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Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*



The first 'official' day of winter ... and it certainly feels like it! Not only is it wet and cold, but there are large numbers of children (*and the odd member of staff*) who have caught winter coughs and chills lately. We urge those families with sick children to keep them at home, rather than 'soldier on' and come to school when feeling miserable - and run the risk of spreading bugs to others.

TERM 2 REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

The last week of this term is the time we have set aside for Parent Interviews and the sending out of the mid year reports.

Next week the school will send home a booking form for families to request interviews with your child's teacher. At the interview you will receive your child's report and have the chance to discuss the content with the teacher. Interviews will be fifteen minutes, an increase from the ten minutes allocated last year. You will notice a different format of report this time.

We have looked to include specific assessment information on your child, future learning steps for the learner and ways that families can support your child to continue to make progress.

NEW ENTRANT NUMBERS

Our school is really growing at the moment and we have had a large number of new entrant pupils enrolling over the past few weeks. For this reason we will be looking to employ another junior teacher before the end of Term 2 to help Mrs Currie and the children of Room 8. Our thanks to Hayley Jury who has been helping in Room 8 for the past weeks as a Teacher Aide supporting all the learning going on. Many thanks Hayley.



TEACHERS ONLY DAY

FRIDAY 4 JUNE

A reminder to all that this Friday is 'Teacher Only Day', so children are not expected to attend school. During the day staff will be focussing on the newly implemented New Zealand Curriculum which we have been using since the start of this year. I am sure many of you will take the opportunity to enjoy an extended Queen's Birthday weekend.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Last Friday, interactive whiteboards were installed into Rooms 1, 9, 14 and 15, as part of the school's programme of including more ICT into our learning programmes. Our thanks to the support of the Greenmeadows School PTA for their donation of \$3000 towards this project.

KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT

After weeks of dedicated practise and expert tuition from Mrs Millner and Miss Trubshaw, the children were able to perform in the big event last Wednesday evening with well known entertainer Suzanne Prentice. They all sang beautifully and were part of a great night's entertainment. Thanks to all the parents who supported their children by transporting the choir to the practise, as well as going along to hear the music and song.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

A lot of our teams are out enjoying their winter sports. The Greenmeadows Greensticks hockey side deserve a mention - our school team is unbeaten at this stage of the season, and have not yet conceded a goal. Keep it up team. Their next game is on Saturday 12th June, after a break over Queen's Birthday weekend. **Well done Greensticks!**

DENTAL CLINIC

The dental therapists have returned to Tamatea Intermediate having treated all the children here at Greenmeadows School. If you need to contact the dental clinic for an emergency ring 8444060.

NAPIER COMMUNITY FOODBANK BUS

On Wednesday 16 June the Napier Community Foodbank are having a bus visit Greenmeadows School at 10.30am as part of the 'Fill the Bus - Feed the Family' campaign. We are one of six schools being visited on the day. Children are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food to support the campaign - let's see if Greenmeadows School can be the most generous school the bus stops at!



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

We have two main activities in June:

1. HELL PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Tuesday 15 June

Order forms will go out next week for the pizza lunch in two weeks time. Keep an eye out for the notice which will be sent home on Tuesday 8 June.

2. PTA QUIZ EVENING

Friday 18 June

It will be held at the NOBM clubrooms at Park Island. Entries are coming fast as they always do for this annual event. Get your teams together - only \$10 person to be part of the fun.



BMX CLUB

Do you ride BMX? Did you use to ride, and are you or your children interested in BMX riding? Bike Hawke's Bay is keen to local interest in starting BMX Club here in Hawke's Bay. Register at www.bikehb.co.nz to show your support in starting a club or for more information phone Vicki - 845 9336 ext 743.

MATHS PROBLEM



This week's problem: When Louise put 25 golf balls in her bag, it was $\frac{1}{2}$ full. When Matt put 17 golf balls in his bag, it was $\frac{1}{3}$ full. When Nick put 12 golf balls in his bag, it was $\frac{1}{4}$ full.

Who had the largest bag?

Answer from last time: 8 boys

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

JUNE

- 2 Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 4 Teacher Only Day
- 9 PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 15 Hell Pizza lunch fundraiser
- 16 'Fill the Bus-Feed the Family' bus visit to Greenmeadows School
- 18 PTA Quiz Evening
- 28-30 Parent Interviews

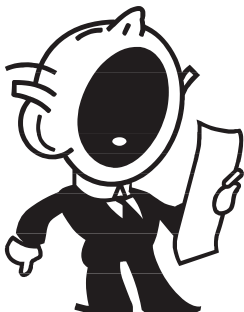
JULY

- 2 End of Term 2
- 19 Term 3 begins

AND FINALLY ...



Room 5 baked biscuits last week (delicious too!) - here they are enjoying them!



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Mark Johnson

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