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Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Our second term begins with this brief newsletter to confirm some of our events and activities coming up over the next week. Two four day weeks to start the term just to help us get back into the routine of school!

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

We have had a number of enrolments to start off the new term. We warmly welcome the following students who have started as New Entrants:

Brylee Pugh	Brooke Ells
Hanna Renata	Summer Campbell
Amelia Burgess	Casey Thompson
Tylar Foster	

Also starting with us after being students at other schools are Frankie Morrison and Lilly Edwards. We hope you are all very happy in your learning during your time here at Greenmeadows School.

We also welcome Mrs. Zoe Zealand who has taken on the role of relieving teacher in Room 17 for this term. Zoe has been a regular relieving teacher in our school over the past twelve months. She had a great first day yesterday with her wonderful class.

SCHOOL BOOKS GOING HOME

Today all children will have brought home their school books to give an opportunity for parents and caregivers to see some of the learning progress each child has made so far this year.

ANZAC Day provides the perfect opportunity for this. We need all books back at school on Thursday 26 April, so the learning can continue.

ANZAC DAY

Our school is closed tomorrow to observe ANZAC Day. Greenmeadows School will be represented in the Taradale ANZAC parade and service from 9.00am tomorrow. Children from our School Council and some of our House Captains will be taking part in the ceremony.

Also instead of our Friday assembly this week, we will hold our own ANZAC ceremony. Observing ANZAC Day has become a school tradition. As part of the format for the day we ask that all children bring:

- a flower to lay beside the flagpole as each class goes into the Hall for the assembly
- a coin to go towards a collection we give to the RSA.

A representative from the RSA will attend our school observation. This starts at 12.15pm.

GMS 'VALUES' MEDALS

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

The awards of the last week of Term 1 were given to:

Perseverance	Cory Evans	Room 15
Respect	Rebecca Beaven	Room 8
Excellence	Jamie Evans	Room 5

TEACHER ONLY DAY—FRIDAY 4 MAY

The school will be **closed** on Friday 4 May. All staff will be at school with a day long session delivered by educator Neil McKay on teaching children with a range of learning needs.



PTA NEWS

We are so lucky to have such a wonderfully supportive community. Closely following the Food Fair our Easter raffle was also a great success and raised over \$3000. Many thanks to all who got behind this event. Special congratulations to all those who won one of the Easter baskets.

In relation to the Food Fair, we would like to acknowledge Mike and Fiona Bishop from QDL Gear Ltd for printing and supplying the signs that were displayed around the school advertising our Food Fair. Many thanks.

Thanks also to the people who supported the raffle run by Catherine Hawkins of Pure Organics. The winner was a 'Mrs Hannah' from CHB.

This term we will have a disco to give the children the chance to have a fun time

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

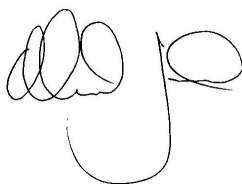
All children were given accounts at the end of last term. Please pay these amounts as soon as possible. This can be done either by internet banking or by paying at the office .

SCHOOL CLOTHING

Towards the end of last term we sent home a lot of items of clothing with children who needed a change of shorts or shirt. We have now run out of our supply — so we desperately need these clothes back. Please return them to the office if you have some school clothing at home.

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal



UKELELE GROUP BEGINS!!!!

Greenmeadows School has a ukulele group! Yesterday they started learning and singing songs under the expert instruction of Mrs. Millner, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Morris. They have all committed to practise in their own time and show perseverance to become the best ukulele players that they can.

This is an exciting and entertaining prospect for the children. We can't wait for the first performance!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ)

3 May	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
4 May	Teacher Only Day
8 May	Kiwisport field day Year 5 & 6 students
29 June	End of Term 2
16 July	Start of Term 3
17 August	Teacher Only day
20 August	Mid term break
28 September	End of Term 3
15 October	Start of Term 4
20 December	End of Term 4

