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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

### WELCOME TO GMS

One new student has started with us over the past two weeks. Faith Te Kowhai has joined Room 13. A special welcome to you Faith, and congratulations on the wonderful start you have made to your time at GMS.

### STAFF UPDATES

Yesterday our Deputy Principal Mr Steve Bloor informed the staff and Board of Trustees that he had accepted the position of Principal of Ebbett Park School in Hastings. He is due to take up this role at the beginning of Term 2. Steve started working here in 2006 and has made a great contribution to our organisation with his outstanding dedication towards our entire school community. He will be an immense loss and he will be sorely missed. The appointment process to replace Steve will commence soon, as it is hoped to have a new Deputy Principal ready to start in Term 3.

Term 2 will be a time with quite a different feel around our school. I have been awarded sabbatical leave by the Ministry of Education from 5 May until 28 July. This allows me the opportunity to study various ways to coach and mentor teachers. My wife Julia, Principal of Reigner Catholic School, has also been awarded similar leave at the same time. Ms Allyson Ross will be Acting Principal while I am away from school. The month of May does seem a long way off ... but we all know how quickly time flies in the school year. We will keep you updated.

### NEW ENTRANT SCHOOL VISITS

This year we are changing the way we run our preschool visits. Previously the visits have been on Mondays and Fridays. We have reviewed the best way to approach this and are now going to have these visits on Wednesdays from 9.00 to 11.30am. Mrs Anna Murphy will be taking this group and it will commence next week in the OSCAR rooms. Anna will be contacting parents of families who have a child about to start to organise dates and times.

### SCHOOL DONATIONS

You will very shortly be receiving an invoice/statement for the 2014 school donation and swimming transport costs. Please assist our school by paying these as soon as possible. Our preferred method of payment is via internet banking, details of our bank account are listed on the statement.

Fees are set at \$55 per child, unless you have three children at school then the total your family will be charged is \$115. Please note you can pay more if you wish. These donations are voluntary but the school relies heavily on the goodwill of parents to pay this fee. Here at Greenmeadows School the financial support from our parents is critical to the continued success of our school. Please bear in mind that schools, in part, are Ministry funded according to their decile rating (ours is '7' which limits the amount we receive). Your donations are used to offset costs associated with the running of our busy school, and especially providing the extras such as ICT equipment, PE gear and new features in our Library.

Remember your school donation is tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

The school house captains were elected last week. They will receive their badges at assembly this Friday. These roles are highly sought after and carry quite a degree of responsibility.

#### Our leaders for 2014 are:

Ahi: Lucy Cairns, Hannah Exton, Tom Davies and Andrew Brown

Marama: Morgan Wilkins, Amber Single-Owens, Bryce Lott and Charlie Mudgway

Moana: Kyra Dearn, Emily Hawkins, Jackson Haines and Jacob Fraser

Ngahere: Karlie Morrison, Kayley MacKirdy, John Harrison and Jared Kinsey.

Congratulations to these people. One of their roles is to take the PALs programme which is junior sports and games in lunchtimes. This will commence in the coming weeks.



## HELP!!! OSIER ROAD CROSSING PARENTS NEEDED!

We need more parents to offer their assistance with morning or afternoon supervision. Contact Steve Bloor if you can help. It only needs to be twenty minutes ...!

Supervision is not a demanding role—just watching the children and looking out for their safety while they undertake their duties. We have twice as many duties to cover with two road crossings.

## 2014 SWIMMING PROGRAMMES



Our swimming programmes are due to start in the coming weeks. The first rooms to go swimming will be Rooms 8, 10 and 12 in late March. Following these classes will be Rooms 9, 13 and 5 into April.

We have received support to pay for the cost of the lessons. Transport is the cost families are asked to pay and this is at a reduced rate as well.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL FOOD FAIR!!!!

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014*

*4.30pm – 6.30pm*

AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!!

*Please support a great school event, relaxing while enjoying a yummy meal.*

*Everybody is welcome so invite your friends and family.*

*Hooray! - have the night off cooking!  
Food & Entertainment Galore*

*Book this night in your diary*

*We will need your assistance so another notice will be sent home requesting your help (setting up, serving food, etc). A roster will be compiled for each class.*

*If we all work together it will be a great evening!*



## ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Orders will be distributed on Wednesday 19th February. Book club orders will need to be returned to your child's teacher by **Wednesday 26th February**. Note we are unable to accept late orders.

