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# CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

## WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

It is always a pleasure to welcome new students to Greenmeadows School and there have been more children start at our school over the past few weeks. We say a special 'hello' to the following: Jacob Towler, Sophie Towler, Tayla Sulusi, Nathan Kinsey, Jazmyne McKenzie, Tayla Tierney, Caleb Carlisle, Dylan Barron and Adam Barron. Our roll is currently 364.

## NEW ENTRANT TEACHER

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Sue Martin to our school. Sue has started last week as the new New Entrant teacher and she has been setting up Room 11 this week with our growing numbers of happy and smiling five year olds. Mrs Martin taught for the last term of 2009 in a similar role. Great to have you back, Sue!

## TERM 2 REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

The first thing to let you all know is that the online booking has been very successful. At this early stage we have more than two hundred interviews booked, with many families taking the opportunity to set a time using the link on our school website [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz). Bookings can be made online at any time up until Monday 28th June, or by returning the interview return forms sent out last week. If you have mislaid last week's newsletter about booking online, or sending back the return form, please contact the office for a replacement.

We urge ALL families to book a time to meet with the class teacher of your child - it is important to talk over the school report and have the opportunity to discuss the progress of each child for both parent and teacher. At the interview you will receive your child's report. A reminder that interviews will be fifteen minutes, an increase from the ten minutes last year.

**OUR AIM FOR GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL - 100% attendance at interviews.**

### Dates for interviews:

Monday 28 June (school closes 2.00pm)

Tuesday 29 June (school closes 2.00pm)

Wednesday 30 June (school closes at 3.00pm)

On the days that school closes early for interviews there will be supervision provided for children in the library.

## NAPIER COMMUNITY FOODBANK BUS

A reminder about the visit  
**TOMORROW** of the bus for the  
Napier Community Foodbank.

The bus is at Greenmeadows School from 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.



## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

**PTA Quiz evening - Friday 18 June NOBM clubrooms at Park Island.** We still have a number of tickets on sale. Get your teams together, or just come along for the night (there can be teams made up) - remember it is only \$10 person to be part of the fun. All money raised is going towards the Hall 'mini-make over' (including a new sound system, curtains and data projector) which is a very worthy cause. We are still after any contributions of prizes so if anyone can help the PTA with any donations this will be gratefully accepted. These could include vouchers from businesses or small goods such as hats, drink bottles, pens or even cash donations. It all helps!!!

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

A minimum of 10 orders must be received before it is viable for the manufacturer to process. **Please have your orders to school by this Friday at 9.00am at the latest.**

If there are enough orders they will be sent off otherwise we will have to wait until enough orders are received. All middles & senior children will need a uniform as these children will participate in some sort of sport/cultural activity throughout the year. Please fill out and return the form at the back of this newsletter.

**MATHS PROBLEM**

**This week's problem:** Whitcoulls are having a book sale with 20% off all their books. At the sale Jonni pays \$16 for his favourite Harry Potter book. What was the original (non-sale) price of the book?

*Answer from last time: Matt*

**CANTEEN:** A chest freezer is required for the canteen as the old one is unable to be repaired. Does anyone have one that could be donated or sold to us? Contact Kim in the canteen if you could help with this.

**A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY**

A report from Room 15's Claire Downey who was involved in the 'Meeting of the Minds' day last week:

"I'm here at the National Aquarium in Hawke's Bay. Children from years 4 - 6 have been entering the premises for about 30 minutes for the 'Brain Drain' at the Meeting of the Minds day. The Meeting of the Minds day is a time where kids are given the opportunity to mingle with the animals here at the aquarium. Nine schools have sent two students, except for GMS who managed to send 10 of their most talented pupils to come and enjoy what the aquarium has to offer. Students will be here for the next hour and forty five minutes doing activities like 'crossword search' where you have to go around the aquarium finding the animal's names and brain crossover exercises where you're crossing over the left side of your body with your right and more memory games to enjoy. With new and old exhibits they're sure to have a blast. This is Claire Downey reporting to you from Hawke's Bay's National Aquarium.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

*We are starting to receive information about holiday programmes including:*

1. Napier City Rovers Football Holiday programme from 5th until 8th July (Contact 8445846 or cityrovers@xtra.co.nz for more information).
2. Art Workshops for Children on the first week of the holidays - your choice of a 2 or 3 day course. Contact Ann Rafealov for more details on 8448068.
3. Kelly Sports are running an exciting HOLIDAY PROGRAMME called Sports Mad. Children from New Entrants to Year 8 can attend and it will be held on Monday 5th to Friday 9th July from 8:30am - 3:30pm at the Napier Tech Sports Clubrooms. Activities include: T-Ball, Netball, Unihoc, Indoor Cricket, Basketball, Soccer, Dodge Ball, Golf and plenty more!  
Get your registration forms or for more information visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or contact Donna on 8434219 or [donna@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:donna@kellysports.co.nz).

