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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER 5

### Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

*The week of the GMS PTA Food Fair is upon us ... and the excitement is starting to build. Please support this event—it is our major fundraising event for the year in terms of needing parental support to make it a success.*

*Clear the diary for Friday afternoon and evening : it will be an incredible amount of fun and food!*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The roll of GMS is on the rise!!! Six new students have enrolled at our school in the past two weeks, which means our roll at Greenmeadows School has now reached the 400 mark.

We want to extend a very warm welcome to these new arrivals:

Brody Taylor, Jakob Hansen, Lucas Fordyce,  
Cruz Stewart, Corey Malins and Morgan King.

It is great to have you and your families as part of our school community.

### TOTORA SYNDICATE TRIP TO TARADALE PARK

Tomorrow's trip for the Year 5 and 6 students to Taradale Park promises to be an exciting day out for our older children. We have decided to allow those who wish to bike to the park, to bring their cycles to school. Please note bikes deemed unsafe for riding on the road (e.g. inadequate brakes, loose handle bars) will not be able to be ridden. All those involved need to remember to bring their lunch, drinks and a hat. Those riding will need have footwear and a helmet (obviously).

Any parents who wish to accompany us on the trip are most welcome to do so. You don't even have to be a parent of a child in this team! We will leave at 11.30am—both groups of the cyclists and those children who are walking. Lunch will be at 12.00pm before we hear a talk about the history of the area around the park. Then we get the chance to play the traditional Maori game 'ki-o-rahi'. We aim to return to school by 2.45pm.

### ABSENCE TEXTS

A reminder of the number for texting absences:

**027 9264 452**

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have been liaising with The Warehouse and they apologise for any supply issues regarding our uniforms. They are still adjusting to selling school uniforms but have given a commitment to give us excellent service.

They currently have most of our stock out in the shop and ready for purchase. They hope to have everything running smoothly within the next week or so.

Unfortunately the business transfer from Postie to The Warehouse has meant that the timing of the 'sale day' with 20% discount is a little unclear. They have given a commitment that there will be 'sale' days, but these will be advertised nationally as part of The Warehouse promotional activities (and not for individual schools). If we get any indication of dates we will inform you. Please note there is no guarantee The Warehouse will offer a sale day (or weekend?) before our uniform becomes compulsory for all Year 1 to 4 students before the start of Term 2.

Just a couple of reminders about the uniforms:

- black footwear is part of the GMS uniform from the start of Term 2 (there have been a few variations of colours starting to come in ...)
- please ensure you name the items of school uniform that belong to your children. We thought we wouldn't have to deal with this ... but there are already a number of school uniform items in the Lost Property bin, without names.
- we really want to avoid children playing contact sports in their school uniforms. It is fantastic seeing our children being active playing rugby, soccer and bull rush ... but we ask that they bring a change of clothes to take part in these activities. We are heading into winter as well—so it is recommended that children bring a change of clothes anyway as the grounds will eventually get wetter ...

### NO FRIDAY ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Due to the need to get the organization happening for the GMS PTA Food Fair scheduled for this Friday, we will not have a school assembly this week. Next assembly will be Friday 28 March.

## EFTPOS AT THE GMS OFFICE

### – PAY BILLS WITH EASE!!!

The office will have access to an EftPOS machine for **ONE WEEK ONLY**. From Monday 24th till Friday 28th March – you can pay all school accounts. We have hired this for the GMS PTA Food Fair, so it is not planned to be at school permanently.

Please note: we will NOT be able to accept credit card transactions – EftPOS transactions only.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and come in and settle your account with us.

## MRS WENDY CURRIE RETURNS

Our teacher in Room 7, Mrs. Currie has indicated she will return to full-time teaching duties on Monday 31 March. She has made good progress following her foot operation in the middle of January. We have been very fortunate to have been able to have Miss Toni Miles available to relieve for us since the start of the year. Toni has given Room 7 her total commitment and ensured the children in this class have made a wonderful start to the year.

## GMS CRICKET DRAWS THIS WEEK

Both Year 3 & 4 Cricket teams have a bye this week due to our food fair.

Year 5 & 6 are playing Napier Central at Marewa Park. Be there (Taradale Road entrance) by 8.20am.

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with medals at last weeks school assembly:-

**Respect:** Brianna Mahoney Room 7  
**Perseverance:** Courtney Becker Room 13  
**Excellence:** Tom O'Shea Room 17  
Well done everyone – keep up the great work.

## NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

We have awarded our first Maths Badges for 2014. Daniil Bayley, Finlay Glentworth, Olivia Meynell, Mak Hawkins, Dexter Sharplin and Brianna Mahoney were awarded badges.

A big congratulations to you all. Keep up the great work. Who will be next ...?!?!?

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

In the office we have a big basket full of lost and found items that have been handed in over the last 12 months, things found for example are reading glasses both adult and child sizes, house keys, car keys and lots of children's' toys, necklaces and headbands. Please come to the office and check these items before the end of Term 1.

## 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**

*Please be aware this event will go ahead even if there is rain and showers!*



**INCLUDING ...**

**Pig On A Spit**

**Butter Chicken Curry**

**Steak Sandwiches**

**Burgers**

**Spiders!!!**

**Candy Floss**

**SUSHI**

**American Hot Dogs**

**Inflatable Toys**

**lollies**

**And so much more ...!!!!**

**See you all there on Friday for this great event.**

## INTERNET BANKING

Thank you to all the parents who have so far paid via internet banking this has been great.

Just a few things to remember when you are making your payment—please make sure your child's first and surname is correct and you state what the payment is for e.g. Donation, swimming, basketball.

