



CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 7

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Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

Thankfully the days seem to have slowed down a little after the very BUSY start to our second term! The mood around school continues to be very positive - the children are really buzzing in their approach to school life and their learning.



ICT AT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

One very exciting introduction into our classroom programmes is the second set of laptops we now have for use throughout the school. The sixteen Netbooks have been up and running for a couple of weeks now and they are certainly getting a lot of use. We have also been able to get a more efficient wireless connection to our school server, which is making a very positive change. Our thanks are extended to Greenmeadows OSCAR and the Lion Foundation for providing over 60% of the funding for this project. Pictured is a senior maths group working on their 'Maths e-Portfolios' using the Netbooks. The photograph was taken using the camera installed into another Netbook.

In addition to this new COW ('computers on wheels') unit, in two weeks time we hope to have installed the first four interactive whiteboards at Greenmeadows School. We have some teachers who have been patiently waiting for a long time to get the chance to use this type of resource - and the wait is almost over! Supporting this, all our junior staff have been involved in the first part of some school-based training in using ICT in their classroom programmes. Exciting times for us all ...

SOCCER FIELD DAY

Last Thursday Greenmeadows School sent eleven teams to participate in the Year 5 and 6 soccer field day with other Taradale and district schools. It was a great afternoon of teamwork, skill and fitness that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to the parents who acted as team managers - we really appreciate you giving up your time.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Starting with us since the last newsletter are the following students: Asha-Lee Coombe, Isabella Davidson-Payne, Caleb Lamplough, Janelle Murphy, Jayme Pakoti and Joshua Smith. Welcome to you all.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

A reminder about the teacher only day on Friday 4 June (the day immediately before Queen's Birthday weekend). Children are not required to attend on this day.

BORROWED UNIFORMS

A number of the spare uniforms we have lent out have not been returned. If your child has brought home a GMS shirt or pair of shorts that have been borrowed, could they be returned to the office ASAP clean and in a bag. Many thanks.

PLASTIC BAGS

DO YOU HAVE A SUPPLY OF SHOPPING BAGS AT HOME?

The office would gratefully accept a bundle or two bags to replenish our supplies.



CARPARKING AT THE CHURCH

From time to time St Mary's Church contacts us with concerns about vehicles parking on the church property grass areas while waiting to pick up children at the end of the school day. They readily allow the Greenmeadows School community to use their car parking facility, but request that people only use the designated carparks. Please help us with this matter and do not park on the grass at the church. We appreciate the goodwill of the church, and want to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours.

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons will be starting at Greenmeadows School on Tuesday mornings. Lessons will be half an hour with two or three in a group. For further information and enrolling, please ring Sandra Roberts on 876 9261. There are also several spaces available for keyboard lessons on Fridays if anyone is interested in this - again contact Sandra for more details.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

The 'Come on the Bay' Disco held last Friday evening was a great success. We are so lucky to have our DJ (Mr Bloor) right here at school who is able to keep the crowds entertained for the three hours of disco fun. Thanks are also extended to the teachers and parents who were able to spend time helping run a fantastic evening.

NEXT PTA MEETING

This evening Wednesday 12 May starting at 7.30pm. We had a great turnout last meeting: thanks to all those who attended last time. We hope to see even more people along this evening as we prepare for the Quiz evening and the Hell pizza lunch later in June.

MATHS PROBLEM



This week's problem: In Ruby's Year 8 class there are 24 children. There are twice as many girls as boys in the class. **How many boys are there in the class?**

Answer from last time: 201 years

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

MAY

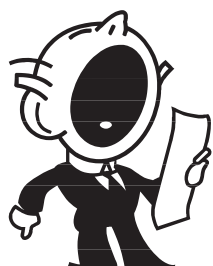
- 12 PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
- 17 Young leader's Day (Rotorua)
- 20 Art Deco Day: middles
- 24 Young Leader's Day (Wellington)
- 26 Kids for Kids: practice (9.30am) & concert (7.30pm)

JUNE

- 2 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 4 Teacher Only Day
- 11 PTA Quiz Evening (*more info to follow*)
- 16 Hell Pizza lunch fundraiser

JULY

- 2 End of Term 2



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Mark Johnson
Principal

★ PRINCIPAL AWARDS ★

WEEKS 2 & 3 - TERM 2

Room 1 Ivan Wu Rylee McIntyre	Room 9 Logan Gray Kayla Glentworth	Room 15 Hannah McIntyre Isobel Barretto
Room 3 Jessie Ireland Tiah Gibb	Room 10 Angelyn Zeng Brianna Hansen	Room 16 Charlotte Boyce Trent Randell
Room 4 Erik Bloomfield Kamoe Fabish	Room 12 Maddi Christensen Eryn Nel	Room 17 Paige Hunt Tiaki Fabish
Room 5 Kaylee MacKirdy Sophie Dodd	Room 13 Antonia Neville Luke Johnson	
Room 6 Chloe Narayan Pheobe Johnson	Room 14 Mithias Te Pou	
Room 7 William Marsden Charlie Mudgway		

