



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,

This term is rocking by – can't believe we are motoring up to Week 4 next week! Intermediate Schools are like that. We have students for two awesome years, and during that time we want to make available a wide range of opportunities for students as they work towards fulfilling their individual potential. Over the past two weeks opportunities for students have included the following:

- A team of students competed in both the Counties and Interzone Orienteering at Totara Park. Congratulations to this team who had a really successful day; they ran their fastest, navigated the forest and supported each other to finish the race.
- The choir taking part in the Manurewa Harmony Music Festival rehearsal on Friday 13th May.
- A group of budding authors attended the Writers Festival on Tuesday 10th May.
- The Robotics extension group began. These students showed real enthusiasm and interest in the Robotics programme during Term 1 and are working with Mr Forsyth on extending their capabilities in this area of technology.
- Miss Lee has started an ukulele extension group.
- Students who chose to, sat the ICAS Digital Technology Assessment on Tuesday 17th May.
- The soccer and rugby teams have been training hard after school two days a week, preparing for the interschool tournaments.
- The Chinese Fan and Bollywood Dance groups have been practicing during their breaks.
- Preparation for Mathex has begun.

It is great to see so many students involved in so many varied activities – and when I look at the above list, I can not help but think how fortunate we are to have so many willing and talented staff who are able to lead these extra curricula activities, giving up much of their own break times to do so. Go Greenmeadows!

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS



We feel very fortunate to have been included in the Fruit in Schools programme. This means that our students are provided with free fruit while at school. This is such a cool programme and we are loving the variety and healthiness of having fruit available for our students. This programme supports our school drive to promote healthy, balanced eating habits with our students. Hopefully they will eat more fruit when they get to school and buy fewer pies at the dairy down the road on their way to school! That leads me to remind parents (as we constantly do our students) that our canteen provides very yummy, but healthier options for lunches and snacks; we encourage our students to buy their lunch etc at school, not down the road at the dairy or bakery where they tend to buy less healthy food.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 20th May 2016**. Should we go to an election, then all eligible voters will receive voting papers in the mail. Voting closes at noon on **Friday 3rd June, 2016**. Voting papers can either be posted to school, or dropped into the voting paper box in the school office.

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2016 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
 Make a difference
Ki te whakapiki

PINK SHIRT DAY - FRIDAY 20th MAY 2016

SPEAK UP
Stand together
STOP
BULLYING

This week is Bullying Prevention week and we at Greenmeadows are standing together with other schools and New Zealanders across the country to take action against bullying. Students are encouraged to wear something pink showing their support for the anti-bullying stance. They are also expected to bring \$2!

Why pink? The whole pink theme began in Canada – when two students rallied their whole school to wear pink – standing up for a peer who was bullied by others for wearing a pink shirt. At Greenmeadows we embrace difference – lets all wear pink on Friday!!

OUR SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME

Schools have a legal obligation to publish their Health Programme every two years and invite parent input and comment. A copy of our Health Programme has been posted on the school website and has also been emailed out to all parents who receive the newsletter. You can also request a copy be sent home by contacting Ange in the school office. We would be pleased to receive suggestions and/or comments on our health programme. Please do so by contacting either myself cchalmers@greenmeadows.school.nz or Joe Lukupa jlukupa@greenmeadows.school.nz.

BOT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 23rd May at 6.30p.m. in the staffroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming dates you may wish to put in the diary:

Tuesday 24 th May	Boys Soccer Tournament
Tuesday 31 st May	Science ICAS Test and Girls Soccer Tournament
Tuesday 31 st May, 6.30pm	Home and School Partnership Evening
Tuesday 14 th June	Writing ICAS Test
Wednesday 15 th June	Spelling ICAS Test and Boys Rugby Tournament
16th-17 th June	Science Roadshow at GIS
Tuesday 21 st June	Girls Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 21 st June, 6.30pm	Home and School Partnership Evening
Tuesday 5 th July	Hockey Boys Tournament
Thursday 7 th July	Hockey Girls Tournament
Friday 8 th July	End of Term 2



STUDENT'S WRITING

AUTUMN

When I go for walk in Autumn,
I hear the crispy, crunchy, chocolate-coloured leaves
I see red, orange, yellow and green
It is beautiful

I feel the crunchy leaves between my toes
They sound like cornflakes
I smell the refreshing air
and I also smell the wind

The leaves are like a waterfall
falling to the ground.
I see leaves splash to the ground

By Jasjeet Singh, Room: 21

When I go for a walk in autumn

When I go for a walk in autumn
The sweet smell of the trees surrounds me
The crimson, amber and plain-brown leaves
crunching and cracking while I walk over them
Leaves disintegrate when I touch them
showing me that they have aged.

By Damian Rippingale
Room 21