**TERM 4 SPORT 2024**

Monday 9th September 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Greenmeadows School is pleased to be able to offer Basketball (Years 0-6), Junior Netball (Years 0-4), Teeball (Years 0-4), Touch Rugby (Years 0-6), Funsticks Hockey (Years 0-2), Summer Hockey (Years 3-6), Cricket (Years 3-6), Volleyball (Years 5-6), Water Polo (Years 5-6) and Canoe Polo (Years 5-6) as team sports for boys and girls during Term 4. Junior Cricket for Years 0-2 will also be available via our local cricket clubs – information on this will come out closer to the time. There is something for everyone!!

REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 4 SPORTS (except for FUNSTICKS hockey – see below) MUST BE MADE ONLINE, USING KINDO.This can be accessed from our Greenmeadows School website, [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz), under the Sports tab. Payment must be made at the time of registration using credit card, debit card, manual internet bank transfer, or POLi.

All children and families must also read and understand our GMS Sports Code of Conduct when registering to play. This can be viewed on our school website under the Sports tab.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER – NO EXCEPTIONS. THE KINDO SITE WILL LITERALLY CLOSE AT THIS TIME.**

PLEASE NOTE: If paying by manual internet bank transfer this will take two days to clear. Your registration into a team will not be received by GMS until payment is cleared by Kindo. It is therefore recommended that you complete your registration and bank transfer by SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER if paying by this method.

All team sports are only able to go ahead if we have sufficient numbers to form teams. If we are unable to proceed with any particular sport, every endeavour will be made to provide an alternative for those registrants. If there is no suitable alternative, then refunds will be made back to families via Kindo.

Children may register to play more than one sport during Term 4. They must be available and committed to their games as well as any practice sessions during/after school.

As always, assistance is sought for the coaching/managing of teams. Without parental help in these roles we cannot enter teams in the various competitions. **Please indicate on your online registration if you are able to help in any way –** no previous experience is necessary, it is your time and enthusiasm that enables our children to play. We welcome and thank both returning coaches and those parents volunteering for the first time.

SPORTS INFORMATION:

**KOWHAI SYNDICATE MINI BASKETBALL – Boys and Girls Years 0-2**

WHEN: Tuesdays after school from 22nd October to 3rd December at the Centennial Events Centre, Latham St, Napier.

WHAT: We are excited for our junior players to again have the opportunity to participate in the traditional 2 hoop format 3v3 basketball team games. Modified rules, lowered hoops and smaller courts encourage participation and skills development. Players are able to learn the basics of the game at a level appropriate for their age in a fun and friendly environment. New and existing players welcome.

FEES: $20 per child

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy/dark blue shorts, ankle sports socks and appropriate sports shoes for the indoor surface.

COACHING: **Support required for all teams**, new and existing coaches and managers welcome. **No umpiring required,** as this is all done by representatives from the Basketball Association. Acting as a basketball coach/manager is easy and fun – and with only small numbers of children per team all parents are encouraged to indicate their support on registration forms where at all possible. Any training, rules and resources needed are supplied by the school, and games themselves are run by the on-court Basketball HB refs.

**POHUTUKAWA SYNDICATE MINI BASKETBALL – Boys and Girls Years 3-4**

WHEN: Tuesdays after school from 22nd October to 3rd December at the Centennial Events Centre, Latham St, Napier.

WHAT: Designed for children to experience basketball at a level appropriate for their age, with fast and exciting 3x3 games using the traditional 2 hoop format. Lowered hoops and modified rules ensure all players are involved, having fun, and developing their skills. New and existing players welcome.

FEES: $35 per child

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy/dark blue shorts, ankle sports socks and appropriate sports shoes for the indoor surface.

COACHING: **Support required for all teams**, new and existing coaches and managers welcome. **No umpiring required,** as this is all done by representatives from the Basketball Association. Acting as a basketball coach/manager is easy and fun – and with only small numbers of children per team all parents are encouraged to indicate their support on registration forms where at all possible. Any training, rules and resources needed are supplied by the school, and games themselves are run by the Basketball HB refs.

**TOTARA SYNDICATE MINI BASKETBALL – Boys and Girls Years 5-6**

WHEN: Mondays after school from 21st October to 9th December at the Centennial Events Centre, Latham St, Napier.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY FROM TERM 3. There is no play on Monday 28th October due to Labour Weekend.

WHAT: Fast paced and exciting 5v5 full court games that introduce the rules of fouls, free throws and full court defence. New and existing players welcome, rules are easy to follow and ensure all players are involved, having fun, and developing their skills.

