



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

**WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL**

We welcome twelve new students to our school, including three who have relocated this week from Christchurch. The following children have started at Greenmeadows School since our last newsletter:

Emma Anderson	Nicholas Brady	Georgia Brown	Leila Burder
Caleb Dingle	Pearce Newman	Jesse Severinsen	Rhys Severinsen
Joshua Pyott	James Symon	Noah Symon	Riva Waiariki

A warm welcome to you all.

**CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT**

The last week has been dominated in so many ways by the devastating earthquake in Canterbury. Greenmeadows School aims to do all it can to help families who have been affected both in Christchurch and through New Zealand. If any of our school community have family or friends from Christchurch with school-aged children and they need a break, we are able to accommodate temporary placements at our school. We have also scheduled a couple of activities this week to show our support for the Christchurch community that we encourage all our students to get involved with. These are outlined below.

**1. Red and Black Day - Friday 4 March**

Wear red and black to school on Friday to show your support—we are having a coin trail as well (it doesn't have to be just one coin, or just 'coins' either ...). Our aim is to top donations of \$1000. can we do it?

**2. Pet Food Collection up until Wednesday 9 March**

Schools in Hawkes Bay have been asked to contribute to a stock of pet food for distribution in Canterbury. Cans or packets of **dry** food for cats and dogs are being collected up until Wednesday 9 March for storage and then transportation to the South Island. Can you help support this cause—the SPCA has been inundated in Christchurch and a large donation will be very helpful to them.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thanks to those who have paid their fees to date, either by internet banking, or by payment directly to the office. Our new invoicing system is working well—thank you for your cooperation. Remember the 10% discount on school fees that applies until the end of Term 1.

**GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS YEARS 4 to 6 Thursday 3 March**

The students in Years 4 to 6 will be involved in the swimming sports. All Year 4 to 6 students need to come prepared to swim, including those who forgot their togs on Monday for the practise and heats. All will be able to be entered into races during our finals day.

**HOCKEY TEAM COACH REQUIRED**

With winter approaching, we are starting to organise Saturday morning sports teams. We are looking for a keen person to take on the coaching role for this team. This role could be shared. If anyone is available or wishes to find out more, please contact Mrs Holst in Room 10.

**GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CRICKET DRAWS THIS WEEK:**

Friday Year 3 and 4—a bye

Hardball team—v Reignier at Greenmeadows School on Friday 3.15pm **Note change of day!**

**MANCHESTER UNITY BANKING**

Our banking day is going to change to Thursday from next week.

*Greetings from the Board of Trustees,*

*The Board has remained unchanged since the end of 2010. The Board has a full compliment of energetic and focused people. If you have any suggestions or feedback regarding the school governance or direction please feel free to contact any of the Board members. We are shortly to have our next meeting of the 2011 year and thought it appropriate to update the school community on what business the Board has been working on.*

*The Board is/has been working through the following key areas:*

- 5 and 10 year property plan. This is a key area of the school planning and the likely property requirements and resources needed to ensure Greenmeadows campus is maintained and appropriate for our students to learn and be safe. As these only occur every 5 years it is a key factor in the planning cycle of the school.*
- The Greenmeadows policies and general school governance has been migrated onto a new platform that will allow more consultation and transparency with our school community and is imminent of being live. Once live we will advise through the newsletter and on the school website as to what policies are being reviewed. This will allow you, as the schools partners and stakeholders, to have input into the direction of the school and the general governance.*
- Implementing the budget and ensuring that targets areas for resource allocation is occurring.*
- Heart of the School project finalization and preparing for approval and commencement. We will be looking to wider school community to assist with materials to achieve a successful outcome of this project.*
- Curriculum reporting, analysis and goal setting to allow the Board to identify areas of need and allocate resources. This is an ongoing monitoring and review process within the board.*

*We are aware that 2011 will be another busy and full year at Greenmeadows School with many opportunities. The Board of Trustees will endeavor to have Greenmeadows School well positioned to take best advantage of any opportunity that will further enhance our students and staff learning experiences.*

*We look forward to your support for the journey through the 2011 year.*

*- Boyd Gross - Chairman*

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA**

FOOD FAIR FRIDAY 25 MARCH—Our major fundraiser for the year is drawing closer: take the whole family out for tea that night ... and come to Greenmeadows School. More details are to follow soon—it should be a marvellous feast we enjoy!! Reminder about the planning meeting this evening at 7.30pm—any interested parents and new helpers are most welcome.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz))**

3 Mar	Greenmeadows School swimming sports Onekawa Pools 9.30am start
9 Mar	Rooms 12 and 13 commence swimming programme Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees meeting
25 Mar	Greenmeadows School PTA Food Fair 5.00pm to 8.00pm

The school wide focus on managing our waste and protecting the environment is in full swing at present. Keep an eye out for notices specific to you child's classes regarding trips and activities related to this theme.

Finally our best wishes to the two healthy and long awaited 'school' babies who arrived last week. Camryn Gibbs is a new addition to the household of Marty and Ange Gibbs, while Angela Young and Todd Dallimore are the proud parents of Will Dallimore. Congratulations to all!

Have a safe and happy week.

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

**Principal**