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## Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

*What a great school community we have! Last Friday's Food Fair was one of these memorable events where our entire community can come together and celebrate some of the special things about Greenmeadows School. What an effort – despite the rain shower that lasted for about five minutes, so many people persevered and just carried on enjoying the wonderful company, fun activities and delicious food. Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed to our successful event: parents, staff, community members, sponsors and children. Special mention has to go to Saemone Fraser and her wonderful team on the PTA – you are all simply amazing!!!*

### WELCOME TO GMS!!!

We warmly welcome the following New Entrant students to our school who started recently:

Ellie Meynell                      Joseph McGovern  
Maddison Stoodley              Dante Delamere

We hope you will all be very happy here at Greenmeadows School. Incidentally Dante became the fiftieth child to enroll at our school in 2012. Our roll is presently 389 – wow!!!

### GREENMEADOWS NEW WORLD PROMOTION

We need to thank all those families who supported the Anchor milk promotion that recently ended at Greenmeadows New World. The great news is – we won!!!! Our school received the most tokens which means we will get the biggest proportion of the \$3500 allocated. Thanks to all who bought Anchor products to support our school.

### UPDATE ON ROOM 17

Ms Catherine Jurgens has been the relieving teacher in Room 17 for the past five terms providing cover for Mrs. Johleen Lubbe, who has been on extended leave recuperating from a serious back injury. Last week Catherine won a teaching position at Eskdale School, so will be leaving our school at the end of this term on Thursday. She has done a wonderful job with the class in Room 17 and she will be sorely missed by us all. We thank Catherine for efforts in this class since being called in for duty in January 2011.

With very unfortunate timing, on Monday the school was informed of the resignation of Mrs. Lubbe. Johleen still needs time to recover from her injury, and has decided to take a break from teaching to give herself time as well as allow the school the opportunity plan for the future. This means we are now developing plans to employ a relieving teacher for Term 2, and we intend to have a permanent appointment in place from the start of Term 3. We will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

We need to acknowledge the contribution Johleen has made to our school. She has been a teacher here since 1998 and has worked in a variety of levels of our school. Her supportive encouragement of all was a characteristic of her dedicated approach to school life. We wish her well for the future ahead.

### LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Our first term of the year ends on Thursday 5 April at 3.00pm. We will conclude the day with a school assembly starting at 2.30pm.

### GMS 'VALUES' MEDALS

Our individual students each week that reflect and demonstrate our school values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence'.

The awards these past two weeks were given to:

Perseverance	Emily Carson Room 2 Simran Bedi Room 12
Respect	William Dine Room 9 Rylee Moore Room 1
Excellence	Cade Williams Room 16 Karlie Morrison Room 17



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Logan Sharp Dana Hogg	Room 3	Jessica Joe-Harrison Peyton Hays
Room 2	Tyla Joros Emma Anderson	Room 5	Ella Parnell Lily Cameron
Room 4	Noah Edwards-Wilkinson Tegan Knowles	Room 8	Bella Crawshaw Joshua Ratcliffe
Room 6	Luke Marshall	Room 10	Courtney Becker Ezekiel Ferguson
Room 9	Ben Bloomfield Bailey Greeks	Room 12	Emma Downey
Room 11	Emily Hayes Abbey Pascoe	Room 14	Alex Exeter
Room 13	Liam Procuta	Room 16	Logan Truuts
Room 15	Juanita Bilton Tyler Payne		
Room 17	Sophie Dodd Bryce Lott		

## WEEKS 8 AND 9 — TERM 1 2011



## PMP PROGRAMME—TERMS 2 AND 3

'PMP' stands for 'Perceptual Motor Programme'. This programme is being incorporated into the school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Terms 2 and 3. Kowhai team students will experience sequenced activities that include crawling, jumping and catching. The activities include perceptions of space and rhythm, memory and hand/eye coordination. All these activities will help the children develop reading, writing, mathematics and language skills.

To make this programme a success for the children we need parent helpers to run the stations during the lessons. If you are able to help in this area please let Kowhai team leader Mrs Kay Holst know. Your time will be most appreciated.

## ANZAC DAY — WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL

Our school is represented by members of the School Council at the Taradale ANZAC Day observation. The students get the opportunity to march in the parade from the shopping centre to the clock tower on the morning of ANZAC Day. Student Council members will be given a notice regarding this on the first day of Term 2 (Monday 23 April) with details of arrangements.

Our own school ANZAC observation will be on Friday 27 April as part of our normal school assembly routine starting at 12.15pm. Children need to bring a flower for this event. We will remind them next term.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH PARKING

We all know our school has limited space for street parking. We are very fortunate to have the St Mary's Church car park across the road to utilise in times of heavy traffic. Representatives from the Church are happy to accommodate Greenmeadows School families using the car park. However they ask for us to be considerate of their needs as well. They request that our families use the car parking bay closest to Osier Road and leave the other bay free for parishioners. They also ask that our families do not park on the grass.

