

# GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

We welcome all new families to Greenmeadows School this term as we start on the downward run towards the end of the 2009 school year. It is a relief to have the sun shining today so the students and staff can get out and be active around school. We also welcome Mrs Gregory back to school. Mary has returned to school on a part-time basis at this stage. It is great see Mrs Gregory bounce back so quickly after her time away.

## MRS SUE GARRETT

A number of children throughout the school have chosen to make cards and create messages for the Garrett family in remembrance of Sue. There is also a book stored in the school's library for any parents who wish to sign that will be presented to Sue's family. Please feel free to make an entry into this book by the end of this week.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

The impact of winter illnesses and influenza will become apparent over the next few weeks. Early indications are promising as all classes had high rates of attendance yesterday, which is certainly a positive sign.

Please note the following about attendance:

- It is important that the office or the class teacher is contacted if your child is not going to be attending school on any particular day. Greenmeadows School is committed to ensuring **all** our students and their families are safe, and if we have unexplained absences we will do all we can to follow up as to the whereabouts of children who are missing. Families can save a lot of time and energy each morning (especially for the office staff) by ringing in to explain absences before 8.30am. So long as you speak clearly, the answer phone will record all messages.
- Please help your child's teacher by making sure students are on time for the school day. We start at 9.00am and it is important children are ready to start the day at this time. Students who are late for school, particularly on a regular basis, often miss important information, as well as getting the chance to settle calmly into the day with their classmates.
- The finish of the school day is 3.00pm and we ask that it should only be in exceptional circumstances that sees the need to pick up children before this time. A lot of organisation and valuable learning occurs at the end of the day for students, as well as it being disruptive to classes when a number of children depart early.

Your co-operation in these matters would be a really positive help to all those of us here at school.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

One of the aims of the coming months as we move towards spring (it can't be too far away now ...?) is to improve the visual appeal of our school grounds. Palmers Hawkes Bay and Expressway Landscapes are running a promotion with schools that creates a credit fund for those who take part which will allow us access to landscaping and gardening products.

How does it work? Any customers from our community who purchase anything from Palmers or Expressway landscapes simply informs the cashier when paying for their goods (not with gift vouchers or sale items). Our school will receive a credit each term. This promises to be a very positive way to develop our school landscape—please help us if you can! Many thanks for your anticipated support.

## THURSDAY MORNING—GMS WALKING BUS

The walking bus is back in action this week. Just remember Thursday mornings — same time, same track and same fun!

## SPOONER SHIELD TOURNAMENT 2009

The senior classes are starting to get organised for the Spooner Shield—an annual sports tournament for schools in the Taradale and Districts area to be held at Bledisloe School on Tuesday 11 August. The tournament involves each school selecting teams in a number of different teams:

Year 5 Netball    Year 6 Netball    Rugby    Hockey    Boys Soccer    Girls Soccer

Our school teams are going to be picked to have smaller squads than most of the regular teams for winter sports, so competition will very tough in a number of these teams. Practise matches will be organised for teams in preparation for the big day.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following GMS students got into the Hawke's Bay Under 11 Rep teams -

- \* Under 11 Boys A team - Sam Keating      \* Under 11 Boys B team - Jake Cotter
- \* Under 11 Girls A team - Jordan Heal

Also congratulations are due to Olivia Cook won a \$50 Toyworld voucher as a result of her school banking with Manchester Unity.

Great stuff—and congratulations to all of you!!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 27 July    Massey University students Mrs Baird and Mr Winkley return to school in Rooms 5 and 8
- 29 July    Rooms 8 and 11 to the Museum
- 4 August    Next GMS newsletter
- 6 August    Spooner Shield practise matches v Arthur Miller School
- 11 August    Spooner Shield competition day
- 12 August    Circus Maximus visiting school; Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm; PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 13 August    Spooner Shield postponement date
- 18 August    Kiwi Golf — Senior classes
- 19 August    Kiwi Golf— Middle classes
- 20 August    Barefoot 7s tournament at Hastings Boys High School; Science Road show for Year 6 students

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Mark Johnson  
Principal

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 2    Cade Williams  
Room 4    Juanita Bilton  
Room 6    Ivan Wu  
Room 8    Max Westphall  
Room 10    Karlie Morrison  
Room 12    Carrie Palmer  
Room 15    Tayla Cribb  
Room 17    Brianna Sivewright

Room 1    Francesca Gross  
Room 3    Jack Wilson-Bramwell  
Room 5    Zoe Morris  
Room 7    Jacob Driver  
Room 9    Arnah Paton  
Room 11    Seth Beckett  
Room 14    Hannah McIntyre  
Room 16    Ella Single

## Week 10 —Term 2

