

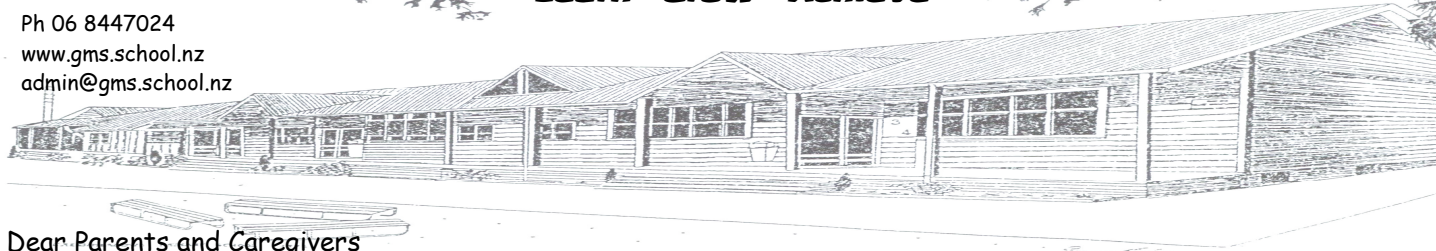
# GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL — CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

This Thursday our school cross country will be held for students from Years 3 to 6. The venue for the event is at Anderson Park. The cross country will be earlier in the day than previous years, due to the Year 6 classes swimming in the afternoon. The following is the approximate timetable for the Year 3 to 6 students:

10.40am	Morning tea
10.50am	Walk to Anderson Park
11.20am	Races commence—Year 6 girls first Followed by: Year 6 boys; Year 5 girls; Year 5 boys; Year 3/4 girls; Year 3/4 boys
12.40pm	Presentations
12.45pm	Walk back to Greenmeadows School

We may require some parental assistants to act as marshals to run the event. If you are able to help please let Mr Bloor know on the day. If wet, the cross country will be postponed until Friday 4 September.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME — NAPIER AQUATIC CENTRE

The school's swimming programme has commenced with the Year 6 students swimming every day this week. Next week Rooms 14 and 17 (all the Year 5 students) will be involved. The programme has two classes swimming each afternoon in a particular week. They depart school at 1.15pm and return by 2.45pm. The schedule for those swimming is:

* 31 August to 4 September	Rooms 15 and 16	* 7 to 11 September	Rooms 14 and 17
* 14 to 18 September	Rooms 1 and 2	* 21 to 25 September	Rooms 3 and 4

All the junior classes and Room 5 will get the opportunity to do their 'learn to swim' programmes later in Term 4 when more New Entrant children have started at school. We urge as many children as possible to be involved in getting instruction from the qualified swimming teachers. It is vital that children bring their togs and a towel ready for the swimming on the week they are allocated to go. In the week before each class is swimming the children in those classes will be given a notice with a permission form to return. We also ask that the \$5 contribution towards the transport be paid prior to the swimming starting.

## TARADALE COMBINED SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL—TARADALE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Kapa haka festival tickets are available for sale from the office at \$2 each. Unfortunately these are limited to a maximum of three per family. Dates and times for the performances are:

Wednesday 9 Sept (two performances) 1.30—2.30pm & 7.00—8.00pm      Thursday 10 Sept 7.00—8.00pm

## 'PEOPLE IN THE PAST' THEME—SHARING DAY MONDAY 24 AUGUST

Claudia Chittenden reports: *'On Monday 24th August Greenmeadows School had a 'People in the Past' day. For the last ten weeks all the classes had been studying different types of people from the past. Some of the classes studied 'Pirates', 'Romans', 'Native American Indians', 'The Mayans' and 'Explorers'. We learnt about the 'old American West'. We learnt lots of different facts. Did you know buffalo tongues were eaten or used for a hairbrush?*

*For my costume I came along as a saloon girl. I wore a long black skirt with a pink petticoat. I also wore a black t-shirt with a red belt. Just for something extra I wore my pink art deco headband. Ms Ross was a saloon girl as well, but she wore a red and black dress. Ms Ross also wore Mrs Cowie's black boots. She wore a black feather in her hair. My favourite part of the day was the meal. Our class had chilli con carne for lunch. It was made with mince, baked beans and kidney beans. It was as spicy as ten bowls of curry, but it was nice.*

*After lunch we had a parade. I liked watching Room 4 go around the school. I liked going to Rooms 1 and 17. Room 1 studied native American Indians and Room 17 studied Australian Aborigines.*

Room 5's Kelson McKay writes: *'For the past ten weeks all the people in the school have been studying different people from*

*the past. Some topics were 'the Romans', 'Pirates' and 'the Mayans'. We studied the American West. We learnt lots of interesting things. Did you know the 'general store' was the most important place in town? Room 5's costumes were awesome. Some were cowboys, some were cowgirls and others were people in from wagons. Others weren't dressed up at all. I was a cowboy and so was Aaron. I had a blue waistcoat, a chequered shirt, a sheriff's badge, a hat with a gun and a pair of handcuffs. My pants were black with blue and had white stripes. I liked my whole classes costumes—even the people who didn't dress up were still cool! My favourite part of the day was the parade because I liked all the costumes. I liked Joel's knight costume, it was marvellous! I especially liked Room 17 because I liked their paint. I also liked Room 6. Their Viking costumes were great.*



### **SCHOOL BANKING**

Remember it is banking day tomorrow. Books can be left at the school office.