We do not want to lose access to this facility, so we ask that all our families cooperate to ensure this positive relationship exists with our neighbours

## TEACHER ONLY DAY—FRIDAY 4 MAY

Reminder — children will not be required at school on Friday 4 May when we are having a Teacher Only day



## WINTER TERM ACTIVITIES

Terms 2 and 3 are the terms when plenty of activity goes on throughout the school. We are often asked about the different types of things children could be involved in so have generated the following list to give an idea of what is on offer, as well as the commitment required. As you can see there are a great number of opportunities that we have available for students.

Activity	Age Groups Involved	Times for Competition/Event	Commitment Needed
<b>Netball Y6 Ferns</b>	Year 6	Games on Thursday after school Onekawa courts Term 2	Practices: Mondays after school 3.15 to 4.15pm and Wednesdays 7.45 to 8.30am
<b>Netball Y5 Mystics and Magic</b>	Year 5	Games on Thursdays after school Term 2	Practices Wednesday after school 3.15 to 4.15pm
<b>Netball Y4</b>	Year 4	Games on Thursdays after school Term 2	Wednesday lunchtimes
<b>Duathlon</b>	8 to 10 year olds	Ocean Spa Sundays— 7 Aug, 11 Sept, 9 Oct	Term 3 — Training Wednes- days after school run/bike/run
<b>‘Digital Dazzlebees’</b>	Y1, Y2 and Y3 (selected by class teacher)		Monday and Friday lunchtimes 12.50 to 1.30pm
<b>Hockey</b>	Mainly Year 5 and 6	Games on Saturday mornings Terms 2 and 3 Park Island	Practices Thursdays lunch time
<b>Soccer</b>	Year 5 and 6 (boys and girls)	Thursday after schools Term 3	Practices Thursday lunchtimes
<b>Ripper Rugby</b>	Year 5 and 6	Wednesdays after school Term 2 at various schools	Practices Wednesday lunchtime
<b>Rugby Barefoot 10s</b>	Years 4, 5 and 6	Wednesdays after school Term 3 at various schools	Practices Wednesday lunch- times
<b>Jump Jam</b>	All ages	Monday lunchtimes	
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Year 3 and 4	Festival in Term 3	
<b>Fun Ferns</b>	Year 2 and 3	School based skills sessions	Friday lunchtimes
<b>Kapa Haka</b>	Year 2 to 6	Various performances	Thursday lunchtime practices Term 2 to mid way through Term 4
<b>Choir</b>	Year 2 to 6	Various performances	Tuesday lunchtime practices Term 2 to midway through Term 4
<b>Ukulele</b>	Year 5 and 6  (Will be available for Year 3 and 4 in Term 3)		Practices Monday 10.30 to 11.00am (child will be expected to practise at home)
<b>Digital Animation</b>	Year 5 and 6	Terms 2 and 3	Tuesday lunchtimes

This list can also be added to if a suitable basketball tournament is created next term. Two teams have currently been involved in a competition this term, and this may continue. Basketball coaching we are organising at school may also motivate students to join.

The Spooner Shield also looms on our sporting calendar in Term 3. This is a traditional tournament that is highly sought after by local schools and teams are selected in various sports in the lead up to the event.



## PTA NEWS

# Last Friday's Food Fair

Was a great success! We suspected that the down pour at 5pm would mean a prompt end to the evening but we clearly underestimated the resilience and school spirit demonstrated by everyone there!

A huge thank you to all our amazing helpers and supporters on the night. Without each and every one of you we would not have been able to put together such an amazing fundraising evening. Together, we raised close to **SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS** for our school! This money will be used to purchase a set of i-pads.

## An Extra Big Thank-You To:

Ralph Spark  
Waggs (More FM)  
QDL Gear Ltd  
HireQuip  
Star Foods  
Pak n Save Tamatea  
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The Peach Family  
The Fabish Family  
Jakki Goody  
Kelly Browns Taradale  
Catherine Hawkins (Pureborn Organics)  
The Big Little Disco  
St Josephs School

*Thanks again for all your support- rain and all!*  
The GMS PTA

## PTA EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks to all those who have supported this raffle – amazing ticket sales have topped \$3000. We need any missing ticket sheets returned to school by tomorrow (Thursday morning) 9.00am, even if no tickets have been sold on them. Prize-winners will be announced at the assembly to end school and Term 1.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL INFO

We have various ways of getting information out about school events and activities:

- School newsletters
- Our website
- The phone information line (Option '5')

Every now and then we need to get information out quickly and there are ways of looking for an alternative. Two methods we are exploring are:

1. Bulk texting—out to mobile phones
2. Setting up our own Facebook page to share things going on at school

We will give an update early next term on our progress.

Finally a farewell to our keyboard teacher, Sandra Robert, who is finishing her many years of teaching music here at Greenmeadows School. Her son David who teaches guitar, will take over the keyboard tuition.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON [WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ))**

5 April	Last day of Term 1
23 April	Start of Term 2
4 May	Teacher Only Day
29 June	End of Term 2
16 July	Start of Term 3
17 August	Teacher Only day
20 August	Mid term break

Have a great Easter and a safe and happy holiday.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

