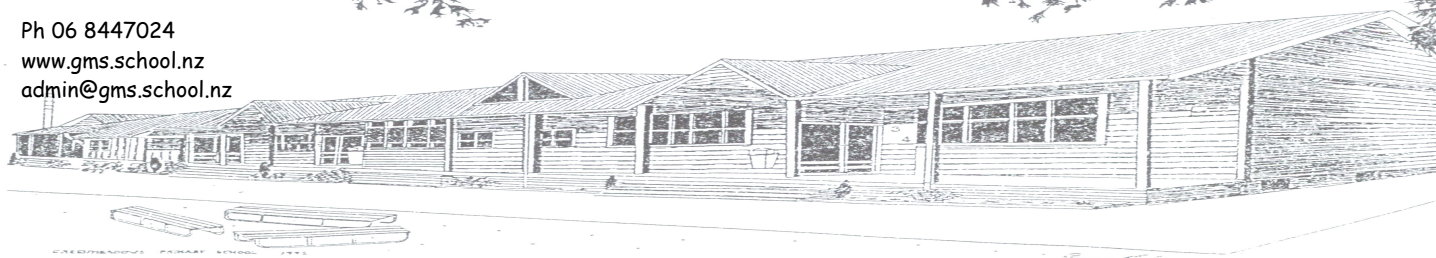


GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The end of the second term sees our school involved in a range of reporting to parents. This includes:

- Mid-year reports which are being sent home on Wednesday 24 June. These reports give a summary of each child's progress to date. Families are able to retain the copy of the report.
- Parent interviews scheduled for Monday and Tuesday next week. Booking forms for reports are available for all families and we encourage all parents to take this opportunity to speak to the teacher of your child. Teachers will be allocating interview times on Friday, so return the forms on Thursday to book an interview time.
- Book viewing is able to be done over the weekend when children's books are sent home this coming Friday.

We urge parents to be involved in discussions with your child about the progress they have made to date, as well as learning goals for the future.

To allow us to fit in as many parent interviews as possible, school will finish at **2.30pm** on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June. If you are unable to collect your child until 3.00pm supervision will be provided until this time.

INFLUENZA A 'SWINE FLU' INFORMATION

With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around NZ, our school is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back home. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole school could be closed for a week. The Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand. If there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the Ministry of Health Healthline 0800 611 116.

KELLY SPORTS

Due to many requests, Kelly Sports will be offering their after school programmes in Term 3 to Years 5 and 6 students as well as Years 1 to 4 students as they have been doing. Next week all children will have the opportunity to get more information on this if required. Kelly Sports staff will take all classes in the school for a half an hour session on sports next Thursday.

PTA QUIZ

There are only about twenty tickets left for Friday night's quiz. These can be purchased from the office. Registration time for the quiz is 6.30pm with the first question at 7.00pm. The PTA have been donated a mountain of prizes for the night—it will be a lot of fun. See you there!!!

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

All New Zealand schools are preparing for the launch of the new New Zealand Curriculum from the start of 2010. The new curriculum has a new focus in that it requires schools to consult directly with the wider community especially in relation to the school's vision and core values. Greenmeadows School has undertaken a lot of preparation for the new curriculum and want to give community members the opportunity to give us feedback. The following are our school's key statements:

Our Vision: Learn—Grow—Achieve

Our Mission: To provide an enriching learning and teaching environment—where children and staff can Learn—Grow—Achieve to their fullest potential.

Our Core Values:

1. *Child-centred programmes = success for all children*
2. *Literacy, Numeracy and the Key Competencies are our core academic business*
3. *Belonging—everyone is in a team and every team contributes to make learning happen here*
4. *High expectations and standards for excellence, perseverance, school environment, social interactions*

5. *Innovating—we trial new ideas and technology, make adaptations and keep what works*
6. *Balancing planning and assessment with an emphasis on preparation to provide a quality learning programme that serves the best interest of the child*
7. *Nurturing positive partnerships between school and family—collaborating with our learning community and involving them in the life of our school*
8. *Children, staff and parents work and play together in an environment that is safe, fun, welcoming and their own.*

Our Value Set:

We hold these personal values dear and develop them in our children. We really believe these things and live them everyday in our teaching and learning:

<i>Respect</i>	<i>Co-operation</i>	<i>Excellence</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>	<i>Perseverance</i>	
<i>Compassion</i>	<i>Integrity</i>	<i>Independence</i>	<i>Innovation</i>	<i>Diversity</i>	
<i>Good Manners</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Equity</i>	<i>Commitment</i>	<i>Self-Esteem</i>	<i>Participation</i>
<i>Curiosity</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>	<i>Confidence</i>	<i>Inquiry</i>	<i>Collaboration</i>	<i>Honesty</i>

Your feedback on the school's vision, mission and core values is welcomed and can sent back to us on the return slip below.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

26 June	PTA Quiz—NOBM clubrooms	29 June	Parent interviews—Day 1
30 June	Parent interviews—Day 2; BoT meeting 5.30pm	1 July	Storyteller 'The Gardner' visits
2 July	Kelly Sports PE sessions for all classes	3 July	Term 2 ends
20 July	Term 3 commences		

Have a great week. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Josie Boyd Michael Howey
Room 2	Mia Peninsula Justin Cheung
Room 3	JD Thorby-Reid Levi Rice
Room 4	Finn Durrant Daniel Zverev
Room 5	Alissa Downes Aaron Robinson
Room 6	Ben Ireland Awatea Winterburn
Room 7	Ella Walker Ashley Bayley
Room 8	Ella Ford Luke Westphall
Room 9	Jared Kinsey Olivia Rowley
Room 10	Coby Price Olivia Henry
Room 11	Ella Parnell Emily Watts
Room 12	Max Johns Lucy Cairns
Room 14	Peter Lafferty Calvin Herbert
Room 15	Noah Callaghan Darius Lake
Room 16	Monica Wiig Nickayla Matthews
Room 17	Jade Chan Jaimee Sewell
Also	Room 2—Aimee Hardie

Weeks 7 and 8 —Term 2



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT (please return to the school office by end of Term 2)

Your feedback on our school vision information: _____

Name: _____ Classroom of eldest child: _____