Please ensure you complete the form correctly as incorrect orders will have to be returned to you, and your family will probably miss the order being placed with the schools bulk order. Cheques need to be made out to 'Scholastic Book Club'. If paying by cash, please ensure the correct amount is included as we are unable to give change.

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in week 2 of term 1 at school assembly:-

**Respect:** Max Fisher Room 1  
**Perseverance:** Ethan Sullivan-Christie Room 10  
**Excellence:** Jacob Fraser Room 15

An excellent start to the year — and for one of the very few times the winners were all boys!

## ROOM 8 POETRY

*One of our big school focus areas in 2014 is related to writing. Check out these wonderful efforts from children in Mrs Bryan's class.*

**Judge who likes to do backflips  
Up on the deck  
Down in the sandpit  
Going backwards and landing everywhere**  
*by Judge Jury*

**Shines beautifully like gold  
Umbrellas are no where to be seen  
Nobody is sick because they want to play under  
the sun**  
*by Leila Burder*

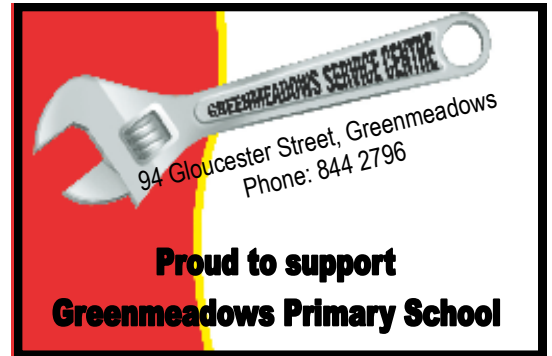
**Maddison likes Dora and apples too  
Dances everywhere day dreams too  
Is silly so funny opens the iPad to play  
Nosey Maddison**  
*by Katrina Rush*

## EQUIPKIDS—CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

In the last newsletter the contact telephone was listed incorrectly. The correct contact phone number is: 021 918789.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK2 TERM 1

Room 1	Lachlan Marshall	Room 2	Logan Hansen
Room 3		Room 4	Brylee Pugh
Room 5	Mikayla Wright	Room 6	Connor Blunsdon
Room 7	Brianna Mahoney	Room 8	Tayla Tierney
Room 9	Clara Newman	Room 10	Logan Finimore
Room 11	Lucy Duncan	Room 12	Elai Harrison
Room 13	Maia Driver	Room 14	Jared Kinsey
Room 15	Jacob Fraser	Room 16	William Marsden
Room 17	Caitlin Gorringe		



### INTERCITY JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN INFO

An information flyer regarding registering your child for intercity junior rugby can be collected from the school office. Junior rugby is open to all primary and intermediate aged players (i.e. Years 1 to 6) up to 13 years of age and that fit within the intercity J.R.B age/weight structure for this 2014 season. Any player choosing to play Saturday rugby is NOT being excluded from playing for his/her school through the week.

### THE DRAMA WORKSHOP NEW DRAMA CLASSES IN TARADALE

Fun drama classes to build confidence, increase communication and presenting skills and learn all about the art of acting.

Tuesday afternoons:-

3.30-4.30 'The Entertainers' - students in Yrs 5/6

4.30-5.30 'The Wanderers' - students in Yrs 7/8

5.30-7.00 'Impromania' - students in Yrs 9/10—polish up those improvisation skills!

Greenmeadows Hall, Tait Drive. Experienced teachers. All information and online registration: can be found at

[www.workshopdrama.com](http://www.workshopdrama.com)

For students over 15, the Hawkes Bay Youth Theatre is the next step: visit [www.habyt.co.nz](http://www.habyt.co.nz)

### ABSENCE TEXTS

Our wonderful office staff inform me that texting is going well for the absence line:

027 9264 452

A text is the preferred option for letting us know your child is absent.

### FAREWELL FOR MS GARRETT

There will be a farewell assembly for Ms Garrett on Friday 7 March. We will be in the Hall for this event starting at 12.20pm. Parents are most welcome to attend to say goodbye to another longstanding employee of whom has given such dedicated service to our school and Board of Trustees.

### CANDIDATE TEACHERS STARTING AT GMS

Six Candidate Teachers from EIT commence their time at our school next week. They will be based here two days per week and will be a valued part of our staff for this year. We are all looking forward to their arrival.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 Feb

*Candidate Teacher start*

26 Feb

*Book Club : last day for orders*

3 Mar

*One month reports sent home*

5 Mar

*PTA meeting 7.30pm*

6 Mar

*Softball v Henry Hill*

*Have a great week . Ka kite ano,*

*Mark Johnson  
Principal*

