

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

'PEOPLE IN THE PAST' THEME

Since the middle of last term all classes have been studying a social studies theme related to people in the past. To conclude this study all classes are to be involved in a sharing day on Monday 24 August. Each class will make their arrangements for the day, although most are planning a shared lunch as a 'feast' activity. There will also be opportunities for classes to look through the school and have the opportunity to find out what others have been learning. Parents will also be able to have a look through the classrooms—some of which are representing a medieval castle, a Japanese temple or Australian Aboriginal life ... there is certainly a lot of learning going on. Room 3's sharing at last Friday's assembly of just some of their learning from their topic on the Romans was a delight—well done every one.

Room 1 have been studying a theme based on Native Americans. They would be very grateful for any donations of fabric for making American Indian costumes. Coarse weaving sacking or calico would be ideal, or any material in neutral colours. They would also be keen on any donations of feathers. Many thanks.

PARENT ROAD PATROL ROSTER

We need two road patrol parent duties covered to fill our roster. These are:

* Tuesday morning—Osier Road

* Wednesday afternoon—Gloucester Street

If you can help, or wish to find out what the role involves, please ask the at the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property rack is now located outside Room 8 during the day. We encourage parents to check this regularly.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Tomorrow lunchtime there is going to be a planting of a number of native trees in the garden area by the school gate on Gloucester Street (shown right). We cleared this area earlier in the year. In preparation for Conversation Week, the Department of Conservation has very generously donated us a number of trees for planting. DOC worker Bridget Armstrong and co-ordinator of the school gardening club Louise Nicholson will be organising the planting tomorrow lunchtime. Children are invited to help plant the trees and be involved in this project.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Later this term the school is about to start our swimming programme at the Napier Aquatic Centre. This will involve all classes in the school going for a week to the pools at Onekawa between now and the end of the school year. The first week in September sees Rooms 14 and 15 paired to go each afternoon to the pools. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

NO WALKING BUS THIS WEEK

As I will be away in Auckland on Thursday, there will not be a walking bus this week. Back on again Thursday 13 August.

KELLY SPORTS PROGRAMME

The programmes will be on after school on Tuesdays starting in week two and will consist of MIGHTY MULTISPORT for Year 1 - 4 and a SPORTS EXTRAVANGANZA for Year 4 - 6. Get your registration forms from the office or for more information visit www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Craig or Donna on 8434219 or craig@kellysports.co.nz.

PTA PIZZA LUNCH

Thanks to all those who supported the fundraising lunch yesterday, as well as the hard-working team from the PTA who processed all the orders. This raised over \$200 for the PTA.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on www.gms.school.nz)

- 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
- 24 August People in the Past whole sharing day
- 25 August Kiwi Golf — Senior classes
- 26 August Kiwi Golf— Middle classes
- 31 August Swimming instruction commences for Rooms 14 and 15
- 3 Sept Greenmeadows School Cross-country event—Anderson Park. Start time 11.30am

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

Principal



PMP PROGRAMME

Our school runs a PMP programme three mornings a week for all junior classes and a number of children from throughout the school. This is very capably coordinated by Mrs. Kirsten Martin along with a dedicated team of parents who make themselves available to assist. PMP helps develop a whole range of skills in children including coordination, balancing, and extending vocabulary. The programme runs until the end of this term. Fun while learning ... it doesn't get any better.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

	Room 1	Billie Coles Giarna Cornelius-Beets
Room 2		Room 3
Caleb Cameron Jessica Ireland		Marty Annas-Kopa Jack Wilson-Bramwell
Room 4		Room 5
Jacob Sambrook Jessica Glentworth		Emily Llewellyn Elliot Hendry
Room 6		Room 7
Ben Ireland Ella Nicholson		Sarhara Glentworth Alexi Neville
Room 8		Room 9
Kayla Glentworth Lydia Carson		Emily Hawkins Lauren Wells
Room 10		Room 11
Michaella Upston Abby Hutchinson		Jaime Kinder Ben Fanning
Room 12		Room 14
Jackson Haines Chloe Narayan		Charlotte Taurima-Thomas Emma Bennett
Room 15		Room 16
Erin Hutchinson Rosemary Mair		Ben Sparkes Ella Single
Room 17		
Angus Nicholson Daniel Robinson		

Weeks 1 and 2 —Term 2

