

Newsletter



Greenmeadows
Intermediate School

Piki ki te rangi - Reach for the sky

Thursday 13th October 2016

Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e lelei, Taloha, Ki Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao Malo Ni, Namaste, Habari Dobar Dan, Bula Vanaka!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4! We live in hope that the sun begins to shine a little more often in the coming weeks! CONGRATULATIONS to Rose Santos who welcomed a baby girl Shiloh into the world during the school holidays. While Shiloh arrived a number of weeks early, she is doing very well and growing stronger every day. This has, of course, meant that Rose has gone straight onto maternity leave this term, however we had already appointed Vivek Gopal to take over the teaching of Room 20 which he has now done. We wish Rose and Hugo all the very best as they take up the mantle of parenthood – an exciting time in their lives!

We also welcome Malcolm Clarke and Keri Tataurangi to Greenmeadows this week. Malcolm is teaching our Digital Design and Technology and Robotics programme and comes to us with great experience having taught in this field for a number of years, most recently at the Mind Lab. Keri is also an experienced teacher who we feel fortunate to have on staff. She is providing release/cover for teachers this term, prior to starting her own class full-time from the start of 2017.

Cathy Chalmers
Principal

2017 GREENMEADOWS INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS

A reminder that enrolments for Year 7, 2017 are due after Labour Weekend. We really appreciate having these in on time as it enables us to make better decisions about class placements as we are able to get good information from primary schools about students we know are coming.

MANY TALENTS, ONE SHOW!

We have our annual Many Talents, One Show coming up soon on Tuesday 1st November, starting at 7.00p.m. This show is a tradition of our school and is highly popular with parents and whanau. It showcases the amazing talents of our students in the area of The Performing Arts and includes items from all of our performance groups and talented individuals. Tickets go on sale next week and cost \$5.00 per person (whether a child or an adult) and are limited, so get in quick!

TERM 4 EVENTS

Term 4 is always a term for celebration in an intermediate school and I would encourage parents to pop the following dates into diaries:

Friday 21st October
Monday 24th October
Sunday 30th October
Tuesday 1st November, 7.00p.m.
Monday 7th November
Tuesday 8th November, 7.30p.m.
Tuesday 8th November
Friday 11th November
Wednesday 30th November
Thursday 1st December
Friday 2nd December
Tuesday 6th December
Wednesday 14th December, 11.00a.m.
Thursday 15th December, 6.30p.m.
Friday 16th December

APPA Music Festival Rehearsal (Choir only)
Labour Day (School Closed)
Auckland Intermediate Art Exhibition
Many Talents, One Show
APPA Music Festival Dress Rehearsal (Choir and Pasifika Group)
APPA Music Festival - Choir and Pasifika Groups performing
Rotoroa Island Trip
Athletics House Event
Kokako End of Year Trip
Kotare End of Year Trip
Kereru End of Year Trip
3 Way Conferences - Reports given out
School Prizegiving
Year 8 Graduation
Last Day of School - School finishes at 12.30p.m.



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HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS

Year 8 students have the opportunity to visit the high school (only Manurewa) they are enrolled in on the following days:

Manurewa High School	18 th November, 9.00a.m. to 12.30p.m.
Alfriston College	7 th December, 9.00a.m. to 2.50p.m.
James Cook High School	(We have yet to receive this information)

These visits involve students taking part in a variety of activities at the high school. Students come to school on the day and they are transported by bus to and from the high school. ONLY students who have completed their 2017 enrolment are able to attend.

NZ ASSOCIATION OF INTERMEDIATE & MIDDLE SCHOOLING CONFERENCE

Lali Hopkins, Joe Lukupa, Iki Valivaka, Byron Springveldt and I will be attending this conference to be held in Whakatane from next Tuesday to Friday. The theme of the conference this year specifically relates to catering for the diverse needs of adolescents.

APPA MUSIC FESTIVAL REHEARSAL

The choir will be attending the APPA Festival Rehearsal next Friday 21st October at New Windsor Primary School. They will be leaving school before 9.00a.m. so students need to be at school by 8.30a.m. at the latest.



MANUREWA MUSIC SCHOOL 2017 ENROLMENTS

Manurewa Music School is now taking enrolments for 2017. Hosted by Greenmeadows Intermediate School the Manurewa Music School is funded by the Ministry of Education to provide affordable music tuition for children aged from 7 - 13 years. Music tutors are trained musicians and are currently able to offer lessons in the following instruments; Guitar, Keyboard and Violin. The fee for 2017 is \$30.00, this includes the cost of all music books. Enrolments are completed in person at the Greenmeadows Intermediate School office between the hours of 8.30am-4.00pm. Enrolments close Friday 25th November 2016 or once class placements are fully allocated. For more information please visit <http://www.greenmeadows.school.nz/enrolments/>

Star Wars is coming to Manurewa Library! Saturday 15th October from 2:00 pm

A special free afternoon "Star Wars Reads Day" event for families; featuring story time, Star Wars activities and a special photo opportunity with "Outpost 42" – the NZ Garrison of the worldwide Star Wars costuming group. Come dressed up as your favourite Star Wars character!! For more information, please ask a staff member or phone 262 5420.



WRITING

363 Seven Dead In Space Shuttle Disaster

24 successful space shuttle missions had already happened by 1984. NASA wanted to increase the interest in space travel. A teacher had to be decided and they chose a woman named Christa McAuliffe. Then on the 28th of January 1986 a space shuttle was supposed to lift off. Millions and millions watched it happen and McAuliffe's family and friends were watching. Then just over a minute later the space shuttle exploded and McAuliffe with 6 other people had lost their lives in this horrible accident.

100 Word Challenge written By Lloyd Baladad, Rm 9

My cousin's house

I'm slouched on the linty, worn down couch in the lounge. I stare at the bright T.V screen blaring a reality show Sinai watches. She is busy with the baby, Nanci. I can hear her sweet gurgling sounds and tinkly laughter as Sinai feeds her a bottle of paper-white milk. In the other room, Thomas is nagging Fato to play with him. Fato is obviously irritated - Thomas just woke him up. I draw my attention back to the tasty brownie in my hand. I sink my teeth into its chewy flesh and savour it. I love its rich and chocolatey flavour. It is heavenly.

Analina Namoa Room 17

Ardmore Airport

Music blasting my eardrums as trees whiz past me. I glance at my dad to see him concentrating on the road ahead of us. I watch as my dad's workplace for today approaches. Man it must be cool to be doing his job - being able to go to different places to work. Finally he parks the van, this place is so tiny yet amazing. I hop out only for a moment before hopping back in. Dad just stares at me quizzically and heads inside the tiny building to do something for work.

After about an hour of looking around, staring at random people and doing horrible sketches, my dad comes out. Once he opens the door the cold wind hits me and a gust of fresh air with a hint of fuel enters the van. I take out my earbuds and watch my dad closely. Then, my dad says the few words I dread "Hey Jess, sorry but we can't leave. There needs to be a controlled crash landing, sorry." My life is over. I sigh keeping my anger inside of me as I know there's no reason to take it out on him.

Hours later the small plane flies over us. The pilot must be bored. Watching him from down here is boring. All of a sudden he starts to do barrel rolls. After a few more minutes I hear to massive bangs and that means he has finally crash landed. **By Jess Kean Room 17**

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