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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 15

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

This week has had that 'spring' feeling hasn't it? Warmer and lighter days, and we have a school full of activity and energy. Our numbers have continued to grow and Monday saw the school roll reach 400. Recent new students to school are Grayson Henry-Johnson, Blake Haines, Kayley Chambers, Emily Hayes, Tayla Eden, Jack Eden and Sara Petuha. We also have back with us Pearse Newman who attended our school earlier in the year. A very warm welcome to you all.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The numbers of junior students have had another surge, and Room 7 is now very full. Next week a new junior teacher will start and open up Room 6 – Mrs. Louise Gray. Louise has taught at a number of Hawkes Bay schools including Taradale Primary and Eskdale School. She will remain with us until the end of the 2011 year. We welcome to Louise to the Greenmeadows School community.

This week Mr. Stan Morris has commenced as a Teacher Aide working in the senior school. With daughters here, Stan has been a familiar face around our school and is going to have a positive presence in the playground at interval and lunch times.

DENTAL CLINIC REPAINT

Our dental clinic has been painted to fit into the colour scheme with the rest of the school. Thanks to Versatile Decorating for completing the job so promptly and efficiently. The pergola facing the field has had a real lift in its appearance, and the whole building now looks like it belongs with the rest of the school. A great job well done!

HEART OF THE SCHOOL—PROGRESS UPDATE

The main features of the Heart of the School project are now beginning to take shape. The new sandpit enclosure has received several truckloads of sand today, and the outdoor stage area is being boxed up for the pouring of concrete later this week. The anticipated completion date is Friday 23 September and we are still planning on meeting this deadline. There is a planting programme that has been planned for week following the end of the construction work. We will aim to have a working bee of interested parents and community members possibly during that week (26 to 30 September). If any interested people are available, please keep an eye out in the next newsletter to confirm the date and time.

TARADALE SCHOOLS CHOIR FESTIVAL

Our choir is doing a dance item in the Taradale Schools Choir festival. We are looking to borrow 'character skirts' for the two evening performances on the 20th and 21st of September. If you are able to help us out please contact either Nicole Trubshaw in Room 1 or Shona Millner in Room 4. Many thanks.

SPOONER SHEILD 2011

We are all ready to experience a beautifully fine day tomorrow, following the disappointing postponement of the Spooner Shield yesterday. The weather yesterday morning was one of those we all dread when organising a sports event ... ending up in a dilemma about whether or not to proceed.

Hopefully parents will be able to make arrangements to make the trip to Bledisloe School to cheer on our Greenmeadows teams. Will we retain the Spooner Shield for a third year in a row?

We will know by 2.00pm tomorrow



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Week 3 Term 3 2011

Room 1	Hunter Piercy	Room 2	Ryan McNatty
Room 3	Arnah Paton	Room 4	William Marsden
Room 5	Sage Norris	Room 7	Matthew Harrison
Room 8		Room 9	Michaela Pistorius
Room 10	Kyran Walls	Room 11	Cohen Batterham
Room 12	Charlotte Brown	Room 13	Nick Wall
Room 14	Jacob Driver	Room 15	Zoe Morris
Room 16	Levi Rice	Room 17	Ashley Bayley



RUGBY WORLD CUP PROMOTION

The ASB Bank have donated our school a number of rugby balls that we will use for a prize draw each day next week. Each family is able to enter – all you have to do is answer two questions:

1. Which country won the 2007 Rugby World Cup?
(Clue: initials are 'SA')
2. Who do predict will be in the 2011 RWC final?

Place entry slips (below) into the box in the office from tomorrow morning.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

QUIZ NIGHT: The PTA would like to thank our stand-in quiz master : Mr. Bloor. He did a fantastic job and a great night was had by all! We raised just over \$1000.

ICON PHOTOGRAPHY: Due to popular demand, we are now able to offer portrait sittings on Sunday the 11th September between 10am and 12noon. More booking forms are available from the school office.

RUGBY WORLD CUP COMPETITION

Family name: _____

Name of eldest child: _____

1. Winners of 2007 RWC?

2. Which two countries do you predict will be in the 2011 RWC final?

Place in the box in office to go into the daily draw .

SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 13 September – GMS Cross country at Park Island
 - 15 September – GMS Cross country postponement date
 - 28 September – Interschool cross-country
 - 29 September – ICT sharing evening with community
 - 30 September – 100 Years Centennial Open Day
 - 1 October – Official Centennial Celebrations (Saturday)
 - 7 October – End of Term 3
 - 25 October – Start of Term 4
 - 21 November – Year 5 and 6 camp week
 - 15 December – end of Term 4 2011
- Refer to www.gms.school.nz for additional events and in-

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

We are now a month out from the celebrations of 100 years of schooling at Greenmeadows. Registrations have started to climb in numbers lately, but there are many who have indicated that they intended to attend ... yet have not signed up!

Can you help? The committee has been able to borrow some tiered seating for the reunion, but need assistance with a light truck and/or trailer to get the seating to school. Is anyone able to help?

Have a great week. Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson, Principal

