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CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*



AMAZING EFFORT!

The memory of our very successful Food Fair held last Friday night is still strong. Congratulations and sincere thanks to Saemone Fraser and her very dedicated team of so many parents and staff members who helped make this evening such a success. Thanks are also extended to all those parents who came along to be involved in a wonderful event. Sensational support for Greenmeadows School!!

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Four new enrolments have joined our school over the past two weeks. They are Vinslea Laalaai, Enosh Yong, Tabitha Francis-Thickpenny and Acacia Cheer. Welcome to Greenmeadows School. We now have 375 pupils at school.

WASTE AWARENESS UNIT

The school's focus on environmental education and awareness of the need to think about future waste management has seen the children of the middle and senior teams involved in their third trip outside of the school this term - phew, BUSY!!!.

Having visited the Omarunui Landfill, the Aquarium and currently All-Brites recycling centre the children are getting the opportunity to see the impact and issues associated with waste in our local community. Thanks to all those parents who have been able to support our trips by accompanying the classes involved.

Pictured we have a photograph members of Room 4 taken on their trip to the recycling centre last week. What an enormous plastic bag mountain behind these children.



INVOICING

Thank you to those of you who have been providing us with payments generated by the first invoices sent out earlier this term. Those of you who have been paying by internet banking have helped make the process smooth - although we will still be able to collect cash from those who prefer this! Please check the account you have put the amount into is our new account at ASB, and not the Westpac account we operated last year. The account number is on your invoice - all families will receive a new invoice/statement before the end of this term.



CONSENT FORMS

In the last newsletter mention was made about a new permission consent form for trips and activities outside of school which will be circulated soon. This permission form will be backed with another permission form - one that will give consent for your child's photograph and their first name to appear in the newsletter. We have been putting photographs of student activities into the newsletter for the past few years, without including the full names of the students. We need to ensure that families are comfortable with this situation. These will be sent out before the end of term.

MOBILITY PARKING

Please do not park in the disability park outside the school unless you are legitimate user of mobility parking spaces.



**PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- CAN YOU HELP?**

1. Hockey coaching: We are still in need of a hockey coach for the coming season. There are a couple of teachers able to support the team and organise the children on game days - if we had a keen person (or people) who have experience in coaching hockey that would be of assistance. Contact Kay Holst in Room 10 if you interested.

2. Extension programmes: We are building our data base of community members who could support some small group extension activities of about 4 to 6 weeks. Do you have an area of interest that we could harness around a small group of students? Just some examples in the past have included: *Ukelele - digital photography - painting charcoal sketching - chess*

If you have some interest you are willing to share, feel free to can contact our coordinating teacher, Linda Dallimore by email lindad@gms.school.nz or directly at school.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

The following are the placegetters in the 2011 Greenmeadows School swimming championships:

Year 4 boys	1st Chaz Heke	2nd Andre Allan-Wright	3rd Adam Barron
Year 4 girls	1st equal Natashia Jorgensen/Ashleigh Sherriff		3rd Ellie Watts
Year 5 boys	1st Warner Dearnis	2nd Jack Wilson-Bramwell	3rd Blake MacKirdy
Year 5 girls	1st Emma Symons	2nd Mia Peninsula	3rd Mia Pemberton
Year 6 boys	1st Tiaki Fabish	2nd Michael Howey	3rd Amos Plumpton
Year 6 girls	1st equal Molly Payne/Paige van der Meent/Francesca Gross		



WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.

SPORTS UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for the school shorts and shorts that your child may be in need of for the winter sports about to become involved in during Term 2. Please return this form to make an order by Wednesday 6 April so we can put an order in for clothing to be made.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

International TAEKWON-DO

Starts Wed 6 April Greenmeadows School Hall.

General class 6.00pm - 7.30pm, Mon & Wed (includes adults)

Mini kids (5-7 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm, Mon only.

FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSONS - Family discounts available.

Run by experienced, mature, internationally qualified instructors.

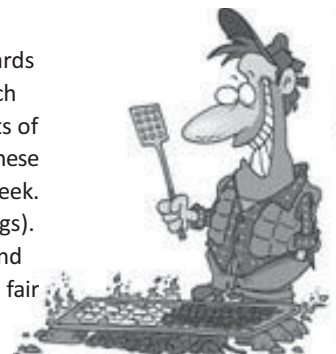
Check out <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/> or phone 021 032 3289.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA -'FOOD FAIR'

This was a great success! A huge thank you to all our amazing helpers and supporters on the night. Without each and every one of you we would not have been able to put together such an amazing evening.

TOGETHER, WE RAISED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

This money will be used to go towards the purchase of another set of much needed net books. We still have lots of bags of crisp, juicy apples left over. These will be for sale from Room 15 this week. Apples are \$3 per bag (approx 3.5kgs). Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to making the food fair an annual event! - *The GMS PTA*



MANCHESTER UNITY

A reminder about the weekly school banking we have operating throughout the year. Our school banking day is Thursday.

SUMMER SPORTS HAVE NOW ENDED

Thanks to all our team coaches and supporters who got behind our children in their sport. Our teams made some fine progress over the second half of the season in t-ball, miniball and cricket. Well done - impressive stuff everyone.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS



WEEK 7 AND 8- TERM 1 2011



Room 1

Nicholas Brady
Liam Houliston

Room 2

Jack Bowers
Xavier Kirby

Room 3

Riley Johnston
Jackson Haines

Room 4

Chloe Narayan

Room 5

Luke Tibbitts
Lydia Carson

Room 8

Amelia Murphy
Ethan Christie

Room 9

Peyton Hays
Ireland Kelly

Room 10

Kyran Walls
Charlie Stewart

Room 11

Kaitlyn Barra
Asha Penn

Room 12

Alister Goody

Emma Symons

Room 13

Paige Hunt
Scott Coombe

Room 14

Juanita Bilton

Room 15

(Absent both weeks—Swimming)

Room 16

Blake MacKirdy
Elliot Hendry

Room 17

Ivan Wu
Alex Exeter

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

MARCH

31 Junior trip to the Ahuriri Estuary

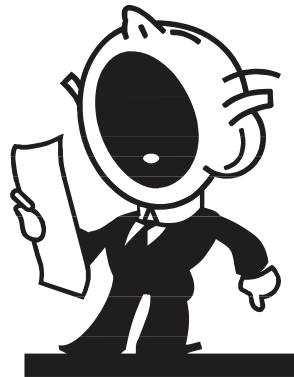
APRIL

13 Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm

15 End of Term 1

MAY

2 Start of Term 2



Have a safe week.

Mark Johnson

Principal



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

ITEM	SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)	NO REQ'D	COST	TOTAL COST
Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	_____	\$13.50	_____
Sports shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	_____	\$12..50	_____
		_____		TOTAL \$ _____

Child's Name: _____

Home phone: _____