



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Our second term has started out very positively as we welcomed everyone back to school yesterday. Several new enrolments had their first day at Greenmeadows School – we welcome Tayla Lee, Jayden Cairns-Cheek, Dana Hogg and Grace Henricksen to our school.

Mrs Anna Murphy has started teaching in Room 8 alongside Mrs Wendy Currie for the next few weeks,. As a number of New Entrants enrol over the course of May, Anna will take her students to Room 7 and establish this learning space as a classroom.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION - THURSDAY 5 MAY 12.20pm

In the final newsletter of Term 1 it was mentioned we would be having an ANZAC commemoration today (Tuesday 3 May). Since that notice was written, arrangements have changed and this ceremony will now be held at school on Thursday 5 May starting at 12.20pm. Children are asked to bring a flower (if they can) to school on Thursday to lay at our school flag pole as we commence our ceremony. Children are also asked to bring a coin for a collection Greenmeadows School takes up each year and then presents to the Taradale RSA. Coins can be brought to school on Thursday morning.

PMP PROGRAMME

Our school PMP programme started today. This series of activities focuses on developing a range of physical and language skills for children of all ages, although predominantly junior students are involved. Very capably coordinated by Kirsten Martin, the programme is enhanced by all the parents who help run activities – a real community effort!

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

The Life Education caravan arrived at Greenmeadows School last evening and the programmes for junior and middle classes commenced today. We welcome the educator, Anne Jamieson, and Harold back to Greenmeadows School.

EOTC AND NEWSLETTER CONSENT FORMS

The majority of the consent forms sent out late last term have been returned – thanks to those families who signed and returned this form. Well done to Rooms 4, 5 and 14 for being the first classes to have all their forms returned. We require each form to be sent back – spare copies are available from the office if you have misplaced your forms.

THANKS TO THE GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

The profits from the very successful Easter raffle has been put towards immediate use—and the school now has new digital video recorders and a new digital video camera. Thanks to all who got behind this raffle. The profit raised was \$2864.30 – an amazing amount from chocolate!!!

More thanks to our PTA – today we have had installed air conditioning for the Hall. The support for this has been provided courtesy of funding from the PTA. This is a long awaited development for our school and is another part of our makeover for the Hall. Many thanks PTA!!!!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1. KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School starting in week 2. WINTER SUPER SPORTS 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 children already playing sport it gives them an extra chance to improve their skills for the winter seasons. To



enrol please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Craig Findlay craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

2. HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

Classes continue this term with a new drama teacher — Janet Mackness from 3.30pm on Wednesday afternoons. Phone 8356482 for more information.

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

5 May	Greenmeadows School ANZAC observance— including a coin collection
11 May	Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
19 May	Year 5 and 6 Soccer Field—Park Island (postponement 26th May)
3 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY no school — (makes a four day Queen's Birthday break)

Finally two great pieces of children's writing:

JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT

OUTSIDE, THE NIGHT IS GLOWING AND SPOOKY AND DARK
THIS MOON HAS A GLOWING FACE. JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT
THIS KIWI HAS A SHARP BEAK. JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT
THIS BAT HAS BLACK WINGS. JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT
THIS STAR HAS A GLOWING VIEW JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT
THIS OWL HAS BIG EYES JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT
INSIDE, MY HOT WATER BOTTLE IS. JUST RIGHT FOR THE NIGHT
LIAM HOULISTON ROOM 1

SADNESS

SADNESS IS BLUE.
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR HEART BREAKING.
IT SMELLS LIKE ONION.
IT TASTES LIKE YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD RUINED.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE LOST YOUR FRIENDS.
IT FEELS LIKE WHEN YOU CAN NOT FIND YOUR MUM OR DA IN A SHOP.
JAMES GERKEN, ROOM 4

Have a great week. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

	Room 1	Swimming—no certificate	Week 11 — Term 1 2011
Room 2	Ivy Wu	Room 3	Jaime Kinder
Room 4	Simran Bedi	Room 5	Ella Ford
Room 8	Emma Anderson	Room 9	Nathan Kinsey
Room 10	Giana Weeks	Room 11	Ella-Rose McOnie
Room 12	Logan Bishop	Room 13	Nick Wall
Room 14	Tyler Watts	Room 15	Michael Howey
Room 16	Joshua McKenzie	Room 17	Lochlan Collins