Once again thank you for using internet payments it is our preferred method of payment.

Room 1	Shamrock Huata	Room 2	Summer Campbell
Room 3	<i>Opening in Term 2</i>	Room 4	Kayla Thompson
Room 5	Maddison Johns	Room 6	Holly Menzies
Room 7	Jordan Sullivan	Room 8	Tyla Joros
Room 9	Rylan O'Shea	Room 10	Kaitlin Barra
Room 11	Charlotte Feild	Room 12	Grace Hall
Room 13	Catlin Fisher	Room 14	John Harrison
Room 15	Lydia Carson	Room 16	Jackson Haines
Room 17	Kayla Glentworth		



requiring mending. Many thanks.

## CHURCH CARPARK ON OSIER ROAD.

We have had a few concerns brought to our attention by parents regarding cars exiting the church car park.

Drivers are not giving way to the children walking passed the driveway. This a big concern to us as we want all our children to be safe. PLEASE take extra care when using this car park, and look out for children of all sizes when pulling out.

*This a letter written by two of our road patrollers on Osier Road crossing please read and take notice of what they are asking. Thank you.*

### *Osier Road Crossing*

*We are still having problems with the Osier Road crossing, so here are some tips to help us out.*

- \* Please indicate early when turning into the church car park.*
- \* Do not park on the yellow lines as it is hard for the patrollers to see what is coming.*
- \* Please do not double park.*
- \* Wait until we say "Cross now" and do not run across the road.*
- \* Please use the crossing we are there to keep you safe.*

*If you are reversing out of the preschool car park please be aware of kids crossing the road.*

*Thank heaps*

*Karlie M & Ella H – Year 6, Room 15*

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons start on Monday 24 March for Rooms 8, 10 and 12. Please make sure kids are ready to bring their togs everyday for their seven lessons.

**Tip: Pack them on Sunday!!!**

Please make sure swimming transport is paid before commences. Thank you.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Bringing book bags to the Library is a wonderful help! Now that children are bringing their books back in bags, has made a big difference to the numbers of books

## ROOM 1 POEMS

*This week's poems are written by Room 1. This is just a sample of some of the great writing our Year 1 class has been producing on the topic 'All about Me'. Amazing work Room 1—keep it up!!!*

**Do you know 'magnificent me'?  
Read my poem and you will see...**

I am wonderful and I am happy.  
I like red roses and snow.

My friends are Charlotte and Shyla and Mrs Tareha.

I can print and I can write.  
Because I am Magnificent Me!  
*By Lucia Murphy*

**Do you know magnificent me?  
Read my poem and you will see....**

I am smart and I am clever  
I like running and I like jumping  
My friends are Tyler and Luca and Jasper

I can jump and I can dive  
Because I am... Magnificent me  
*Written by Kaeden Duncan*

**Do you know magnificent me?  
Read my poem and you will see...**

I am famous and I am cool.  
I like bubble gum and I like lollies.  
My friends are Kaeden and Luca and Tyler.  
I can do a flip and I can do cart wheels

Because I am...  
Magnificent me!  
*Mitchell Simes*

## PLAY SOCCER FOR THE PORT HILL JUNIORS

Thank you to those who have registered with us. We still have spaces for children born in 2003,2005,2007 and 2008. Contact Kerry on 834055 or 0221599475 for more information

## BASKETBALL CAMP

Basketball Hawkes Bay Holiday Programme  
Pettigrew-Green Arena 28th April to 2 May  
Fun Games, Awards, Free T-Shirts Competitions and  
Great Coaches. This camp is open to players of all  
abilities aged between 5 and 18 years  
For more information and to download registration form  
visit our website — [www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz](http://www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20 March	Totara team trip to Taradale Park
20 March	Parents meeting in Staffroom 2pm
	About Keeping Ourselves safe
21 March	GMS PTA Food Fair 4.30pm Start
24 March	Room 8,10,12 Swimming Lessons Start
25 March	Cricket festival Year3 & 4. Nelson Park
26 March	Cricket festival Year 5 & 6 Nelson Park
2 April	Room 5,9,13 Swimming Lessons Start
17 April	End of Term 1
5 May	Term 2 Starts

## TAEKWON DO FOR BEGINNERS

A free school holiday programme will be held at  
Greenmeadows School Hall during the second week of  
the school holidays.

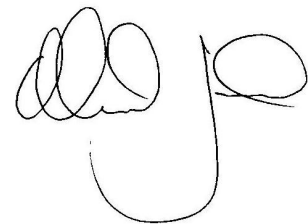
Dates: 28 April to 2 May

This package of 5 x 1 hour lessons introduces  
participants to the sport. For ages 3 to 6 (kubz and mini  
kids) and 7 to 14 years. To preregister go to  
[www.rtrkd.co.nz/news.html](http://www.rtrkd.co.nz/news.html). For more information email  
[rtrkd@gmail.com](mailto:rtrkd@gmail.com) or phone 0210323289.

*Plenty of news ... plenty to digest. See you all at the  
Food Fair!!*

*Have a great week.*

*Ka kite ano,*



*Mark Johnson  
Principal*

### Every week you save, you could win your share of \$10,000.

We want to help teach kids the value of saving each week. Every  
week that they deposit from as little as \$1 into their ASB Headstart  
account they'll go in the draw to win a \$20, \$50 or \$100 cash prize.  
This is sure to fast track their savings and get them closer to their  
goals. Whatever they may be.  
The competition runs from 27 January to 14 April, then again from 5  
May to 25 June. Deposits can be made through ASB's school savings  
programme, internet banking (or other electronic method) or at your  
local ASB branch.  
To find out more, contact your school office.

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