

# GIS Newsletter

Sunday 30 July 2023

## Principal's message

Kia ora whanau,

Term 3 is well underway - this is always a busy term at school with a lot happening. As an intermediate school, we pride ourselves on providing a wide range of opportunities that enhance the curriculum in different areas. This term we have Kawau Camp, Wero Trips, Netball, Basketball, Rugby League and Cross Country Tournaments, practices for our annual Mighty Minds and Talents Show, rehearsals for the Alfriston Kāhui Ako music festival, chess lessons, and the after school Maths Club - just to name a few!

For parents, the newsletter is one way to keep track of what is going on for your child, as is our Facebook page and the School app - so do make sure you check these regularly.

This newsletter includes information about:

- 2024 Enrolments
- Wero Trips for Year 8
- Kawau Camp
- Proposed enrolment zone for Greenmeadows
- School uniform
- Netball
- Homework Club
- MMT (Mighty Minds and Talents) Show
- Feeder School visits to Greenmeadows
- 3 Way Conferences

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

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Important  
Information



**ENROLMENTS  
OPEN  
FOR 2024**

**GREENMEADOWS  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**Parent Information Dates**  
**TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST AT 6:30 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST AT 10:30 AM**

### **ENROL ONLINE**

Simply go to our school website  
[www.greenmeadows.school.nz](http://www.greenmeadows.school.nz)  
Click on Enrolment 2024 and fill  
out our online enrolment form.  
It's that easy.

For more information please  
contact Joe Lukupa (Deputy  
Principal)

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## **2024 Enrolments**

**We have begun accepting enrolments for 2024.**

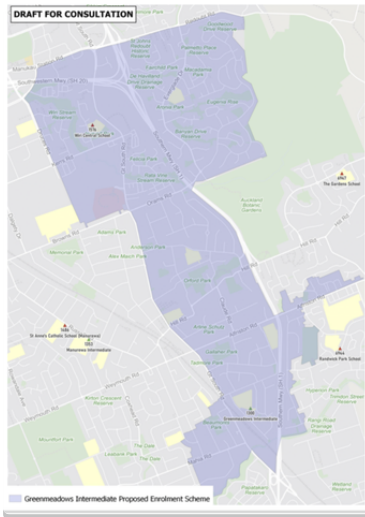
Mr Lukupa and our student councillors visited Hillpark School, Manurewa Central and Everglade school last week to deliver prospectuses. He has also dropped off enrolment packs at Manurewa East School and to some of the other Manurewa Schools who have requested them because they have had some parents asking for them.

If you know of any parents who wants to enrol their child for Year 7 at our school next year, then please do share this information with them!

We have organised two opportunities for prospective parents to visit the school; this will include a tour of classrooms and a presentation about our school, our curriculum and what we do to support a smooth transition from primary to intermediate school. These visits are at the following times:

- **this coming Tuesday 1st August 6.30p.m.**
- Wednesday 9th August at 10.30a.m.

Parents are able to access all information about enrolments off our school website. This includes an online enrolment form which parents can access by [following this link](#). Once the form is completed, it is important to also email copies of the birth certificate, passport etc through to the school office.



## Proposed Enrolment Zone for Greenmeadows Intermediate

Parents will have received information about the consultation process the Ministry of Education is currently undertaking with the community regarding the proposed enrolment zone they intend to implement at our school. If you wish to check out this information, [then click on this link](#).

**The enrolment zone will not impact on any enrolments that are received for the START of 2024**, so we strongly recommend people get their enrolment forms in this year so students are guaranteed a place. The enrolment zone will come into force from Term 2, 2024.

## Kawau Camp – 28 August to 1 September

Kawau Camp is rapidly drawing near!! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to spend a week on Kawau Island at Camp Bentzon sailing, kayaking, swimming, hiking, learning a bit of history and generally having a great time in the great outdoors. Mr Lukupa, myself, Miss Jung and Mr Mons will be going on camp, along with a great group of parent volunteers.



**A parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 9th August at 6.30p.m.** in the school hall. It is important parents come to this hui (as well as students) as we will be going through the organisation as well as the processes we have in place to manage risk etc.

Health, consent forms etc will be given out to all students who are going to camp this week. We would appreciate these being completed as soon as possible - feel free to bring them along to the camp meeting! Or alternatively return them to school.

