



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

**WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL**

Five new students have started at our school in the last two weeks. We welcome Jacob Gray, X'phia Johnson, Abbey Pascoe, Nigel-Lee Caldwell and Olive Mudgway as the latest members of the Greenmeadows School family.

**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. School resumes on Tuesday 7 June. Our Teacher Only Day will have our staff focussing primarily on our written language teaching programmes.

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS OR 'PALS'**

Our sixteen school house captains have had training to be 'PALS'. Being a trained PAL means the students are able to organise and run active games for younger students. These school leaders are now on a roster system to organise activities for junior students each Tuesday lunchtime. This has been a great success so far with some very enjoyable physical games for the large numbers of juniors who get involved.

Can you help our PALS? One of the games the PALS want to take is called 'Sock Wars' and we need plenty of old (and clean) socks, to run this activity. If you have a lot of unwanted, probably unmatched, socks around home, please send them along in a bag to Mr Gibbs in Room 13. Thank you.

**FRIDAY FAMINE FUN — FRIDAY 26 MAY**

Last Friday the students taking part in the 40 Hour Famine were involved in an afternoon of fun activities in the Hall to promote the shared and cooperative aspect of this fundraising activity.



Students were put into teams, and the overall winners of the activities are pictured on the right the 'Green Martians'. Nice pose gang ...

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Unfortunately the Quench drinks are no longer being produced but we are getting a new drink from the same supplier. It is fruit juice with no added sugar, preservatives or flavouring. It is a New Zealand-made product.

At the moment we have 'Apple/Raspberry' and 'Apple/Orange' the price is still \$1.50 each.

Thank you for your continued support of the canteen.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those who have been paying their accounts by internet banking over the past few weeks. Please note we have now closed our Westpac account, so all payments must be made through our new school ASB account number listed on your latest invoice.

## PTA DISCO

The date for the PTA Disco will be Friday 17 June. A notice will follow soon to inform of all the exciting details!!!!

## SCHOOL BANKING

According to the records held by Manchester Unity Greenmeadows School has ninety-nine students who have savings accounts opened. Our numbers banking regularly are not high, usually less than five most weeks. The retirement commission recommend children to have a passbook so they can see a record of deposits and withdrawals and learn how they receive interest on their savings. Parents can encourage children to save for things they want and to learn that if they have spent all their money - when it's gone it's gone! Parents are welcome to use their account with Manchester Unity (no fees) - they are welcome to bank at the school with the child or set up internet or telephone banking. It is a great way to put aside money for holidays, unexpected expenses etc. If they wish to find out more please phone us on 8355515 or 0800 682 848

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

3 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY no school
6 June	Queen's Birthday no school
15 July	End of Term 2
1 August	Start of Term 3 (ends 7 October)
25 October	Start of Term 4 (ends 15 December)

Have a great long weekend. Ka kite ano.



Mark Johnson

Principal

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Sophie Freeman-Pointon	Room 2	Ella Parnell Devlin Petuha
Room 3	Holly Lawrence Arnah Paton	Room 4	Braden Gibb Amber Single-Owens
Room 5	Sage Norris Michaella Upston	Room 7	Anthony Hatchard Clara Newman
Room 8	Charlize Foote Leila Burder	Room 9	Tayla Tierney Courtney Banks
Room 10	Sophie McLean Charlie Stewart	Room 11	Blake Fryer Luke Johnston
Room 12	Logan Bishop Joel Morrison	Room 13	Hamuera Winterburn Rohan Smith
Room 14	Bailey Wigg Logan Truuts	Room 15	Molly Payne
Room 16	Emily Llewellyn Jess Glentworth Nikita Taylor-Chaffey	Room 17	Zara McDonald Chaz Heke

Weeks 3 and 4 — Term 2 2011

