



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

A brief newsletter to get you up to date with some of the latest pieces of information - our final newsletter for the year will be published next week. Last week saw three very successful camps for the Year 5 and 6 students. Our sincere thanks to all the parents and staff who contributed to the very enjoyable time away at Rissington and Porangahau.

A lot of activities are planned for the next few weeks – and there are only ten days of school are left!!! We urge children to make sure notices and newsletters get passed on so families know what is happening—all students are heading out to various activities over the coming days.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Our school roll has grown to 405 children—the highest for several years. Since the last newsletter Cooper Fox and Katrina Rush have started as New Entrants, along with Shannon (Year 1) and Patrick Sawyers (Year 2), and Emmanuel Thomas (Year 3). A very warm welcome to you all.

HALL UPDATE

YES—some news ... and it is good news too! Although then ceiling strengthening programme has not been fully completed, (but will be over the next few days) we are now able to use our school hall. This means we can finally make some plans regarding events planned prior to the end of the year

1. 'One Bright Star' - our school production which will be held on Tuesday 7 December and Wednesday 8 December starting at 7.00pm in the GMS Hall. The performance will last approximately one hour. This will be a cushion concert, with some seats around the outside reserved for older members of audience. Entry is by gold coin donation.
2. Parents Thank You Morning Tea—will now be held on Friday 10 December starting at 11.00am. All parents who have been involved in assisting the school over the course of 2010 are most welcome. Please RVSP to the school office if you intend attending—this can be done so by returning the slip overleaf.
3. Year 6 Social—this will now be held on the second to last day of school Wednesday 15 December starting at 6.30 and finishing at 8.30pm.

END OF YEAR BREAKUP AND PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 16 December—a full school assembly will be held on the school field starting at 11.30am with a bell to assemble all the students from their classes. The prize-giving will be finished by 12.30pm.

CHECK THE START DATE FOR 2011

The 2011 school year begins on Tuesday 1st February. Or looking at it another way - less than two months away!!

JUNIOR SCHOOL END OF YEAR OUTING

Due to the fantastic response for parent helpers for our End of Year outing, it will be necessary for teachers to hold a ballot draw to determine which parents we can take as helpers. Space on the buses and in the movie theatre is limited with the numbers of children we now have in the junior syndicate. All parents are welcome to join us at Anderson Park for Kelly Sports and lunch (approximately 11.30 until 12.00pm).

Thank you for all the support and help throughout the year. The Junior staff wish you all season's greetings and happy holidays.

- Regards Kay Holst and the Junior Team Teachers

CRICKET DRAWS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday afternoon at Nelson Park

Greenmeadows A v Nelson Park School Pitch 8

Greenmeadows B v Napier TOB Pitch 5

Saturday morning 9.00am start Greenmeadows v Porritt at GMS (yes a rematch following last week's close game)

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz)

3 December	Road Wardens day at Splash Planet
7 December	PTA Meeting 7.30pm One Bright Star performance 7.00pm start
8 December	Junior School outing One Bright Star performance 7.00pm start
9 December	Board of Trustees meeting 4.00pm start
10 December	School Reports sent home Parent Helpers Morning Tea Final day for school lunch orders Peer mediator/House captain/School Council lunch treat
13 December	Senior school to Swim Heretaunga programme at Frimley Pool Middle School to Splash Planet
15 December	Year 6 Social -6.30pm start
16 December	School breakup and prize-giving (11.30am start) End of Term 4 (12.30pm)
1 February 2011	Start of 2011 School year
15 April	End of Term 1 2011

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA—FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

_____ will be attending the Parent Helpers Morning Tea on
Friday 10 December.

Please return by Wednesday 8 December 9.00am to the school office.