**Check out this magnificent poem from Lachie Calder - Room 15!****The Executioner**

Sitting in the waiting room  
You go onto the chair  
Begging, Pleading, Crying  
Knees trembling  
Your eyes widen as you see a towering giant  
No effect  
Heart pounding  
"Open wide"  
Process over  
The sound of screaming mixed with the squeal of the drill fills the air  
Deep breath, open mouth  
Terrible pain  
A small figure stumbles out, clutching his jaw and sobbing  
Quick as a flash  
Giant hands you a slip  
A forbidding voice says "next"  
Needle in, Needle out  
A death warrant  
It's your turn now  
Agony  
Another child arrives  
You sidle into the room, your head down  
Rinse and spit  
Knees trembling  
"Lie down here" the voice instructs  
The squeal of the drill once again fills the room  
Heart pounding

**GREENMEADOWS KINDERGARTEN FUNDRAISER**

An evening with Hawke's Bay 'Super Nanny' Joan Sye. This will be relevant to children aged 0 to 10 years. This will be held on Thursday 17th June from 7.00 until 9.00pm at the Greenmeadows School hall. Tickets are \$15 each, which includes wine and nibbles. Tickets are available from Greenmeadows Kindergarten between 8.30am and 3.30pm each day.

***A letter from the Greenmeadows School Centennial Committee:***

Greenmeadows School Centennial 1911-2011  
Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October 2011

Dear past Pupils and Staff,

The dates above are when our school will celebrate being in existence for exactly one hundred years. We would like you and your partners to be present to celebrate this milestone.

Greenmeadows School has had an unusual history. It started as a three classroom school, known as a 'side school' of Taradale Primary in 1911. Standard 5 and 6 pupils (now Year 7 and 8) went to Taradale School or Napier Intermediate, until 1958 when Taradale Intermediate came into existence. The growth over the past few decades of the Taradale and Greenmeadows areas saw the expansion of the school to what is today.

Our celebrations are being kept to a minimum, while allowing past pupils time to mix and mingle and meet up with other school mates. At this early stage the following is the plan for activities:

**Friday 30 September** - 'Open Day' at Greenmeadows School. School classes will be participating in various activities during the day. An evening function 'wine and cheese' event at a venue, yet to be decided. Speeches of welcome and a guest speaker, commencing early evening.

**Saturday 1 October** (exactly 100 years to the day of the opening of Greenmeadows School) - including: \* Roll Call \* Photographs \* Light lunch \* Archive display

The organising committee is asking for indications of those who may attend by asking them to email indications of registration to [100years@gms.school.nz](mailto:100years@gms.school.nz) or mailing the 'Centennial Committee'- Greenmeadows School, P.O. Box 5104, Greenmeadows.

***Please include the following:***

- Full name (including maiden name)
- Current address
- Years at Greenmeadows School
- Indicate whether Pupil and/or Staff member

**MAGPIES VISIT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL**

Recently we were treated to a number of the Magpies rugby team training on our school field at lunchtime. They did sprint raining a number of drills with many of the school watching them go through their practise session. After that they took on a team from Greenmeadows School in a game of 'Ripper Rugby' just winning by one try - a close game! This was followed by an autograph session, which was even more popular. Thanks to Grant Dearn for organising this enjoyable encounter.



Above left: Action from the Ripper Rugby contest between Greenmeadows School and a team from the Hawke's Bay Magpies rugby side. Right: Former Canterbury number 8 Mike Coman signs autographs after the game to a large crowd.

# WHAT'S COMING UP...

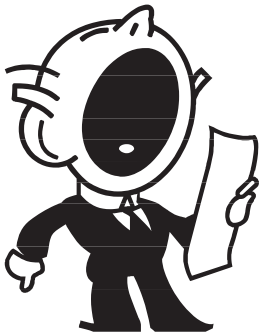
For more details look under 'School Events' on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz)

## JUNE

- 16 'Fill the Bus - Feed the Family' bus visit to Greenmeadows School
- 18 PTA Quiz Evening
- 23 Kiwi Sport Field Day - Year 5 and 6
- 28 Parent Interviews (school closes 2.00pm)
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## JULY

- 2 End of Term 2
- 19 Term 3 begins



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*Mark Johnson*  
Principal

# ★ PRINCIPAL AWARDS ★

## RECENT WINNERS OF OUR AWARDS INCLUDE:

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| <b>Room 1</b><br>Jacob Driver        | <b>Room 10</b><br>Devlin Petuha                 |
| <b>Room 3</b><br>Tane Thomas         | <b>Room 12</b><br>Oliver Burder                 |
| <b>Room 4</b><br>Natashia Jorgensen  | <b>Room 13</b><br>Tessa Cotter                  |
| <b>Room 5</b><br>Bryce Lott          | <b>Room 14</b><br>Olivia Thorburn               |
| <b>Room 6</b><br>Elena Guylott-Nepia | <b>Room 15</b><br>Dylan Barron<br>Briana Thomas |
| <b>Room 7</b><br>Ella Herekiuha      | <b>Room 16</b><br>Nanami Goto                   |
| <b>Room 8</b><br>Janelle Murphy      | <b>Room 17</b><br>Andrew Meybaum                |
| <b>Room 9</b><br>Lana Simes          |   |



## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - Sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

ITEM	SIZE	No. REQUIRED	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts			\$12.50	
Polo Shirts			\$13.50	
T- Shirts			\$13.50	
Crew Sweat Shirt			\$14.50	
Hooded Sweat Shirt			\$19.50	
Trackpants			\$14.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

