



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 and Whanau,

The end of Term 1 is nearly upon us! This term has had so many highlights for staff and students! Starting with the lovely bunch of Year 7 students who have joined us this year (sometimes you get a cohort that just “jells” - and the 2017 Year 7 students are one of those bunches!) We all had a fantastic time at Camp Adair in Week 3 - our first time to take all students away to camp! Classes have settled into their learning well and our Education Outside the Classroom programme has really got cracking with a number of different activities on offer already this year including Polyfest, Sports Tournaments, Nanogirl trip and much more! Roll on Term 2!

School finishes at 3.00p.m. next Thursday 13th April. I do hope everyone has a lovely Easter Break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 1st May.

Cathy Chalmers
PRINCIPAL

INFORMING US ABOUT ABSENCES IS GETTING EASIER AND EASIER!

Schools are required to record reasons for absences in our Student Management System and our attendance data is sent to the Ministry of Education at the end of each term. Our data shows around 50% of our absences are “unexplained”. We are trying to make it easier for parents to let us know why their child is away from school. Please do one of the following:

- Ring school and leave a message
- Email Angeline in the office (apetera@greenmeadows.school.nz) or your child’s teacher
- **Next term** we will be launching our **new school app**. You will then be able to use this to let us know your child is away as well.

If we don’t hear from you before school starts and your child is absent, you will receive a text message asking for a reason why they are away. If you do receive a text, please text back with the reason.

Finally! After all that, you can still send a note along to school with your child once they return.



GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES - NEXT WEEK!

A reminder that Goal Setting Conferences are next week on Tuesday 11th, 1.00p.m. to 7.45p.m. and Wednesday 12th April, 3.15p.m. to 5.45p.m. School finishes at 12.30p.m. next Tuesday and the buses will NOT be coming early - parents will need to make other transport arrangements for bus students leaving at 12.30p.m.

We are able to allocate teacher aides to supervise bus students until the bus arrives at 3.00p.m. (it will not be a normal programme). Please email Angeline (apetera@greenmeadows.school.nz) or return the slip below if you wish this to happen.

Goal Setting Conferences Day - Tuesday 11th April 2017 Early bus not available

I would like _____ in Room _____ to remain at school until the buses arrive at 3.00p.m on Tuesday 11th April.

Signed Parent/Caregiver: _____ Date: _____

I-HUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

A reminder that I-hub run a holiday programme for our students during the break. This is an excellent option if you are seeking ways to keep your child well occupied in worthwhile activities during the holidays. If you are working, studying or receiving a benefit you may qualify for a subsidy - and not enough parents seem to know this! Email greenmeadows@theihub.co.nz if you want to find out more - particularly around the cost and if you can receive a subsidy.

FAREWELL TO PHIL PALFREY



We at Greenmeadows Intermediate School would like to acknowledge the leaving of Phil Palfrey, Principal at Manurewa East School. Phil has long been a supporter of Greenmeadows as Principal of one of our main feeder schools. We value the relationship we have with Manurewa East and we will miss his cheerful personality and appreciate the wonderful contribution he has made to our community over the past 20 years. Phil is heading to Rotorua as Principal of Kaitao Middle School. All the best Phil!

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE ONLINE

With the holidays coming up on us, students are likely to be spending more time on their devices at home than usual. It seems timely to remind parents of ways to support children to develop a good "online presence".

- Become your child's friend in any social network environment your child creates.
- Maintain easy access to their profile via their login.
- Ensure you always have access to your child's phone to help keep them safe Don't allow it to be a "no go" area.
- TEACH your children to seek permission of another before they send or upload images to the internet. Model this yourself.
- Agree on a time in the evening to stop using the technology within the home.....that's everyone!
- Try to maintain open lines of communication - do not over react if you see something that alarms you or makes you angry. They may not show you next time!
- Talk/Ask about their friends and social activity in the online world - the same as you do in the real world.
- Teach your children to protect their online identity.
- Pay attention to the games they are playing online - are they appropriate?

Just a reminder to parents that students are NOT allowed to use their school email address to set up Facebook pages, Instagram accounts etc. We have had some students try to do this - it is a breach of their student use agreement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 CLASS AMBASSADORS

These students were selected by their peers to represent their class on the student council. An outstanding bunch of students!

Room 1	Maia Taua'a
Room 2	Lee Rogers
Room 3	Katalaina Polataivao-Saute
Room 4	Lui Pele
Room 5	Joana Malewa
Room 6	Lynna Nguyen
Room 9	Regina Rex
Room 10	Mahli Vaka
Room 11	Nimeeta Masilagi
Room 17	Connor Shelley
Room 18	Ruepena Tolofua
Room 19	Tiana Thomson
Room 20	Paris Taylor
Room 21	Liana Singsam

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you are still wishing to purchase school photos please return the Photolife envelope by tomorrow. While parents can return payment in the envelope to school, we simply pass the envelope directly onto Photolife. It is important parents understand we don't handle the money, so we can't give out change etc.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS?

Before the end of term, Angeline will be emailing parents to confirm contact details. Please check these and make sure we have your correct phone numbers and address. Thanks.

MANUREWA HIGH SCHOOL SAMOAN GROUP

What a wonderful show this group put on at our school assembly last week! Their sasa was outstanding! It was so nice to see ex pupils in the group. Thanks to Miss Hopkins and Mr T for organising this visit!

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