



NEWSLETTER PĀNUI

Week 3 Term 4 2020: 30 October 2020

GREENDALE SCHOOL KĀNUKA RURUHĀU

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By providing shelter and nourishment, the growth will flourish

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Calendar of Events

30 October	Water Safety Lessons
2 November	Athletics for Years 4 to 6 students at Darfield High School Field—Greendale, Hororata and Windwhistle Schools (p/p date 4 November)
4 November	BOT meeting 7pm
5 November	School Photos
6 November	Malvern Triathlon at Hororata—optional for years 4 to 6
11 November	House Colour Day
12 November	Teacher Only Day—school closed (Malvern wide)
13 November	Canterbury Show Day Holiday—school closed
16 November	Twilight Malvern Athletics—qualifying students only (p/p date 17 November)
18 November	Darfield High School for Year 6 afternoon visit
20 November	Year 3 Evening
25 November	Darfield High School for Year 6 afternoon visit
26 November	Malvern STEAM Years 5 & 6 opt in
2 December	“Dress Up Day”
3 December	Darfield High School for Y6 full day
8 December	“Splashtacular” Year 5 & 6
10 December	End of Year Celebration at Greendale Hall
11 December	Last Day for 2020

Principal's Comment

Tena koutou,

Term 4 has started with a bang! Lots of exciting things going on, as term 4 always does

We began with Matai settling into the new building with all year 4-6 students, 2 teachers and teacher aides. We are very lucky to have 4 teachers across the school this term, we would love this staffing to continue into 2021. We will get our staffing number confirmed after our 76th student starts in week 5.

Our building opening was a special evening to share our students learning with whanau and watch Helen and Miyon Ridgen cut the blue ribbon. Staff and students are loving the new space for learning! Having the project area and the covered deck is magical!

Our annual whanau working bee was well attended. We managed to fix many parts of the playground that were unsafe, and trimmed, cut out trees that needed attention. Thanks to families who've done jobs on other days too. Special mention to a group of students who wheelbarrowed and spread the mulch around many of the gardens too. The Board will be sorting the bark shortly thanks to a grant from the MOE.

Another successful Pets day was held in stunning weather. Thanks to Nerissa in the office who prepared everything for us (in her first 2 weeks of office admin!)

We now focus on run, jump and throw- athletics. Thanks Cat for coming in to help fine tune our athletics practices.

We are really pleased to now have a spare room- "Kowhai room". It is being well used for whole school hui, Mana ake groups, kapa haka and PMP.

Regards

Tuhinga

Carey-Anne

PTA

THANK YOU to everyone who supported this year's cake auction, the cakes were amazing and we raised \$5435.

We now look towards our next fundraiser at the **Highlands Games 7 November 2020**, selling Scottish baps with haggis from the Greendale Butchery. Please let us know if you can help on the day and if not make sure you pop in to support us there.

GRAZING NEEDED: We now have grazing arranged for 8 of the 10 donated calves from the Hann family. There are 2 steers remaining in need of grazing from November 2020 to October 2021 when they will be sold. Please could you contact the PTA by email greendalepta@gmail.com asap if you can accommodate them.

Tūrepo News

from Helena Cridge

I can't believe it's nearly the end of week 3 already. What a busy time we've had. It's been great to see your children at Pets day and see them participating at Run, Jump, Throw. Thank you very much to Mr Dunick for lending us the bus that transported us there as it makes life a lot easier.

We have settled into our space and are slowly figuring out where the best place is for everything. So we have a hat box and a jersey bucket so the children know where to put their things. Can everyone please check their children's uniform to make sure they have the correct name in them as some children are still missing some items.

Fridays is when Spelling testing will take place and new words are given for the following week. Not everyone has spelling words to learn. Library will also be on Fridays when new books will be issued. Children are only allowed two books out at a time so we can keep track of them.

We have begun a new story for storytelling about a turtle and we will be doing some drama and art around this. We will also be exploring our iPads to see what they can do and will share this on Seesaw all going well.

It's been great to catch up with you over the school events and over the warmer weather.

Please feel free to email me if you have any worries or concerns. Also we welcome any spare boxes from your house to school for box construction which the children are hanging out for.

Many thanks for all your wonderful support and work you do at home with your children.

School News

"KISS AND GO" Greendale Road Gateway

* please park here if you have bikes or bike racks on*

It is great to see the "Kiss and go" gate being used so well both in the mornings and afternoons. It frees up the other entrance as it's busy with the bus pulling in. These children are coming into school in the mornings independently and are content, preparing for school and getting a good play before the bell rings. After school the duty teacher is letting non bus students go in sibling groups from the court. But you are very welcome to come into school to collect them from the court if you'd prefer.

Community Pantry:

A reminder if you have anything surplus, you can leave it in our pantry to share with others. You may have seen its new position at the kiss and go gateway.

