



CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO. 8

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Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Our winter sports teams are all starting up, we now have the heaters on in the morning, and the wind has cleared virtually all leaves from the trees - it is that cold time of year again. The children have made a great start to the second term and classrooms are full of energetic and engaged learners being led by their refreshed and very capable teachers. Our school focus on ICT is seeing ever increasing use of computer technologies to support learning in all areas, and some very exciting stuff is going on. Roll on Term 2.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ROLL

Our roll has today reached 383 students. At the same time last year we had 353 on our roll, so we basically have another full class of children at school (*with the same number of teachers*). The roll of 383 is also more than the **end of year** rolls for several years before 2010. At the end of last year we made some decisions about changing the structure of the teaching teams within the school. This roll growth was predicted at the end of last year when looking at our numbers of new entrant pupils due in for 2011. To manage these extra numbers of students so there was actual classroom space for all, the decision was made to include the Year 4 students as part of the senior syndicate for 2011 and relocate these students into the Rooms 12 to 17. These rooms are physically larger than the middle school classes (*Rooms 1 to 4*) and numbers in the senior school had to average around 28-30 students to give us space throughout the school. We also did not want the junior syndicate to get too large (*last year they finished with eight classes*) so realigned the junior classes to be the Year 1s and some Year 2 students, which would grow to six classes by the end of 2011. The middle syndicate of five classes this year is made up of the majority of the Year 2 children and the Year 3s.

Had we not realigned the syndicates we would now be starting to run out of teaching space. Our school site as it exists caters for a maximum of 420 students, yet we would have been stretched for room over the second part of this year had we kept the structure of year groups as they were previously. Our approach has worked for this year and we are seeing the benefits of this reorganisation. Late in Term 3 we will start looking closely at the enrolment indications for 2012, and then look at the best options to organise the school for the following twelve months.

Welcome to the following new entrant students who have commenced at our school to start their school learning journeys: Clara Newman, Jayden Field, Anthony Hatchard, Draylon Daley, Liam Tane-Foulds and Brooker Senior. We know you will all enjoy the Room 7 team and look forward to watching you all thrive in your learning.

We also welcome Miss Stacey Baxter and Miss Cassandra Kingi who are on placement at Greenmeadows School as part of their teacher training. They are in Rooms 4 and 13 respectively.

HALL AIR CONDITIONING

The air conditioning in the hall is now fully installed and operational, and already making a difference to the temperature. Thanks again PTA!

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CHARTER

Each year the school's Charter gets updated and the Board of Trustees currently have available copies of the 2011 version which has gone through the review process. Please enquire at the office you would like to see a copy and have the opportunity to provide feedback.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Students will not be required to attend school on Friday 3 June as this will be a Teacher Only Day.

This day falls immediately before Queen's Birthday weekend, so will allow a long weekend for some.

SPORTS UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for the Greenmeadows School shorts and shorts that your child may need for the winter sports on over the course of Term 2. Please return this form to make an order by Monday 23 May so we can put an order in for clothing to be made.



PTA AGM AND MONTHLY MEETING

The evening of Wednesday 18 May will see meetings for the PTA being held in the staffroom. The AGM will be held starting at 7pm and is then followed by the monthly meeting. All new members are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

NAPIER FAMILY CENTRE

Napier Family Centre has a number of different courses on offer this term. Phone: 06 843 7280 or visit them online at www.napierfamilycentre.org.nz

WILLIAM COLENSO COLLEGE'S 21ST BOOKSALE

GREAT BOOKS available at great prices! 11 June (9 am - 5 pm)

and 12 June (9 am - 12 noon) in the school hall in Arnold Street. Books of all kinds - great children's section - music - magazines - puzzles - games - DVDs ... **Come and see!**

ACTIFUN HORSE & PONY RIDING STABLES

We are researching setting up teaching and trekking at Maraekakaho and the Napier RDA indoor arena. I have been matching people with ponies for 18 years. It is fantastic fun and character building education. I am looking for expressions of interest from everyone interested in attending regular lessons classes or doing trekking. Everyone that responds to this letter before the end of June 2011 will get a 1st play session for free. Have a look at our website www.actifun.co.nz. Phone Moira 027 325 5665 or 06 368 4774 or email info@actifun.co.nz to register your interest.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

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

MAY

- 18 PTA meeting and AGM: 7pm start
19 Year 5 and 6 Soccer Field Day - Park Island
26 Soccer Field Day - postponement date

JUNE

- 3 **TEACHER ONLY DAY** - no school
(makes a four day Queen's Birthday break)

JULY

- 15 End of Term 2

AUGUST

- 1 Start of Term 3 (ends 7 October)

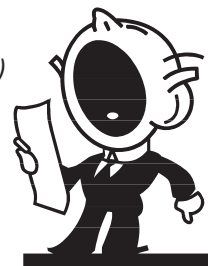
OCTOBER

- 25 Start of Term 4 (ends 15 December)

Have a great week.

Mark Johnson

Principal



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

WEEKS 1 AND 2 - TERM 2 2011



Room 1

Aleah Goody
Luke Marshall

Room 2

Tegan Knowles
Carston Fraser

Room 3

Morgan Wilkins

Room 4

Sophia Gross
Mia Barretto

Room 5

Lucy Cairns
Lauren Wells

Room 8

Emma Anderson
Enosh Yong

Room 9

Luke Crosby
Logan Ide

Room 10

Katie Fellowes
Joshua Pyott

Room 11

Tyla Joros
Logan Finimore

Room 12

Holly Kinzett
Ella Nicholson

Room 13

Hamish Berriman
Logan Harris

Room 14

Jordan Simpson
Mia Pemberton

Room 15

Danika Withell
Courtney Piercy

Room 16

Olivia Thorburn
Camryn Bailey

Room 17

Kamoe Fabish
Natashia Jorgensen





GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER - TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 23 MAY.

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: _____

