

Newsletter-No. 1

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

The new school year is upon us—and we have got straight back into learning! 2011 will be significant year for us all with our school turning 100 years old on 1st October 2011.

A special welcome to all our school families — whether you are returning families or those who are new to our school. Greenmeadows School has had a very large number of new enrolments over the holiday break. We have started the year with a roll of 362.- to give you a comparison we commenced with 330 pupils in 2010. Welcome everyone.

STAFFING FOR 2011

Our staff list for 2011 is as we planned. There is one slight change—as a result of Mrs Lubbe suffering a recurrence of her back injury which affected her start to last year. She is presently unable to start the year in Room 17. Her replacement until she is well is Ms Catherine Jurgens who has got this wonderful class up and running perfectly. We wish Johleen a safe and speedy recovery.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS / SYNDICATE MEETINGS

Next Tuesday 8 February each class teacher will be sending home a newsletter introducing themselves to families of the children in their class. Following on from this we will be holding two parent meetings on Tuesday 15 February in the Hall:

3.10pm a combined for parents of children in the Junior and Middle teams (Rooms 1 to 11))

3.40pm parents of children in the Senior team (Rooms 12 to 17)

All parents are encouraged to attend.

STATIONERY 2011

It is heartening to see so many children arrive at school this week with their stationery orders with them. If all children can have their stationery organised by the end of this week, that would be a great help. Taradale Paper Plus have our school stationery packs on sale at very competitive prices.

SCHOOL FEES

We have been getting a number of inquiries about the payment of school fees for 2011. We are changing our invoicing system this year and we will inform you in the next school newsletter about the way in which fees can be paid this year. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

Here is progress for you ... our attendance register is now on the computer. Teachers will no longer be marking a paper roll, but entering attendance into a database. For this to work effectively, we need to have the data entered promptly after 9.00am. Children need to be at school by the bell to be marked as present. It is always good practice to have them here in time to be organised and settled before school begins anyway. Please contact the absence line by phone if your child is away—before 9.00am.

SUN HATS

All children are required to wear a sun hat when coming to school during Terms 1 and 4. You are able to choose your own hat but these must be wide brimmed hats that provide cover for the whole head including ears and back of the neck. Baseball caps do not provide this degree of sun protection. Postie Plus and the Warehouse are two shops that sell dark blue coloured hats that fit perfectly with our school uniforms.

NEWSLETTERS FOR 2011

All children have been given this newsletter as an introductory edition for the year. For the remainder of 2011 newsletters will be given to the oldest child in each family. This is a change from previous years when the **youngest** in each family received the newsletter. We are changing our routine in the hope that more newsletters will make it home. Time will tell if this is to be successful ...!

ASSEMBLY — This Friday we will have our first school assembly for 2011, starting at 12.20pm.

CANTEEN NEWS — The canteen will be open from next week on Wednesdays and Fridays.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

The PTA have their first meeting for this year on Wednesday 9 February. This meeting will start at 7.30pm and is held in the school staffroom. We welcome any new parents to come along—it is a great way to meet new people and contribute to the school. A key topic of discussion will be our planned twilight Food Fair which we intend to hold during a Friday evening in March—we need a lot of help to make this event the success we are aiming for.

KELLY SPORTS—TUESDAY AFTERNOONS YEAR 1 to 4

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term. 'It will commence on Tuesday 22 February. Multisport madness' is designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. For those who have never joined a club before it gives them the confidence to give sport a go. For those already playing sport they get the opportunity to improve their skills for the summer and winter seasons. To enrol please fill in the registration form (available from the school office) or contact Craig Findlay on 8434219 or craig@kellysports.co.nz

ZUMBA

Classes are being held in the Greenmeadows School Hall each Tuesday evening starting at 6.30pm. All are welcome. A small charge applies to be involved in this great activity.

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

9 Feb	PTA meeting held in the staffroom starting 7.30pm—all welcome Greenmeadows School canteen reopens
12 Feb	Saturday morning sports recommence
15 Feb	Parent meetings for syndicates in the Hall
16 Feb	Board of trustees meeting 5.30pm

Have a great remainder of the week.

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal