



2nd February 2012

*Tena koutou katoa!
Nau mai, haere mai ki te, kura o Broadgreen.*

A warm welcome to new and returning students to Broadgreen.

We have a challenging year ahead with **3 MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES** for your child to engage in. These include:

- A chance to improve learning and/or social skills. Sometimes we have formed negative habits after several years at school that are challenging to break. An Intermediate learning environment presents an opportunity to redress this.
- An opportunity to stretch ourselves in an existing talent or area of ability. We are fortunate to have a cross section of skilled teachers, programmes and specialist resources to develop an area of interest further.
- An opportunity to experience a new activity/discipline during the year. A chance to step out of our 'comfort zone'.

The significant difference between primary and intermediate culture is a greater expectation of students to effectively manage both their learning and themselves. Teachers guide and support this endeavour assisted by effort and perseverance from students.

Our **STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR 2012** includes:

- Numeracy achievement
- Reading and writing achievement
- Maori engagement and achievement
- Curriculum Design, and
- School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Broadgreen, Stoke and Nayland College are a part of this Ministry of Education initiative. Our goals are to build:

- capacity to increase appropriate student behaviour and decrease problem student behaviour
- a continuum of support for all students
- comprehensive systems to promote positive behaviour

A significant feature of this programme is data gathering, the identification of areas for development specific to Broadgreen and then explicitly teaching them to improve behaviour.

SCHOOL PAINTING

The progress of whole school painting is on target and positively transforming the physical environment. This is the first time our school has painted the concrete blocks recognising the impact of a well presented environment has on learning and behaviour. This project will continue throughout term 1.

I encourage you to be **INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING** by making contact with their teacher. You do not have to wait until parent/teacher interviews to discuss an issue or concern. Teachers are on site between 8am and 4pm. It is preferable to arrange an appointment to ensure you have adequate time for discussion and to avoid teachers, preparation time and professional commitments.

Unresolved issues / concerns

Concerns should be addressed to your child's teacher in the first instance. If it is unresolved please make contact with one of the Deputy Principals Paul Johnstone/ Cate Gully or the Principal for matters of priority.

We look forward to learning with your child in 2012.

Kind regards

*Derek Lucic'
Principal*

School Specialist fees/donations/extra-curricular payments

Attached to this newsletter is our 2012 school payment form.

We encourage cheques or direct credit/automatic payment arrangements and the school does have eftpos. Although we accept cash the other options are more secure.

Our attached payment form does not include any paying sport options that may be chosen during the year. Extra curricular music also bears a cost depending on the instrument. Application forms are available re the music and sport information evening 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 7.2.12 or your child can pick one up from the student office.

This year is not a camp year but the students will be participating in EOTC day excursions these being term 1 Whenua-iti/Bridge Valley at a cost of \$35.00 and Mt Robert, term 3 cost yet to be finalised.

Should you have any questions regarding fees for any of the above please do not hesitate to contact Janette Jessop, Finance on 547 7131 ext. 713.

TEAM BUILDING DAY

In term one all classes will be going to an outdoor education provider (Bridge Valley or Whenua-iti) to carry out activities to build "togetherness", face group and individual challenges and have fun as a class. This is a successful part of our Outdoor / Health programme.

Information will be sent home from class teachers very soon about the date and cost (\$35 plus a donation for the driver). At the Sport/ Music information evening at school next Tuesday more information will be given and any questions answered. Thank you in anticipation for your support with this day.

Paul Johnstone - DP

Sports: This week we will ask students to put their names down for Saturday cricket and Wednesday volleyball teams. Students will bring home permission slips, which need to be returned before we can enter teams in local competitions.

MUSIC and SPORT INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY at 7pm

There will be a Music/Sports Information Evening at 7:00pm in the school hall on Tuesday the 7th February. Parents and students interested in finding out more about the Music/Sports programmes available at Broadgreen should attend.

Music enrolment forms for instrument tuition will be distributed during this meeting and information regarding the types of instruments that can be learnt; fees, instrument hire etc. will be given. Information about the school choir, band and rock band programmes will also be discussed.

For those interested in the Sporting opportunities at Broadgreen, information regarding the different sports available will be given and enrolments will be taken for a variety of different sporting codes. Fees and practice commitments will also be discussed. Janette Jessop our finance officer will be available to help with payment method options

We look forward to seeing you there and encourage all students at Broadgreen to involve themselves in the cultural and sporting opportunities on offer at our school.

Graeme Woods (Teacher in charge of Music)

Helen Bywater (Sports Coordinator)

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

WEEK 2	
Monday 6 th February	Waitangi Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th February	Music/Sport information night 7pm
WEEK 3	
Tuesday 14 th February	Class Photos Meet the teacher 7pm
WEEK 6	
Tuesday 6 th March	School swimming sports
WEEK 10	
Monday 2 nd April	3 way conferences
Wednesday 4 th April	3 way conferences
Thursday 5 th April	Last day of term 1

