

# Newsletter – Week 5 Term 1

Greenmeadows School 4th March 2021

## Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou (Greetings to you all),

Here we are in a week of shiny new stuff ... a brand new newsletter format and an astroturf now getting full use after being opened on Tuesday afternoon.

Our thanks to Chad Tareha, Chairperson of the Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust, for coming to lead a karakia for the new structure. Our tamariki then sang a beautiful waiata before getting onto the court for the first time. Mr Sullivan shot the first two pointer into the hoop ... and we are now in action!

Next - to come up with a name for our new court area: watch this space!



**Chad leading the  
karakia**



**GMS Sing**

The children singing the waiata 'Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi'.



**We all fit!!**

The first time the school get under the shade canopy ...

## Our Newest Arrivals at GMS

We have had five new students start at our school these past ten days. We welcome Charli Ngatuere, Hunter Loch, Isabelle Ball, Michael Denard and Chandler Edwards-Doolan. It is wonderful to have you at our school! All the best for the years ahead.

We also have a new Teacher Aide join our staff. Mr Nathan Tweedy has started here and we welcome him to our staff. Nathan has taken the place of the amazing Mrs Sarah Townsend who is now working as supervisor at the Nelson Park OSCAR programme.

## **Tōtara Aquatics Programme**

The aquatic sessions at the Taradale Community Pool have gone really well ... 'outstandingly' to be accurate. Next week is the last week for the Year 5 and 6 children swimming and they finish on Friday 12 March.

We have trialled using the School's Out minivans to get us there and back, and this has been promising. When the Pohutukawa classes go swimming in Term 2 we are also contemplating using the vans again - but we need some drivers to assist. Would any parents be interested in driving a van? It involves driving from 9.00am until 12.30pm. Let the office know if you are interested in putting your name forward. Many thanks.

## **Level 2 Restrictions**

It is great to see so many parents supporting the Alert Level 2 restrictions when meeting and dropping off your children at the school gate.

For those of you that have to come into school, we appreciate seeing you scanning our covid tracer barcode which is displayed on the office door, the doors of several classrooms, along with all the entrance gates.

Hopefully we will return to Level 1 very soon ...

## **Mihi Whakatau for Families and Whanau - Monday 15th March 9.10am**

Now the astroturf is complete and open, we hope there is a drop in alert levels, so we can hold our rescheduled 'mihi whakatau'. This is to welcome all our new students and their whānau on Monday 15th. This will take place starting at 9.10am. New families and whānau to the school in 2021 are most welcome to be involved. More details next week.

Enjoy the rest of Week 5

Ka kite anō

Mark Johnson  
Principal/Tumuaki

# Hui for Māori whānau

## When

*Thursday, March 18th, 6pm*

## Where

*Greenmeadows School Staffroom Osier Road, Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand*

## More information

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend a Whānau Hui, on Thursday 18th March, starting at 6pm in the staff room to discuss your child's experiences at Greenmeadows School to date. We'd like to start a dialogue about aspirations for our akonga.

The purpose of the evening is to share with you, our whānau and rangatahi, the great work we have planned for 2021, and to continue to build this wonderful partnership.

We will aim to start at 6pm with kai at 6.15pm, in the staffroom.

Opening Karakia

Key staff introduce themselves and their whakapapa

Kai (pizza) & Whanaungatanga - staff, parents and students

Our shared aspirations for 2021 and beyond

Closing Karakia

For catering purposes, could you please email [admin@gms.school.nz](mailto:admin@gms.school.nz) or phone us with the approximate number of people who are attending. Your tamariki and other family members are all welcome. We would love to see you and your whanau in a few weeks time.

## PTA Easter Raffle

Brand new junior and senior playgrounds for GMS tamariki is the fundraising priority for The PTA!

With this in mind (and Easter around the corner) it is time for the annual Easter Raffle!



We would love and appreciate donations to make up as many Easter baskets as possible please! (All donations to be dropped off to the school office please).

Also, keep an eye out for your children's book bags on Monday 15th March. There will be further information/raffle tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support and getting another step towards the new playgrounds!

## School Canteen News

Reminder the school canteen is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Online orders only please as cash is no longer accepted. If you've ordered a juicie or a moosie online make sure your child knows' to come and collect it after eat time. Please ensure your child's correct room number is on Kindo. Thank you for supporting our school canteen.



For every property listed and sold, I will give \$500 towards Greenmeadows School for them to use to benefit your children. The next time they need library books, sports gear or IT equipment could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.

Debbie Dudding 027 306 6073

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## Upcoming Events

- **Week 9 - Good Friday - 2 - April - 2021 - school closed**
- **Week 10 - Easter Monday - 5 - April - 2021 - school closed**
- **Week 10 - Easter Tuesday - 6 - April - 2021 - school closed**
- **Week 11 - Last day of Term 1 - 16 - April - 2021**
  
- **First day of Term 2 - 3 - May - 2021**

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