FEES: $40 per child

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy/dark blue shorts, ankle sports socks and appropriate sports shoes for the indoor surface.

COACHING: **Support required for all teams**, new and existing coaches and managers welcome. **No umpiring required,** as this is all done by representatives from the Basketball Association. Acting as a basketball coach/manager is easy and fun – and with only small numbers of children per team, all parents are encouraged to indicate their support on registration forms where at all possible. Any training, rules and resources needed are supplied by the school, and games themselves are run by the Basketball HB refs.

**JUNIOR NETBALL – Boys and Girls Years 0-4**

WHEN: Thursdays after school from 24th October until 28th November, at the Onekawa Courts.

WHAT: Played in the Summer terms to be more user friendly for junior players, this programme is a great way for children to get started in netball, to develop basic skills and to have fun playing. Sessions are begin with skills training, followed by modified games (4 aside for Yr 1/2 teams, 5 aside for Yr 3/4 teams), that encourage maximum involvement from all players.

FEES: $25 per child

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy shorts/skort, with ankle sports socks and appropriate sports shoes for the outdoor surface.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches/helpers welcome, no previous experience needed. All resources are supplied and training for new parent helpers is provided by HB Netball via a free coaches workshop held on Thursday 17th October, 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the Onekawa Courts. Please indicate on your registration if you would like to attend this workshop.

**TEEBALL – Boys and Girls Years 0-4**

WHEN: Year 0-2 play on Wednesdays from 23rd Oct to 27th Nov, at Bledisloe School, 3:15pm – 4pm approx.

Year 3-4 play on Thursdays from 24th Oct to 28th Nov, at Bledisloe School, 3:15pm – 4:15pm approx.

WHAT: A fun team game of Teeball that children love playing, utilising a batting T to hit off as opposed to pitching, and a soft flexiball to encourage catching and throwing. All players have the opportunity to bat and field during the game. This is a great team sport for new and experienced players alike.

FEES: FREE for all players

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy shorts and appropriate sports shoes for the grass surface.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches welcome, no previous experience needed. Teams are only able to enter the competition with a parent coach available alongside them at games.

**TOUCH RUGBY – Boys and Girls Years 0-6**

WHEN: Friday evenings from 1st November until 13th December, Tareha Reserve, Guppy Road.

WHAT: Fast and fun games of Touch Rugby for mixed boys and girls teams in grades of Yr 0-2, Yr 3-4 and Yr 5-6. Games are played 6 aside with modified rules to encourage maximum participation and maximum fun. Lots of running and lots of passing, this is a great social game that develops fitness and skills. First round of games start at 5pm (so Friday afternoon cricket players are usually able to do both if they are keen), and last games for those who draw a later start are finished by 6:15pm.

FEES: $15 per child.

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy shorts, with ankle sports socks and appropriate sports shoes for the grass surface.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches welcome. Training and resources supplied by the school. Ref’s are supplied for the Yr 5/6 grade, however parents must ref their own teams in the Yr 0-4 grades. Rules are very simple at this level so it is not hard, and the club provides a free course for parent coaches on Monday 28th October, 4pm – 5pm at the Tareha Reserve clubrooms.

**SUMMER FUNSTICKS HOCKEY – Boys and Girls Years 0-2**

WHEN: Mondays after school 4:30 – 5:20pm at Park Island, Napier.

WHAT: Skills and modified fun games run entirely by the HB Hockey Association, designed to encourage the development of young players in an age appropriate manner and environment. HB Hockey coaches place emphasis on participation and enjoyment, ensuring all children are involved and having fun whilst developing their skills.

FEES: $50 per child. **NOTE: For full information, enquiries, registration and payment for this program please visit** [**www.hbhockey.org.nz**](http://www.hbhockey.org.nz)**. Follow the links to Summer Hockey Funsticks. DO NOT MAKE PAYMENT TO GMS.**

UNIFORM:Players wear own GMS school uniform polo shirt, knee length sports socks and appropriate covered sports shoes for the turf surface. Players to supply own shin pads and mouthguard (compulsory), hockey sticks are supplied by the association for those who do not have their own.

COACHING: All provided by HB Hockey.

**SUMMER HOCKEY – Boys and Girls Years 3-6**

WHEN: Tuesdays after school at Park Island from 22nd October until 3rd December (final date to be confirmed).

WHAT: 6-aside hockey played on quarter and half fields for Mini Sticks (Yr 3-4) and Kiwi Sticks (Yr 5-6) grades. Fast and fun games, and a great way for all levels of player to develop their hockey skills. Modified rules encourage play to keep flowing and understanding of the game. Padded goalies are used in the Yr 5/6 games. New and experienced players welcome, teams are graded to cater for appropriate skill levels.

FEES: $30 per child

UNIFORM: GMS sports shirt (supplied by the school), players supply own mouthguard (compulsory), navy shorts, navy blue knee length sports socks and appropriate covered sports shoes for the turf surface. Players to supply own hockey stick and shin pads.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches welcome. Training and resources supplied by the school.

**CRICKET – Boys and Girls Years 3-6**

WHEN: Fridays after school (Yr 3/4) from 1st November until 13th December at Taradale Park.

Saturday mornings (Yr 5/6) from 2nd November to 14th December, at local school venues.

WHAT: Year 5/6 grades follow modified cricket rules using a hard ball, batting pads, gloves and helmets. Games are played 8 aside, with each team bowling 20 overs on a shortened pitch, and all team members bowling and batting during each game. Year 3/4 teams also play 8 aside, using a soft ball on a shortened pitch. Pads and helmets are not required. Each team bowls 16 overs, and all team members bowl and bat during each game. Rules for all grades are structured to encourage development of skills, team play, understanding and enjoyment of the game.

NOTE: Year 5/6 girls may choose to play either Friday afternoon soft ball cricket, or Saturday morning hard ball cricket. Please indicate this on registration forms.

FEES: $15 per child

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy shorts and appropriate covered sports shoes. All Yr 5/6 Saturday morning players wear their own white cricket trousers.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches and managers welcome. Training and resources supplied by the school.

**VOLLEYBALL – Boys and Girls Years 5-6**

WHEN: Wednesdays after school from 23rd October at the Rodney Green Centennial Events Centre, Latham St, Napier.

WHAT: Modified volleyball games played 4 aside with a soft lightweight ball. The emphasis is on participation and keeping the ball alive, with simple rules and bonus points awarded each time a team plays the ball between them before returning it over the net. A fun game that anyone can have a go at, with games played each Wednesday between 3:45 and 6pm, (usually 1-2 games per night).

FEES: $30 per child

UNIFORM: GMS school sports shirt (issued by the school), players supply own navy shorts, ankle sports socks and appropriate sports shoes for the indoor surface.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches welcome, no previous experience needed. Training and resources supplied by the school.

**WATER POLO – Boys and Girls Years 5-6**

WHEN: Sunday afternoons throughout Term 4 (start date likely to be after Labour Weekend) at the HB Regional Aquatic Centre (indoor pool), Percival Rd, Hastings.

WHAT: Tons of fun, teaching the basics of water polo to Primary School aged children using a range of ball skills, swimming and team work. Games are played 7 aside in a pool depth of 1.35m, so players can touch the bottom but require water confidence. New and existing players welcome, this sport was introduced to GMS in 2023 and we are excited to have such a growing number of children playing.

FEES: $50 per child

UNIFORM: Players wear their own togs in the pool, with water polo swimming caps provided by the association for identifying teams.

COACHING: Support required for all teams, new and existing coaches and managers welcome. **No umpiring required,** as this is all done by representatives from the Water Polo Association. Acting as a coach/manager is therefore easy and fun as the games themselves are run by the association refs.

**CANOE POLO – Boys and Girls Years 5-6**

WHEN: Tuesday evenings from 22nd October to 3rd December at the Mitre 10 Regional Sports Park Canoe Polo facility (outdoor pool).

WHAT: F grade Canoe Polo, aimed to teach the basics of the game to primary school players. All equipment supplied including canoes, paddles, spray decks, buoyancy aids and helmets. No previous experience necessary, however all participants MUST be confident independent swimmers, and be able to try and coordinate a canoe, paddle and ball all at once! Players can be prepared to get wet, and prepared to have tons of fun - come and have go!!

FEES: $40 per child.

UNIFORM: Own swimming attire, bare feet, and t-shirt or rash shirt for wearing in the pool.

COACHING: Support required for all teams to coach/manage games. Training and resources supplied by the school and HB Canoe Polo Club (refereeing assistance is provided at games).

***To register for any of the above sports (except for Funsticks Hockey) please complete the ONLINE registration by TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER. Visit*** [***www.gms.school.nz***](http://www.gms.school.nz) ***and follow the links under the Sports tab. ALL MANUAL INTERNET BANK TRANSFERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 15TH SEPTEMBER.***

***Regards***

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