we allow this goodwill to continue.

We ask that parents:

- do not park cars on any grassed areas around the church area
- please keep the access ways clear within the car park - sitting double parked just restricts other vehicles from getting in and out of the parking area
- keep the driveway areas in the car park free. A number of residents live off this car park and we do not want to block their access.
- follow the approach that if the car park is full, then please park on one of the neighbouring streets ... and accept, that sometimes, other people get there before you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCA GREVILLE-JONES

Congratulations to year 6 student Luca Greville-Jones who has been selected in the Hawkes Bay under 13 basketball squad for a tournament in the coming holidays. This is a great achievement - well done!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or www.gms.school.nz website for more details:

12 April	Last day Term 1
29 April	First day Term 2
30 April	Greenmeadows School ANZAC Ceremony 11.30am
1 st to 3 rd May	Totara class trips to Ranui Farm, Flemington
6 th - 27 th May	Pohutukawa Swimming - Check app for class swimming times

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues.

Value what holiday time you get in the coming weeks with your children. I wish you all a safe and happy Easter break.

Mark Johnson
Principal



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