**Final payment for camp is due Monday 21st August.**

Now is a good time to start preparing for what students need to bring to camp. A copy of the camp list is below - boat shoes (such as those from The Warehouse) are strongly recommended!



[🔗 Camp Gear List 2...](#)

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Camp Bentzon Gear List 2023 All gear needs to fit into one bag. Students also need to bring a back pack or school bag with their lunch/drink in for the first day. Sleeping bag/pillow slip (pillow provided) 2 x Pyjamas 3 x Long pants 3 x Sweat shirts/Jumpers 5 x Socks Enough underwear for the...



## Year 8 Wero Trips

**A reminder that Year 8 students have their trips to Wero Waterpark this term beginning this week.** It is really important that the signed permission slips are returned to school. These will be sent home by the class teachers. There is no cost for the students to take part in this activity.

**The timetable for Year 8 next term is as follows:**

- Room 2 - Thursday 3 August
- Room 4 - Tuesday 8 August
- Room 5 - Wednesday 9 August
- Room 7 - Thursday 10 August
- Room 8 - Tuesday 15 August
- Room 21 - Wednesday 23 August
- Room 20 - Thursday 24 August



## It is important to be at school on time!

Learning to manage their time is a necessary life skill for all students particularly as they head off to high school. Parents can support the development of these skills by encouraging students to manage their own time in the morning rather than relying on parents. This includes setting their own alarms to get out of bed, organising all their school stuff BEFORE watching TV etc and sending them off to school with enough time that they are not late!

Last week, we averaged 30 students who were late to school every day!! Most were for unjustified reasons - such as they slept in!!! Of those who were late last week, some were caught wagging down at the shop, or getting off the bus and then heading for the shops instead of coming into school. Others had parents who thought their child was walking straight to school, when in fact they were going via McDonalds and Southmall and then losing track of time.

**From now on, we will be contacting parents when students are late to school three times or more so that you know if your child is regularly late and can help us do something about it.**



It would be really helpful if parents who are dropping their child off late to school **came in with them to sign them** in as in this way we are able to filter those who are late for genuine reasons.

### 3 Way Conferences

Just a heads up that 3 Way Conferences will be held on Tuesday 22nd August (Week 6). It is a wee way away yet, however I wanted to give plenty of notice to parents if they need to make arrangements as school will be finishing at 12.30p.m. that day. The buses also don't come early, so bus students need to organise an alternative way home.

Bookings for 3 Way Conferences will open next week and parents can book via Hero.

### MMT Show - 18th & 19th September



Every year, the school puts on a variety show that showcases the amazing performance talents of our students. All of our cultural groups perform, as do our musicians and choir. It is always a much anticipated show, enjoyed by both students and families. Groups are currently practising both in school time as well as after school. This year the show will be held in the last week of term. The matinee will take place on Monday 18 September (during the day) and the evening show will be on Tuesday 19 September. If your child is part of one of the performance groups, please do make sure

they are able to come to perform at these shows - and keep the night free yourself if you want to watch! It is totally worth it!

## Girls Netball

**YEAR 7**

Jada	Saraia
Elkanzis	Silia
Nafanua	Autumn
Navia	Lesieli
Tessennee	La'kya

**YEAR 8**

Aka	Shania
Siriyah	Rehutai
Agnes	Ana
Collette	Tracey
Mariah	Delilah







The girls netball teams had a great day at the Counties Manukau Interschool Tournament last week. The Year 8 team made the semi-finals and the Year 7 came third in their pools. Read on for two lovely messages from two team members:

- The Year 7 team put a lot of hard work into our training. At the tournament we played well with good communication, and we came 3rd equal! We would like to thank our coaches for their hard work too. (Lesieli)*
- Talofa team. I'm Siriyah, the captain for the year 8 girls netball team. I just wanted to thank Whaea Steph, and our parent helpers Susan and Seti for taking their time to come and train us. Also thank you to Mary for umpiring our games. Our girls really did well in placing third equal. I am super proud of the effort they put into our games.*

## Chess

Chess is fast becoming a popular activity at school and we are fortunate to have Coach Ronald come in each Friday to tutor the Chess Club students in the finer points of the game.

Congratulations to Myles Saveedra who won a bronze medal at the Manurewa Chess Junior Blitz Tournament on Saturday.