Change to after school routines:

Please can you send a note to school to explain if there is any change to your child's normal after school plan. Too often children tell us they're not going on the bus and don't have a note and we're not sure what to do! No note means they will go on the bus. These can be pegged to the staffroom door by the children, parents or teachers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing our November birthday children a Happy Birthday:

- * Isaac, who turns 10 on 17 November
- * James, who turns 9 on 15 November
- * Mitchell, who turns 11 on 22 November
- * Charlotte, who turns 7 on 24 November
- * Saphia, who turns 9 on 25 November
- * Sophie, who turns 11 on 4 November
- * Bess, who turns 11 on 22 November

School News

SUPERPOWER (SOCIAL ACTION) FOR THE WEEK

"Managing self"-

*Have positive strategies for meeting challenges
(eg: in learning, run jump throw and in the playground)*

Tutoring with Carol Thornton:

We have a number of families who've taken up paid tutoring with Carol for their children. We are really lucky to have this opportunity within school. She is a trained teacher, SPELD teacher and is very popular with the children. If you are interested, contact Carey-Anne.

Wheels days are Fridays this term:

Bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades and skates continue to be used on Fridays. The other days we are encouraging and expecting children to play cooperatively with creative play or use gear from the sports shed or other gear such as tyres, sandpit, water trough etc . We also have staff members taking activities and supporting in the playground where need be. Bikes and scooters are to be kept at the bike rack over by the bike track.

Raffle:

Tickets still left, so if you thought you had missed out you can still come to the school and purchase a raffle ticket or two.

1St prize VX9 Pro Scooter, Helmet and Bell 2nd, 3rd & 4th prizes Helmet and Bell

Hot food :

We are really lucky to have a large pie warmer at school. You can send food along to school in tinfoil with your child's name on it. It will be collected by the seniors at 8.30am and warmed until lunchtime at 11.30.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND OTHER FOOD THAT IS NOT IN TIN FOIL AS WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO MICROWAVE FOOD AS WELL!

Horopito

from Mrs G

By asking lots of questions, Horopito have written a COOL story just by starting with the word "brown". We asked lots of questions using our own knowledge of animals once we knew what the story was about! The words in red are the answers to questions we asked to be able to find out more information. Aren't we clever!

We made up a story about a brown dog whose name is Bob. He is seven years old. He was born in the country in New Zealand. His birthday is in November and he was born on the 16th. He is as big as a small horse. He is a St Bernard. He is an inside dog. When he needs to have a sleep, he has his own bed, in his own bedroom, and he has a toy cat to sleep with!

He is very playful and gets very excited when people say Hello to him. He does not have a kennel. He has very BIG feet! He is brown and has a little bit of grey hair too. He has to go to the vet to get his toenails cut. When he barks, it is very loud! He eats so much food, he has to have dog roll and dog biscuits! He needs to have two scoops of dog biscuits. He doesn't eat dead things, but he likes to roll on top of them! This gives him stinky breath and smelly farts! He gets lots of exercise and so he is just the right size for such a big dog. He loves attention from anyone who passes by. When he goes for a walk, he needs to have TWO leashes because he is so big! He cannot go to the park, because he is so big that he scares the other dogs. He has a red collar and the collar has two places to attach the leashes. He does not like having a bath, so when he needs to be washed, we need to take him to the closest river and take our togs and towels, because he gets everyone so wet! He thinks he is swimming, but he is just lumbering around in the water.

He has a dog friend who lives in the house two doors down the road. He loves to chew on bones that he has hidden in the garden. He has good hearing, but sometimes he pretends he can't hear me! He likes to bark at some cats, but they are too fast for him to chase. He needs to have four litres of water a day, because he has such a big body. He is not allergic to anything. When he runs, he is as fast as Mr G when he runs. He likes to play fetch the tennis ball.

Any questions or queries, my e-mail contact is deliaroom1@greendale.school.nz

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“Wrap free” tickets and “Social action tickets”

If your child has a “Wrap free” ticket or “Social action ticket” drawn from the kete at Mondays hui, they can spend the following rewards:

- take 6 Fonterra milks home
- come in mufti for a day
- take a friend to play for 15 mins
- 15 mins free time



Bus Run- change as of Tuesday 1st September:

The drop off in Darfield after school is now at Darfield High School only. This is due to Gavin’s tight time frame to get back to the high school for his next run. Thanks for your cooperation.

Mathletics:

We encourage you to keep up the Mathletics use at home. It’s a fantastic place for children to practice and maintain learning. Each Monday we announce students who have earned points online.



School News

Pet Day:



Cake Auction



Students enjoying their PETS!



Found: Camera left on behind after pets day. Please contact the office if you think this might be yours.

School News

Worried or confused about something?

If you have questions and concerns about your child, please call, email or phone to make a meeting with the class teacher or Principal. Clarification immediately can help with queries and concerns.

