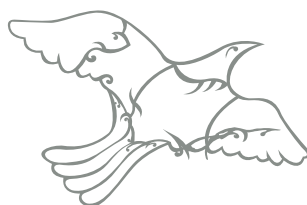


Newsletter

Thursday 9th February 2017



**Greenmeadows
Intermediate** School

Piki ki te rangi - Reach for the sky

Dear Parents and Whanau,

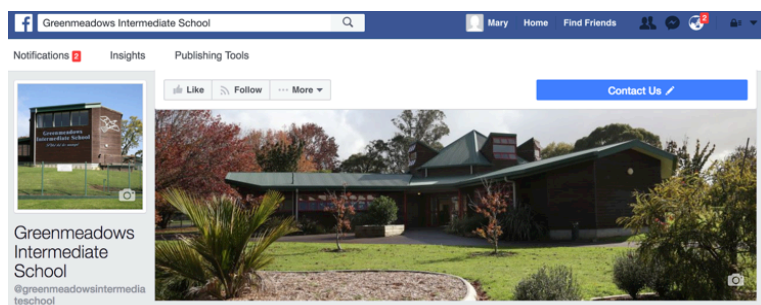
What a fabulous start of year we are experiencing here at Greenmeadows. It is our hope that all our new students and their families, along with our new staff are feeling welcome and already developing a sense of belonging to our school. Classes are well settled and Year 7 students appear to have transitioned extremely well! We have our Meet the Teacher evening coming up in Week 5 on Wednesday 1st March. This provides parents with an opportunity to begin building a strong working partnership with their child's teacher - we look forward to seeing you all there!

Cathy Chalmers
PRINCIPAL

COMMUNICATION

We encourage our parents and caregivers to keep in close contact with us at school and there are a number of ways in which you can do that. Send an email, make a phone call or pop in to see us at anytime. If you do want to see a teacher, an appointment outside of school time does usually need to be made but someone from the Senior Leadership Team (myself, Lali, Joe or Nevis) is always available to help with any queries or questions - we are happy to listen and help if we can. Email addresses follow the same pattern for all staff jblogs@greenmeadows.school.nz.

This year, our school is going to make better use of technology to communicate with parents. We will no longer be providing paper copies of the newsletter from March. Instead we will be emailing them out each fortnight. Our parents have indicated this is the preferred method as they often find their children don't give them the paper copy. We have



the email addresses of all of our Year 7 parents, and are asking parents of Year 8 students to also provide these to the school office. Parents can also download the current newsletter (or locate previous ones!) on the school website. We also encourage our parents to make use of the school website which we endeavour to keep up to date with current information, and our school facebook page which we are also going to use this year to "push out" information.

CAMP ADAIR

Everyone is very keen to go on camp next week! Exciting! This is the very first time we have organised a camp where the whole school can attend - and big thanks to the BOT and The Trust Community Foundation who have provided financial support to keep the costs more affordable for parents. A reminder that the buses leave promptly at 9.00a.m., so students need to be at school at 8.00a.m. on the day they go to camp.

Wednesday 15th February Year 8
Thursday 16th February Year 7

Please do contact your class teacher if you have any concerns or questions about camp - we are really keen to have all students go if at all possible and don't want any child to feel left out of this exciting EOTC activity.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Students who wish to do so are able to "Bring Their Own Device" to school from next week once they have signed all the user agreements required. If your child has not already given this to you, you can get them from the class teacher or download them off the website. Year 8 students need to sign new email and BYOD user agreements each year, just to make sure everyone is still clear about the guidelines for use. If you have any questions at all about BYOD, feel free to contact the class teacher or one of us in the office.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAYS

Just a friendly reminder to parents to drop students off at the gates - we try to keep the driveways clear of traffic before and after school to keep our students safe. Thanks!

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STAFFING 2017

We warmly welcome Stacey Kimpton, Vicky Simms, Ting Huang, Vanesh Pillay and Mickey Russell to our teaching staff this year. Detailed below is the organisation of each team.

KERERU TEAM

Byron Springveldt (Team Leader)	Room 1	Y8
Stacey Kimpton	Room 2	Y7
Jessica Stowers	Room 3	Y8
Nick Ferguson	Room 4	Y8
Vivek Gopal	Room 6	Y7
Vanesh Pillay	Room 9	Y7
Keri Tataurangi	Room 10	Y8

KOKAKO TEAM

Samantha Gemmell (Team Leader)	Room 18	Y8
Leena Maharaj	Room 17	Y7
Janie Ale	Room 19	Y7
Vicky Simms	Room 20	Y8
Kirsten Wright	Room 21	Y7
Mickey Russell	Room 5	Y8
Pooven Naidoo	Room 11	Y7

OFFICE STAFF

Rachel Lowen	Principal's PA & Executive Officer
Angeline Petera	Receptionist

SPECIALIST TEAM

Malcolm Clarke (Team Leader)	Technology
Debbie Gill	Technology
Ting Huang	Visual Arts
Skye Lee	Performing Arts
Iki Valivaka	Te Reo Specialist
Karen Stevens	Literacy and Maths Leader

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

Melanie Ormsby	Teacher Aide
Sunita Smith	Teacher Aide
Justine Kanapu	Teacher Aide
Tyrone Falasia	Teacher Aide
Lisa Craike	Teacher Aide

PROPERTY STAFF

Paul King	Property Manager
Tony Carr	Groundsman

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please make sure you let us know. You can;

- Phone the school
- Report an absence through the school website
- Email the teacher or send a note.
- Please note that overseas holidays during the school term are not classified as a justified absence from school.
- If your child needs to leave early, parents need to collect them from the office and sign them out.

CELLPHONES

A number of students do bring cellphones to school and we accept this as a way of life for young teenagers. HOWEVER, parents and students do need to understand the following conditions:

- Purchasing an expensive phone is a huge risk and we don't recommend it!
- All cellphones need to be named.
- Students are responsible for handing their cellphone in to the teacher at the start of the day. They are locked away and given back at home time.
- Students caught with a cellphone during the day will have their cellphone confiscated. It will then be held in the office until a parent comes in to collect it.
- The school is not able to accept any responsibility for cellphones that are lost or stolen. If students bring them to school, this is a risk parents and students need to recognise and understand!

MANUREWA AFC

2017 Football Registrations ON-LINE NOW
www.manurewaafc.org.nz

or come to Gibbs Road Clubrooms on Saturday 11th February
10am - 2pm for help & Eftpos/Cash payments

4th Grade to 17th Grade
(Born 2013) (Born 2000)

