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Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa*

The final term is here

- summer on the way, and the busy term is upon us. Two short weeks in front of us with Labour Weekend coming up.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Greenmeadows School continues to grow - we have now exceeded 100 enrolments for the year. Welcome to Xavier and Jobe Kirby, Zara and Chantal Deverell, Alex Manning and Makaylah Jack who have all started at our school. It is great to have you as members of the Greenmeadows School community.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL HALL CLOSURE

During the 1960's a number of 'prefab' classrooms were built to cater for the rapid increase in school roll numbers that were expected at that time. Many of these buildings are found in Hawke's Bay and Gisborne area schools and no doubt many of you who attended school in these regions would have had some of your schooling in one of these types of classroom. These classrooms were intended to have a limited life (up to approximately fifteen years), but many are still in use in 2010, over forty years later.

Last year it was discovered that some (not all) of these prefabs had a defect in the ceiling that could cause a collapse in a strong earthquake and as a result a strengthening programme has been put in place. Rooms 12 and 13 at Greenmeadows School are examples of these types of buildings. The two classes have been worked on over the holiday break, and the strengthening is due to be completed this week. This project has been funded entirely by the Ministry of Education and is at no cost to our school. During the work an engineer visited the school to check on the progress in Rooms 12 and 13 and noticed that the Hall is also part prefab. Although the risk is very slight, safety of our students, staff and visitors we have in the Hall is the absolute priority. Therefore the decision has been made to close the school hall until temporary strengthening of the building can take place. The Hall is considered more of a risk than Rooms 12 and 13, which have strengthened previously. The timeframe for this has not yet been established. Hopefully the work will be completed quickly so we can use the hall again.

WALKING BUS

The walking bus resumes again this Thursday (weather permitting of course!). We will be taking the route down Auckland Road again this week before turning onto Bowling Road. All are welcome to join us from 8.05am onwards.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL READATHON - WHAT A SUCCESS!!!

Our school Readathon has been an outstanding success. Children involved in sustained reading for enjoyment and raising money at the same time - and what a total!

A massive total of \$5519.20 has been raised as a result of the Readathon.

This money will be spent on resources for the Library, and this will have a real impact on our stocks in this room.

Thank you for all your support.

The following children warrant mention...

Most money raised:

Juniors Ella Parnell - \$95.00
 Middles Phoebe Heays - \$70.00
 Seniors Aimee Hardie - \$103.00

Longest time reading:

Juniors Simran Bedi - 37 hours
 Middles Ashley Sheriff - 26 hours
 Seniors Tara Kearney - 123 hours



SENIOR CAMPS - WEEK 7 TERM 4

The Year 5 and 6 students received notices last week outlining their camps that are coming up at the end of November.



ICE CREAM CONTAINERS WANTED

If you have any spare plastic ice cream containers at home, the school could always use those you do not want at home. Many thanks.

SUNHATS

Sun hats were really the last thing to think about during last week's weather experiences, yet the brilliant sunshine on Friday and Saturday remind us of the need to have suitable headwear available for protection. Sun hats **must** be worn in the playground following Labour weekend for all students. Our survey earlier in the year supported the introduction of wide-brimmed hats to be worn at our school. Wide brimmed hats are strongly recommended for our students this year and will be required for all students from the beginning of 2011.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

OCTOBER

- 22 HB Anniversary Day (School Closed)
- 25 Labour Day (School closed)
- 29 PTA Disco

NOVEMBER

- 22 Camps for Year 5 and 6 students

DECEMBER

- 16 End of Term 4

FEBRUARY 2011

- 2 Start of 2011 School year

APRIL

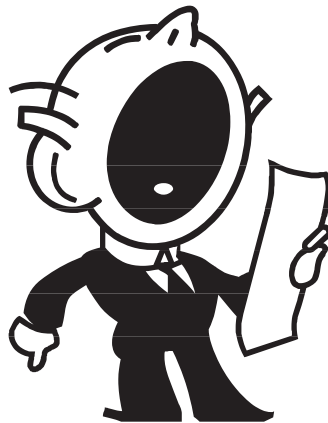
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PTA NEWS

HALLOWEEN DISCO - The date for this is Friday 29th October. Further details are attached to this notice. Please note the change of venue due to the work (earthquake strengthening) being done to our own school hall. Any and all help on the night would be much appreciated.

SUNBLOCK - Room 1 will be selling roll-on sunblock every Thursday and Friday morning from 8.30am -8.50am starting from Thursday 28th October. Roll-ons are \$6 each and \$1 from each sale goes to our school.

ART CALENDARS - The children have been working hard to create some beautiful artwork for cards and calendars. These make fabulous and affordable Christmas gifts for relatives. Keep a look out for the notices containing information and order forms which will be coming home soon.



Have a great HB Anniversary Weekend.

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson

Principal

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM ORDER

Child's Name: _____ Room : _____

Shirts \$13.50 each - Number required: _____ Size: _____

Shorts \$12.50 each - Number required: _____ Size: _____

TOTAL MONEY: \$ _____

SIZES AVAILABLE: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 or 16



NAPIER ATHLETIC CLUB

The athletics club meet every Wednesday evening at Marewa Park.

**Times: 3 to 9 year olds compete between 5.30 to 6.30pm
10 years and older between 6.30 and 7.30pm**

Registrations are taken every Wednesday. Come along and support your family get fit and have fun at the same time.
For more details see the club's website www.sportsground.co.nz/napierathletics

PALMERS GARDEN CENTRE

With spring in the air and lots of people getting into the gardens, remember we have an agreement with Palmers that will see our school receive 10 percent of all purchases go to the school for use in the gardens. You only have to mention Greenmeadows School when you go to the checkout.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO



Date: Friday 29th October

Venue: Greenmeadows Scout Hall

Goodies for sale on the night:
(Please bring some change)

- Drinks: \$1
- Glow Bracelets: 50¢
- Chippies: 80¢
- Torch Rings: 50¢
- Lollies: 50¢
- Glow Necklaces: \$2.00



Cost: \$2 entry fee

DISCO 1: YEARS 0, 1, 2 & 3

- 5.30 pm - 6.45pm

DISCO 2: YEARS 4, 5 & 6

- 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Please pick your child up from inside the Scout Hall promptly at the end of the Disco 1 at 6.45pm or Disco 2 at 8.30pm.

Children will not be released without an adult.

READATHON ACTIVITIES

1. Magpies Reading - pictured are Kahn Fotuali'i and Mike Coman who took time out from training last week to read to the whole school. Thanks guys - did the time relaxing with books help them play so well against North Harbour?!
2. Book Character Day is always popular at school and last Friday was no exception as the photos show:



INTERNET BANKING

Our bank account has changed to an ASB account.

Those of you paying into our account can pay into the following account: **12-3144-0207207-01**.

School camp fees or any other payments can now be paid directly into this account.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL OSCAR

The Annual General Meeting of Greenmeadows School Oscar will be held on Wednesday 3 November starting at 7.30pm. The venue is in the OSCAR rooms. All are welcome Nicola Brown, Secretary.

RED 'N' BLACK DAY

Let's show our support for Canterbury schools who were hit by another massive aftershock on Tuesday.

On Thursday 28 October we will have a 'Red' n' Black' dress day - just bring a gold coin. We will send our funds to the Hawkes Bay Principals Association who are forwarding the total raised to Canterbury schools.