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS**

Recently the school has given a number of children shirts or shorts (or both) from our supply of 'loan' clothing. Not all these items have been returned to school. If you have a shirt and/or shorts at home, could you please return these to school ASAP. Many thanks.

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL — PTA NEWS**

**CANTEEN NEWS** - The Canteen is open for morning tea and lunch every **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Thank you to all the families who have used the canteen recently. The sales were well up from the previous fortnight. We are not quite 'back in the black' yet but, with your support we can get there!

**Specials for this week's lunch only:**

\* American Hot Dog & Quench Drink **\$3.00**

\* Large Mince Pie & Quench Drink **\$3.00**

The winner of the previous canteen \$5 voucher draw is: Kaden Armstrong from Room 7.

Be in to win a \$5 canteen voucher by answering the question on the return slip attached to the end of this newsletter.

### **CROSS COUNTRY COOL DOWN**

The PTA will be selling Juicie iceblocks at Anderson Park after the cross country. **Tomorrow** is the last day to order a Juicie. Please write your **child's name** and **room number** on an envelope and send it to school, along with the **\$1 for the Juicie**.

**ICON** Photography - The PTA has booked the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September for these fantastic family portraits. Further details will be sent out this week.

### **NEW PARENT'S MORNING TEA**

The PTA will be hosting a morning tea **tomorrow** Wednesday 2 September at 9.10am. The venue for this will be the school staffroom. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the key members of the Greenmeadows School teaching staff, as well as meeting some of the other parents. All parents and whanau

as well as families with pre-schoolers are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Some more student writing:**

*Hi my name is Ben. I like pig hunting and deer hunting as well. I go hunting in the Kawekas. The Kawekas are a huge block of tree and bush. Another place that we go hunting is in Taupo at Dad's friend's house called Aaron. You can go pig hunting at any time of the year. It is better to go deer hunting in the summer because they like the heat. Deer don't like the cold in winter - they don't move around as much. You need a big gun like a .223 and up. You need a big gun like that so you can kill it easily. My Dad has a 270 Winchester bolt action. It is brown wood and metal, and has a built in magazine. The mag can have five bullets. Dad's gun has a scope too. We take a big knife that is sharp. When I go hunting I wear long pant socks, a sweat shirt and a jacket. I wear them to keep warm. We have a medical kit in case someone gets hurt. In my medical kit I have plasters, a bandage and Panadol. My favourite pig hunt was when Sam, Dad and I caught a huge 202lb boar. Ben Sparkes  
— Room 16*

Frost  
shimmering, sparkling,  
glimmering, gleaming,  
glistening  
like a giant has been  
shattering ice cubes on  
the ground all night  
frost  
- Shanae Harris

Frost  
Silver, spectacular  
Shimmering, shiny,  
Shattered  
Frozen jewels  
Hanging from trees  
Like a fragile necklace  
Frost  
Aimee Hardie

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS (for more details look under 'School Events' on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz))**

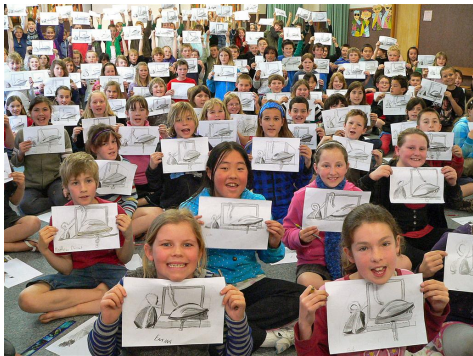
- 2 Sept New Parent's Morning tea—Greenmeadows School staffroom 9.10am start
- 3 Sept Kapa haka group perform at Greenmeadows Kindergarten  
Greenmeadows School Cross-country event—Anderson Park. Start time 11.20am
- 7 Sept Swimming instruction commences for Rooms 14 and 17
- 9 Sept Kapa Haka festival—Taradale Intermediate performances 1.30  
Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm; PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 10 Sept Kapa Haka festival—Day 2
- 14 Sept Swimming instruction commences for Rooms 1 and 2
- 15 Sept Interschool Cross-country—Park Island
- 19-20 Sept Icon Photography taking family portraits in the Greenmeadows School hall
- 21 Sept Swimming instruction commences for Rooms 3 and 4
- 25 Sept End of Term 3
- 12 Oct Start of Term 4

Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson

**Principal**

Two weeks ago the children (and teachers) were involved in a art workshop led by travelling artist Graham Braddock. This was a very effective way to learn advanced drawing skills as you can see from the photographs sent to us by Graham. What a talented bunch!



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Logan Harris	Room 3	Josh Keating
Room 2	Corey Evans	Room 5	Kelson McKay
Room 4	Tyler Watts	Room 7	Jasmine Wynne
Room 6	Zara McDonald	Room 9	Sophie Dodd
Room 8	Sophia Gross	Room 11	Seth Beckett
Room 10	Amber Single-Owens	Room 14	Joanna Gerding
Room 12	Rebecca Howey	Room 16	Lauren Stephenson
Room 15	Dannielle Lewis	Room 17	Jacob Wiggins

## Week 6 —Term 3



## CANTEEN QUIZ

Q. Why is it important to eat a variety of fruit and vegetables every day?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room number \_\_\_\_\_

All entries to the office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.