Compliments and feedback

- We would love to hear compliments and also any feedback you have.
- We totally value your contribution and feedback. As the Staff and Board are incredibly busy, and sometimes we don't stop to "smell the roses" and notice things. The process is to come to a teacher, Principal or Board rather than discuss in the community. We ask that you make this direct approach as soon as possible.
- You can phone, come and talk, email myself, a staff member or Board member, so many options. If you're not sure how to start the conversation or email, here are some suggestions:
 - Have you thought about...
 - I noticed...and wondered if you realised...
 - I wondered if..

"Raising Concerns" Policy

Attached to the Newsletter is our school policy about "Raising a concern". All our policies are online for everyone to read on "schooldocs". Please see later in the newsletter how to get info "schooldocs" and find our policies.

Thanks Carey-Anne

School News

New Building Grand Opening:



Ribbon cut by Helen and Miyon Ridgen

Run, Jump, Throw held at the Darfield Domain for junior school:

A big thank you to Mr Dunick for helping with the bus transport.



School Photos: These are to be held on Thursday 5th November. Photos will start approx 9am. Siblings photos will be after the class photos. Can all students be in clean, tidy uniforms this day!

End of Year Celebrations: This will be held on Thursday 10th December. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start at the Greendale Hall.

Trophy Return. With the end of year celebrations coming up it would be greatly appreciated if all trophies could be returned ASAP so these can be engraved and cleaned for the new recipient's.

Matai News

from Mrs Adams,
Mrs Whitaker and
Mrs Clubb

Term 4 2020!

What a great start to the term, we have had in our new classroom environment. For the teachers it really does feel like the start of a new year, getting ready during the holidays and making sure all the furniture and accessories were all ready for the children.

We have created different learning areas for your child to choose the best working space for their accelerated learning. Some choose to kneel on the floor around a round table, others choose to sit at individual desks or sit in a bean bag in a quiet zone. A couple of carpet mats allows cushions to spread out around the spaces. Jelly bean tables allow teachers to take groups for directed learning. Our outdoor covered deck area has become a multi functional area where we eat and also have group work with teachers. The cubby-hole areas keep all our belongings together ready for a learning day.

Pet day was awesome, the weather was perfect, the pets were all well behaved and the cake auction was incredible. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Please see photos attached of our pet day photo frame creations.

All students are bringing 2 letters home today – a class letter and Athletics info. Keep an eye out!



Children spelling words through playdough



Matai reading group reading outside!

EnviroGroup

A bunch of enthusiastic students are planting our vege garden with "Little Gardens"



Lunches:

Aiming for wrap free lunches (use reusable containers, fabric lunch wraps)

Children will be rewarded with wrap free tickets if they have a wrap free lunch. Lucky ticket draw at hui on Mondays.



Board of Trustees

Greendale School SchoolDocs© Policies (no whanau reviews this term)

Our policies for Board and staff review this term are:

- ⇒ Privacy
- ⇒ Class Release Time (CRT)

How to access our school policies: To view any of our school policies online: Visit the SchoolDocs site at <http://greendale.schooldocs.co.nz/> (NOTE: there is no "www")

user name : **greendale** password: **learn**

For any queries, or if you would like to be shown how to access policies, contact Delia (Horopito teacher) deliaroom1@greendale.school.nz

From your Board Chair

While we were focused on the challenges of Covid 19 and our new classrooms, parliament passed the biggest review of education in decades. It's now law.

We're already doing what the new Act says all school boards should focus on. But the real issue is whether we could achieve more. Let us know your thoughts.

You'll find the Ministry of Education's advice to boards by searching on 'Education and Training Act Information for Boards'. Keep in mind that the board's role is governance, not the day-to-day running of the school. (We leave that to the professionals – your principal and teachers.)

Ralph Brown

"Recharge site formal opening"

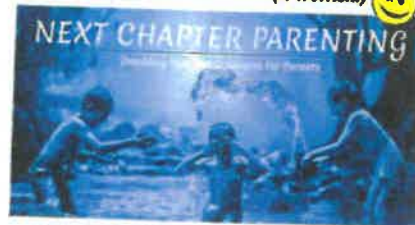


Community News

Free Parenting Course:

www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz is offering a free parenting course to parents who might be having a struggle in managing their children, or just need some tips and advice. This course does work and has the potential to be very helpful. All it requires is for parents to look, read, watch and hopefully gain out of the process. The course is offered on the website and is set out in video, and in written format. Based on filial therapy principles, it is child centred and most definitely works for those that put in the time. Have a look! and happy parenting:)

FREE! PARENTING COURSE (it works...) 😊



www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz

Thank you:

A big thank you to Nat's Nursery for three gifted Manuka trees for End of Year Celebration.

Malvern Swimming School:

Malvern Swim School is taking bookings for term 4 (the week of the 16th of November to the week of the 14th of December). Lessons will be held in Darfield and Sheffield pools. To book, please email malvernswimschool@gmail.com, ring 02727217070 or find us on Facebook @Malvern Swim School.

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