



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,

The end of Term 2 is rapidly approaching - and how quickly it has raced by! I would like to congratulate our Open Boys Rugby team who competed at Auckland Champs on Tuesday at the Marist Rugby Club, Panmure. They won four out of six games and came 5th overall. The two games they lost were against the two finalists. It was a fun day for everyone all round! We were proud of the sportsmanship shown by the team. I would also like to thank Mr Springveldt, Mr Ferguson and Mr Stowers who worked really hard to coach and support the team.



Term 2 ends next Friday 7th July at the normal time of 3.00p.m. I wish everyone (including our exceptional staff!) safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 24th July by 9.00a.m.

SPELLATHON MONEY

Thanks so much for the AWESOME support our school community has shown for our Spellathon Fundraiser! The final test was done last week and students should all be collecting and returning their sponsorship money in the envelope provided. Angeline has more envelopes in the office, should your child have lost theirs. Please make sure that the sponsorship form is included in the envelope.

Money is due back by Monday 4.00p.m. At that time, all returned envelopes will go in the relevant draws for the prizes. Prizes will be given out at the Spelling House Event next Wednesday. Parents are welcome to attend this as well - it will be held in the hall starting at 10.45a.m.

SCHOOL JUBILEE FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - SAVE THE DATE!

On the 16th September 2017, Greenmeadows Intermediate will have been open for 50 years! The Board of Trustees is very keen to recognise this milestone by organising a school jubilee celebration that includes the following events on Friday 15th September:

- **School Celebration Assembly for the community 11.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.** We have invited a number of special guests and are hoping this will be well attended by ex pupils and families. All our performance groups will be performing.
- **Social Function for interested ex pupils, staff, BoT members, family and friends from 7.00p.m.** in the school hall. Tickets will cost \$30 (non alcoholic) or \$50.00 (limited alcohol) per person. Food and drinks provided. Age restriction: not suitable for students who are still enrolled at school.

Spread the word! We will be creating an "Event" on our facebook page, so do keep an eye out for it if you are keen to come.

GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES TUESDAY 4th JULY, 1.00p.m. to 7.30p.m. WEDNESDAY 5th JULY, 3.15p.m. to 5.45p.m.

School finishes at 12.30p.m. on Tuesday 4th July. Students who normally catch the bus need to make alternative arrangements that day as we are not able to change the bus schedule.

Bookings for interviews are now available online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> using the code **eushd** or by contacting your class teacher. Great to see 133 parents have booked appointments so far!

Event code: **eushd** *

Bookings: **Open**

Teachers: 19

Caregivers: 133

Bookings: 144

BIKE RIDING TO SCHOOL - IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE!

I am sure many parents are as aware as the rest of us, of the really dangerous bike riding shown by some youths in the area on our roads. Everyone is aware of them - and talking about how dangerous they are! Riding on the back wheel, often in the middle of the road, these youth do not wear helmets and are often weaving in and out of traffic, creating a real hazard on the road. It is really disappointing that we have received complaints from the public that some of our students who ride bikes to school have joined in this activity - in their school uniform, no less! It needs to stop.

If you have a child who rides a bike to school, I would strongly suggest you check they are riding in a safe and appropriate manner and are wearing a helmet as is required by law. We have made contact with parents when we know who they are - but let's be honest, this is a responsibility that really falls under "parenting" rather than "education". I would hate to receive news that one of our students had been hit by a car.

AUCKLAND TEACHER SHORTAGE

As I am sure parents are fully aware, there is a real shortage of teachers across the whole of Auckland which is creating real issues for schools. We have had a number of occasions now where teachers have been away sick and we have not been able to get a reliever to cover. We do use a recruitment agency to supply our relievers, however, they often now run out of people unless you are able to ring in advance to book. This generally doesn't work when a teacher is away sick!

Why am I telling you this? Pretty much just so you understand the situation and are not surprised if there are occasions when classes have to be split to cover when a teacher is away. We do our best to avoid this at all cost, however sometimes it has just been unavoidable, particularly if we have more than one teacher away.

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Joe Lukupa and Maria, his partner, who have welcomed a beautiful baby girl (Kelly Jesse) to their family. Joe returns from paternity leave next week.

INTERSCHOOL GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

A reminder that the Girls Hockey tournament is next Thursday 6th July at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga. The team will be leaving school at 8:30 a.m. and return no later than 2:45p.m. We have not entered a team in the Boys Tournament this year as the date clashed with Goal Setting Conferences.

MANUREWA

If you were to take; window washers, bike gangs, and siren battles, and put them in a town in South Auckland, you would end up with something like Manurewa.

Manurewa. The town I'm proud to call home. Before "Netflix", I remember Video Ezy. Late nights on a Saturday, was when my family and I went down in our uso van, to Video Ezy. To my child mind that place was movie heaven. The entire film selection alphabetically categorized to your convenience. Those were the days.

I remember driving past KFC. Inhaling the deadly scrumptious aroma of kentucky fried chicken. Memories stick, of begging my father to drive in. The taste of victory sweet, after my dad finally agrees. I know now that I would never live anywhere else. Memories like these cannot be replaced, and I see now the importance of a good childhood and neighbourhood. They lay down the foundations of your personality.

Later on in life, important people come along and add bricks of wisdom and teaching. They then add layers of cement to solidify the person you will eventually become. This is why I love Manurewa. It has helped form me into the person I am today. Without Manurewa I would be someone else, and probably only half discovered myself in terms of hobbies and talents. I wouldn't trade Manurewa for anything else in the world. **By Aviu Aviu, Room 18**

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