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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER NO. 22

**Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa**

*You are now reading the final newsletter of 2011 — a year that has been such a successful year for our school. Please read carefully there is a lot of relevant information included for your family. Remember if you misplace your newsletter there is always a copy on our school website for your reference. Happy reading!*

### **END OF YEAR BREAKUP AND PRIZEGIVING- WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 6.30PM**

The school breakup and prize-giving will be held next Wednesday in the Heart of the School outdoor stage. The start time is 6.30pm and the function is expected to last for about an hour. All parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend. All children are expected to be there and need to be lined up in class groups on the school field by 6.20pm.

If wet, the prize-giving will be postponed to Thursday 15 December starting at 11.30am. If there is to be a postponement this will be communicated by a notice sent home on Wednesday 14th.

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

Attached to this newsletter is the final account for each child. Please check over it — prompt payment would be appreciated, preferably by the end of December. Some things to note:

1. Swimming Transport costs — the Board of Trustees covers of the swimming lessons for all children and we only ask families to meet the costs of the bus transport to the pools. There are a few outstanding amounts of \$15 per pupil that must be paid to cover this amount.
2. Accounts in Credit — some families have got into a credit situation with payments made during the year (including when the Activity Fee has been paid). Students returning here next year can have any credit transferred to their 2012 balance. Families leaving our school with a credit balance can request a refund in writing which will be organised. If we do not hear from those leavers with a credit balance we will assume you are happy to provide the amount as a donation towards new books for our library.

### **SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2012**

Our school is going to have a slightly different team structure next year. This change is primarily to cater for the different numbers of students we have in various year groups throughout the school, as well as planning for new enrolments. The room organisation in the new school year will be:

Room 1	Miss Nicole Trubshaw (Year 2)
Room 2	Miss Jane McCosh (Years 2 and 3)
Room 3	Mrs. Monique Cowie (Year 3)
Room 4	Mrs. Shona Millner (Years 3 and 4)
Room 5	Ms Allyson Ross (Year 3)
Room 6	Mrs. Pixie Bryan (Years 2 and 3)
Room 8	Mrs. Wendy Currie (NE/Year 1)
Room 9	Mrs. Helen Harvey (NE/Year 1)
Room 10	Mrs. Kay Holst (Year 1)
Room 11	Appointment to be made (Year 1)
Room 12	Appointment to be made (Year 4)
Room 13	Mr. Marty Gibbs (Years 5 and 6)
Room 14	Mrs. Jonette Dale (Years 5 and 6)
Room 15	Mrs. Linda Dallimore (Year 6)
Room 16	Mrs. Lyndsey Starkey (Year 5)
Room 17	Mrs. Johleen Lubbe (Year 4 and 5)

Kowhai ('Junior') team	Rooms 8 to 11
Pohutukawa ('Middle') team	Rooms 1 to 6
Totara ('Senior') team	Rooms 12 to 17

We are presently in the process of making two staff appointments. One is due to the recent resignation of Miss Angela Young who has been on maternity leave this year. We wish her and her family well and acknowledge the fantastic contribution Angela made to Greenmeadows School over several years. Her replacement will be announced before the end of next week. The second appointment will be made during the term break.

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be sent home on Monday 12 December. These are comprehensive summaries of your child's progress and achievements this year. I am nearing the end of reading through each of the 414 reports and must say how impressed I am with the development, commitment and perseverance shown by your children over the course of this year.

Please take time to read over the comments the teachers have prepared specifically about your child. The reports include graphs that are designed to give an indication of where your child sits in relation to different aspects of reading, writing and mathematics. There is also an indication of how your child has been measured against national standards. Along with your child's own comments we hope the whole report builds a clear summary of the year for each learner.

## NEW WORLD—ANCHOR PROMOTION

Our school has been selected to be one of three local charities taking part in a three month promotion at Greenmeadows New World. Every time a shopper buys an Anchor product they get the chance to select one of three charities, one of which is our school! Encourage as many people as possible to get involved — there is cash available at the end of the promotion. Many thanks to Greenmeadows New World for involving us in this promotion. Remember to buy Anchor!

## HOLIDAY LIBRARY READING PROGRAMME

A reminder about enrolling children in the free reading programme at the Napier and Taradale Libraries over the holiday break. This really keeps reading practise going over the school non-contact time.

*Thank you to all who have made a contribution to our school this year. There are so many who help in an incredibly wide variety of ways. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.*

*I wishes are extended to you all to have a wonderfully safe and happy holiday break. Special farewell to those departing from our great school — we wish you all the best as you move ahead to meet new challenges.*

*Ka kite ano,*

*Mark Johnson  
Principal*

## INTER SCHOOL CRICKET

The draw for the final round of cricket is:  
Friday GMS A v NTOB B Nelson Park Pitch 6  
GMS B v Porritt Black Nelson ark Pitch 7

Saturday GMS v Arthur Miller at GMS

## 2012 STATIONERY ORDERS

On the final day of the school year next Thursday each child returning to school in 2012 will get the chance to visit their new class teacher. In that visit they will receive a list of stationery needed for the start of Term 1. Packs of books and other supplies can be purchased from Taradale Paper Plus as preorganised packs — you simply tell them which Year group or room your child is in.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Last day for School lunches for the year is Friday the 9th of December. We will be reopening on the 8th of February 2012.

Thank you for supporting the canteen throughout the year. We hope you all have a great holiday break. Kim Batt (Canteen Manager)

## MUSIC LESSONS

Keyboard or guitar lessons at Greenmeadows School. Enroll now for 2012. Phone Sandra on 8769261.

## SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 8 Dec — Transition meeting for NE parents 5.00pm
- 8 Dec — Year 6 Social
- 12 Dec — Reports sent home
  - PALs reward trip (morning)
  - Principal's treat for student helpers
- 14 Dec — School breakup & prize giving 6.30pm start
- 15 Dec — Last day of Term 4 2011: 12.30pm finish

## 31 Jan — First day of Term 1 2012

