



Welcome back to Term 4! This last term for the year is always one which everyone enjoys. It is a time when the Year 8's get to celebrate their time and accomplishments at Greenmeadows and Year 7's start to look towards what being a Year 8 in 2018 will mean for them. We have a number of activities and experiences planned this term. Dates for these are on both our school website and the school app - however the ones that affect most students are as follows:

- *Monday 6 November* APPA Music Festival Rehearsal - Choir
- *Tuesday 7 November* Pasifika group rehearsal for APPA performance (am)
- *Tuesday 7 November* APPA Music Festival (7.30p.m.) - Choir
- *Wednesday 8 November* Pasifika Group performing at APPA Music Festival
- *Friday 17 November* Mufti Day
- *Friday 17 November* Interschool Athletics
- *Thursday 23 November* Kapa Haka, Pasifika and Chinese Fan Dance performing at Everglade School Twilight Festival (6.15pm)
- *Friday 1 December* Kokako Team End of Year trip
- *Tuesday 5 December* Reporting Conferences (Written reports are given out)
- *Friday 8 December* Kereru Team End of Year trip
- *Wednesday 13 December* PRIZEGIVING (11.00 TO 1.00P.M.)
- *Thursday 14 December* Year 8 Graduation
- *Friday 15 December* Last Day (school finishes at 12.30pm)

We do hope parents and whanau are able to join us for some of the above activities and encourage you to pop them in the diary! We will send out reminders on the app closer to the time.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Teachers have been asked to make contact with parents who have yet to confirm with us where their child will be going to high school. We need to know this information so we can enter it into the Ministry of Education database before the end of the year. If you have yet to enrol your child, please do so as soon as possible - we are happy to help if needed. If your child has been accepted for an out of zone enrolment, please send along a copy of the acceptance letter. Our three local high schools keep us informed of who has enrolled for 2018, so don't worry about it if your child is going to one of those schools.

AUCKLAND TEACHER SHORTAGE

All parents will be aware that there is a teacher shortage crisis in Auckland at the moment. This is starting to affect us at Greenmeadows, mainly in our ability to get relievers at the last minute when teachers are sick. The Board of Trustees have employed Samantha Nilsen to help alleviate this issue. However we still have had the odd occasion when we have had to split classes as no other relievers are available. We only do this as an absolute last resort and do appreciate parents understanding.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Samantha Nilsen who has joined our teaching staff this term and is working four days a week. Samantha is teaching across the school this term, in preparation for teaching her own class full time next year.

2018 Y7 GREENMEADOWS ENROLMENTS

These are coming in thick and fast which is great. It is better to have enrolments in early so that class placements can be given careful consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Girls Volleyball team who competed in the interschool tournament last Friday. They played 4 games, they tried their very best and had some great moments throughout the tournament placing 7th overall. The girls were great sports and represented our school well! Kaya and Taylor are missing from this picture but they also fought hard in every match! Thanks for the support and also to Leilani Asiata for helping out with trainings.



AUCKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

We are very proud of the following students who are exhibiting their wonderful artwork in the AMSA Exhibition at the Corbans Estate in Henderson from Sunday 29 October.

*Jane McMillan, Paris Taylor, Ashleigh Solomann,
Arohdyin Orika, Jasleen Kaur, Sonia Chettiar, Dylan Ross, Zellas Uatisone, Lui Pele, Sheloutska Howe,
Waimaria Johnstone*

Their artwork is superb! Thanks to our wonderful art teacher Ting Huang who has done a wonderful job growing the skills of these students in the extension art class.

BOYS BASKETBALL AUCKLAND ZONE TOURNAMENT

Well done to our Boy's Basketball team who competed in the Auckland Zone Tournament yesterday at the Waitakere Trust Stadium. They should be congratulated for their commitment and passion to train and play as well as they did. They placed 5th in the tournament. Great work boys!!

ASSISTANT CARETAKER JOB VACANCY

We are currently looking for someone to work as an Assistant Caretaker 30hours per week, Monday to Friday. A detailed job description and application form can be found on our school website.

STUDENT WRITING - IMMIGRATION BY RENELYN CRABAJALES RM1

If your parents were immigrants and you were born here does that make you an immigrant too? Since your parents came from another country and you didn't, that makes you a citizen of that country which technically means you're not an immigrant. Humans migrated to different countries thousands of years ago and still they do it now. So far, every continent is inhabited by humans except for Antarctica, but yet people still visit there. Immigrants move to different countries not for sightseeing but to live a better life or start a new one.

People used to migrate, because of land and lack of resources such as food and water, but today people migrate for different purposes. A lot of problems are currently occurring around the world such as war which forces people to flee the country for their safety. Maybe people need to move for less depressing reasons such as work that requires you to go to a different place far away from home. Because not everyone has a luxurious life, things get difficult and they need to immigrate to a foreign country so that they don't have much trouble living a life with their family.

Migration is when people go to other countries to become citizens of their new home. You don't even have to move to a different country to say that you have migrated, simply moving houses can be considered migrating. When you travel, it's usually for a vacation, but when you're immigrating, it's for a much longer stay or if you plan to stay there permanently. Humans aren't the only species on earth to migrate, animals do it too, to find food and migrate to places that has the climate that suits them.

So far New Zealand has been receiving plenty of foreigners around the globe, because of this, cities are becoming more crowded than before. Even with our country (New Zealand) being culturally diverse and welcoming, we are still a small nation and we have limits to how many people we can let into New Zealand. Not all the immigrants that arrive to New Zealand have houses to live in and have to rely on friends or family to provide them a place to stay temporarily.

200,000 years ago, our ancestors traveled out of Africa on foot to discover and claim new land. Today modern transport such as: cars, trains, boats and planes take people where they want to go much quicker than walking. We can only imagine what it would be like in the future to travel and what New Zealand will look like in few decades or so.