



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Three new students have started school in the past two weeks and they have all joined the Room 7 class as New Entrants. Welcome to Caitlin Fisher, Olivia Harding and Tre'Arne Whakatope-Tahuri and we all wish them well for their years at school.

PARENT INTERVIEWS—11th to 13th JULY

We are currently into Week 7 of the eleven week second term. We have scheduled parent interviews for the last week of the second term, and we will be doing the same this year. In 2010 we used an online booking website and will do so again next year. A newsletter will be sent home next week outlining the booking process.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

This year we have switched to an electronic attendance register in the school. This helps us keep a closer monitoring on patterns and trends of student attendance. To help us with the accuracy of the records we keep and the classification of absences, it is vital that when parents ring and leave a message on the school absence phone line, that state the child's name and room, as well as the reason for them being away from school. Thanks for your help in this matter.

NEW PARENTS MORNING TEA—THURSDAY 16 JUNE

This Thursday 16 June there will be a morning tea for all new parents to Greenmeadows School. Your child may have started recently as a New Entrant student, as a student in an older class. This is an opportunity to find out about Greenmeadows School and meet some of the people involved in a range of groups within the school. Start time is 9.10am—we look forward to seeing all interested parents.

PTA DISCO — FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Last week your child will have received a notice about the Disco set for this Friday evening in the school hall. These discos are always a lot of fun, with plenty of food and drink on sale for the evening, as well as other novelty things (they GLOW!!!). The PTA organise this event for the school children, and do it so well ... but they need plenty of parent helpers on the night. If you can help let a member of the PTA know. This disco does not have a theme—so dress ready to dance. The junior disco starts at 5.30pm, and the senior event commences at 7.00pm.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL MEETING — THURSDAY 23 JUNE 5.00pm

At Greenmeadows School we are often asked by parents of four year olds about the types of learning opportunities they could do to help get their child ready to start school. As a result of these questions we have produced a booklet to give a guide and suggestions of the types of experiences you can offer your children as they approach their fifth birthday. The types of learning experiences included can also be of use for students who have started school and are progressing through the first few months of formal schooling, so need not be confined to preschoolers. Experience in teaching junior students and countless studies show that the better prepared for school a child is, the quicker their progress tends to be.

We will be having a meeting to talk through some of these learning opportunities parents and whanau can create with their children. We will meet in the Library at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 June.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL 30 September and 1 October 2011

Our school centennial is now less than four months away. The conference committee urge all those who intend to be part of the celebrations to register soon. Forms are available from the office, or from our school website.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL WRITING FOCUS

Below are examples of the writing that has been produced by some of our students. We hope you enjoy the writing as well as the Room 15 'rap' on the next page which was created as a conclusion to their waste awareness theme.

Room 5— Autumn Fun

'L' - The lovely leaves slowly dance to the ground. I love to see the leaves loop the loop in the wind. I love watching the leaves scattering across the field. Leaves leap over other leaves like they are doing a whole lot of cartwheels.
Tristram and Michaela



— Lauren, Max,

'F' - The leaves on the tree look like a hot fire. Falling leaves fly around the foggy field. Autumn leaves are falling and fluttering in the freezing air. The autumn leaves spin around in a frenzy like a tornado. Fantastic, flying leaves float off the trees.
— Ella, Ethan G-D, Carrie, Kyra, Olivia

Room 12 'Mr Bloor's Car'

To me the car looks like it is shiny black, and black is my favourite colour. I would like this car because it might be fast. I think the car would be important to Mr Bloor. It could be that it cost a lot of money so he will look after it. I

Mr Bloor's Audi is a black car. It has rings on the front. It is long. It could be important to Mr Bloor because it might cost lots of money. Mr Bloor might like the car because he won't need to walk. —Caleb

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

16 June	New Parents Morning Tea	17 June	School Disco
23 June	Transition to School meeting for parents of 4 and 5 year olds		
11 to 13 July	Parent Interviews and reports given out		
15 July	End of Term 2	1 August	Start of Term 3
7 October	End of Term 3	Term 4 25 October to 15 December	

Have a great week Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Ashton Hannah-Morris Brianna Hansen	Room 2	Kees McKirdy Lily Cameron
Room 3	Paige Hughes Jared Kinsey	Room 4	Ben Coles Coby Price
Room 5	Carrie Palmer Olivia Rowley	Room 7	Draylon Daley
Room 8	Tabitha Francis-Thickpenny Caleb Hunt	Room 9	Taylah Sulusi Maia Driver
Room 10	Alex Manning Declan Norris	Room 11	Rylee Moore Kaitlyn Barra
Room 12	Jorja Fryer Tiah Gibb	Room 13	Timana Pereniko Riva Waiariki
Room 14	Cassidy Konia Max Johns	Room 15	Jack Still Kate Wilson
Room 16	Cory Evans Kadin Binnie	Room 17	Jake Truuts Cara Hendry

Weeks 5 and 6 — Term 2 2011

