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Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The roll at our school has reached 384 this week. Since the last newsletter we have had a number of new students start at Greenmeadows School. They are: Zara Ferguson, Nathan Stone, Jessica Joe-Harrison, Taine Harrison, Joshua Wright, Jonny Peninsula, Aimee Dodd, Maia Driver, Sophie Freeman-Pointon, Tasman Wallace and Aron Freeman-Pointon. Phew-what a list! A very warm welcome to you all - we hope you enjoy your introduction to Greenmeadows School.

We also welcome back Mrs Gregory who has been visiting family in Austria for the past four weeks, and enjoying the summer temperatures.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

In the past ten days we have had two nose to tail collisions on the Gloucester Street road crossing. In both instances the road wardens had not started duty and they were senior syndicate pupils who were in the island in the middle of the crossing. Thankfully no one was hurt and the pupils not upset. However it does highlight the dangers associated with our busy road crossings. For the students we have reinforced safe behaviour at crossings - and not assuming cars will stop. Educating the drivers of vehicles not to follow too closely and be aware of students could be necessary. Please help keep our children safe.

SPOONER SHIELD 2010

The Spooner Shield tournament is due to be held next Tuesday 10 August at Bledisloe School. In 2009 Greenmeadows School won the shield for the first time in many years, so we are looking to repeat the quality of performances again this year. The teams have been preparing for the tournaments of round robin games against the seven local primary schools also involved. The sports are netball (Year 5 and 6), hockey, football (boys and girls) and rugby. All the best to our teams.

If the weather or ground conditions do not allow the event to go ahead on time, the postponement date is Thursday 12 August.



TERM 2 REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS SURVEY

A reminder that we are seeking feedback on how effective our changed reporting and interview format has been. We are doing this with an online survey linked to our school website, which is open for the next two weeks. Thanks to those who have done so already - your feedback is appreciated and useful for us as we develop our end of year report format.



SWIMMING PROGRAMMES

The first two classes have their last day of swimming today (Wednesday). Rooms 6 and 7 start their swimming programme on Thursday 5 August, and this goes through until Friday 13 August. The next pair of classes who start their aquatics programme are Rooms 15 and 16 on Monday 16 August. The programmes have carried on the success of last year with the intensive swimming instruction being provided for all. Please ensure your children are ready for swimming each day their class is scheduled by having their togs and towels available.

LOST!

Missing since Tuesday 20 July is a red and silver coloured 'Razor' scooter. It is distinctive as it has no handle grips. If you have spotted this scooter please contact the office.

PTA NEWS

1. PTA meeting for August will be held Wednesday 11 August at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.
2. Our thanks to the following sponsors who supported the PTA quiz during Term 2.

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WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

AUGUST

- 4 Positive Puberty parents meeting 6.30pm
- 5 Rooms 6 and 7 swimming lessons begin
- 10 Spooner Shield
- 11 PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 12 Spooner Shield - postponement date
- 16 Rooms 15 and 16 swimming starts
- 24 Junior school cross-country
- 25 Junior school cross-country - postponement date
- 26 School production 'Peter and the Wolf'

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Middle and Senior school cross country
- 3 Middle and Senior school cross-country postponement date



Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal

★ PRINCIPAL AWARDS ★

TERM 3 - WEEKS 1 & 2

Room 1 Ella Walker Jacob Towler	Room 10 Ashton Hannah-Morris
Room 3 Tyler Payne Cedar Wairau	Room 11 Ella-Rose McOnie Claire Zhou
Room 4 Shacacia Wiggins Alexi Neville	Room 12 Kaytie Owen Maddison Christensen
Room 5 Jasmine Hawthorne-Gray Ethan Gilmour-Downes	Room 13 Molly Payne
Room 6 Max Johns Phoebe Johnson	Room 14 Madzsin Gliddon
Room 7 Sophia Gross Paige Hughes	Room 17 Jack Bennett Jack Wilson-Bramwell
Room 8 Isobella Davidson-Payne Jayla Buckley	Room 15 Brianna Sivewright Ryan Coburn-Vincent
Room 9 Claire Meybaum Bailee Sharp	Room 16 Emma O'Neill

