

Welcome to Greenmeadows 2025!

Monday 20 January 2025

Principal's message

Kia ora whānau!

You are receiving this newsletter as your child has enrolled at Greenmeadows Intermediate as a Year 8 student for next year. This newsletter is to provide you with information that we hope will help answer some of the questions you might have about the start of the year.



This newsletter includes information about:

- Term Dates
- Office hours at the start of the year
- What happens on the first day?
- Uniforms
- Stationery
- Cellphones
- School Lunches
- Communications
- Activity Week - 10 - 14 February (Week 2)

We look forward to seeing all our Year 8's back at school on 3rd February!! :)

Ngā mihi

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2025 Start Dates

Below are the key dates for the start of the school year in 2025.

- **Monday 27 January** - Auckland Anniversary Day



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- **Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 January** - the school office is open for enrolments, stationery and second hand uniform sales. (These are also Teacher Only Days)
- **Monday 3 February** - Year 8 students start at 9.00a.m.
- **Tuesday 4 February** - Year 7 students start - Powhiri at 9.00a.m.
- **Thursday 6 February** - Waitangi Day



Office Hours for the start of next year

The school office will be open from 9.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. from **Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 30 January** for enrolments, stationery sales and second hand uniform sales.

What happens on the first day for Year 8's?

The first day for Year 8 students is Monday 3 February. They need to be at school before 9.00a.m. and assemble up on the courts. When the bell goes, teachers usher them into the hall and we then let them know their classes for 2025. Parents are most welcome to join us in the hall if they wish to find out what class their child is in and to meet the teacher.

Where can I purchase uniforms?

As always, our school uniform can be purchased from either:

- **The Uniform Shoppe**, 1 Ronwood Ave, Manukau
- **The Warehouse**, Cavendish Drive, Manukau.

We remind parents that we have strict regulations regarding the colour of footwear students can wear to school. It is quite simple; plain black shoes only. Students are able to wear the winter uniform (long navy uniform pants) **during Term 2 & 3 only. It is too hot to wear long pants in Term 1!**



We will also have a small range of **second hand uniforms** available for purchase up here at the school (although we don't have a lot of large sizes - it is mainly Size 12's and 14's). Parents can come and purchase these on the following days:

- Tuesday 28 January, 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.
- Wednesday 29 January, 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.
- Thursday 30 January, 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.



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What stationery is required, how much will it cost and where should I get it?

[Click here](#) to access a stationery list. This list will be issued again on the first day for those students who have not already purchased their stationery. We strongly recommend that parents purchase the pack through the school. The prices are very competitive and we have confidence in the quality of the stationery. Sometimes the quality of the cheaper stationery for sale in late January is not very good and the books and pens run out quickly.



Packs will be available for purchase at the school office on the following days:

- Tuesday 28 January, 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.
- Wednesday 29 January, 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.
- Thursday 30 January, 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.

Alternatively you can purchase your child's stationery through our online shop "[Kindo](#)" and **the stationery will be delivered to your child on the first day of school. As you don't know yet what class they will be in, we have set up stationery to just select "Year 8" when ordering.**



Cellphones

While we don't actually encourage students to bring cellphones to school, we do understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school. Where student owned cellphones are concerned, our approach is "**away for the day**", meaning cellphones either do not come with the student to school, or are switched off and handed into the teacher when they arrive at school. These are then locked away and handed back to students at the end of the day.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office. The same occurs in reverse - if a student needs to contact their parent for any reason, the office will do this for them.

If a staff member sees a student with a cellphone during school time, they will confiscate it and parents will be contacted to come and pick it up.

School Lunches



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Our school is fortunate to receive school lunches through the Ministry of Education's Ka Ora, Ka Ako healthy lunches programme. The programme caters for all dietary requirements, so make sure your child knows if they require a special dietary lunch, and if so, what kind! The teacher is likely to ask them for this information on the first or second day.



Communications

At Greenmeadows Intermediate, we generally tend to communicate with parents through digital platforms. We remind all Year 8 parents that.....

- The **school newsletter** comes out once a fortnight and is emailed. It is sent to the email address we have on file, so it is important that this is kept up to date and one that you check regularly.
- We use **Hero** to send out **quick messages** to parents. We encourage all parents to have downloaded the Hero app. Instructions for how to do this can be found [here](#). **Note that you will not be able to login unless we have the correct email address you are using to log in on our file.**
- We use **Facebook** a lot for reminders and sharing photos of school activities. It is a good idea to follow our Facebook page.

Activities Week

During the second week of Term 1 (10 - 14 February), all classes will be participating in Activities Week which is part of our transition programme. This involves students being involved in a range of Education Outside the Classroom activities with their class and Whānau Hub. This helps them to make new friends, get to know different teachers while being involved in a range of different experiences. Planned trips that are off site are as follows:

- Trip to Maraetae Beach
- Visit to the Stardome Observatory and Planetarium
- Trip to the Botanical Gardens to take part in an Amazing Race.

More detailed information about the organisation of each activity is coming out in a separate email today and we are will be seeking parent helpers. Please help out if you can :)



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