

TERM 3 WINTER 2014

Newsletter 13

Greenmeadows School

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Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome;

Sophie Smith, Victor Stanley, Piper Stanley, Benjamin Tian, Ryan Brockes, Ava Moylan and Jared Browne to Greenmeadows School. Our roll is currently 425 and growing! We wish all children and families well as they start at Greenmeadows School.

Keep in touch with GMS through our tweets:

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Save the Date!

Henry Hill Exchange

7 August

Y 6 Netball

Y3+ Rugby

Teams to be confirmed.

Spoooner Shield

22 August

60 children to represent GMS in rugby, netball, football and hockey.
Teams to be confirmed.



Dear parents/caregivers – Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term 3. The year is flying by – half way through already.

Thank you to all the parents who braved the wet and cold and attended the parent interviews in the last week of Term 2. We had nearly 100% attendance which is fantastic. If you didn't manage to get an appointment last term please contact your teacher this term to arrange to meet.

It is lovely to see everyone back at school, smiling and excited to be here. We are looking forward to another busy and productive term with lots of sporting and cultural events.

It is with pleasure we welcome Maaka Papuni to Greenmeadows School to take up his role of Deputy Principal, replacing Steve Bloor. Our students performed a powhiri for him on his first day and represented our school impeccably. Mark Johnson will return next week, refreshed and inspired from his sabbatical.

The term has started with a drop in temperature and some wild weather so I extend a big thank you to the senior students who do wet day monitoring. Where possible we get the children outside to get some fresh air and to blow off some steam so please ensure they are dressed appropriately. Please refer to our school uniform policy on our website if you are unsure about the warmer options available.

Ka kite ano,
Allyson Ross
Acting Principal

Values Medals

Perseverance



Tyler Grant

Excellence



Ellie Goodson

Respect



Ellie Harding

Congratulations to our Week 8 Values Medal Winners.

We are proud of you.

GMS Principal Awards



Congratulations to these children who were presented with certificates at assembly week 8.

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Phill Simmons
Managing Director

Room 1	Mitchell Simes	Room 2	Lucas Feagai-Kingi	Room 3	Sithumi Ellegala
Room 4	Caitlyn Walls	Room 5	Liam Johns	Room 6	Dillon Hepburn
Room 7	Caitlyn O'Shea	Room 8	Kapri Phillips	Room 9	Frankie Morrison
Room 10	Cree Eden	Room 11	Luka Jones	Room 12	Mila Wishnosky
Room 13	Jorja McIntyre	Room 14	John Harrison	Room 15	Lucy Cairns
Room 16	Kayley McKirdy	Room 17	Tegan Knowles		





Mr Maaka Papuni

Kia ora koutou

Wow! What a fantastic first week at Greenmeadows School. I am so impressed with the effort, enthusiasm and respect our children display.

I would like to tell you all a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in the Manawatu where my father was a soldier in the NZ Army, and where my parents and three sisters still reside.

Before being married, my wife Lisa and I spent the best part of four years living and working in Bath, England. I thoroughly enjoyed playing rugby there, travelling and making the most of opportunities that experience provided.

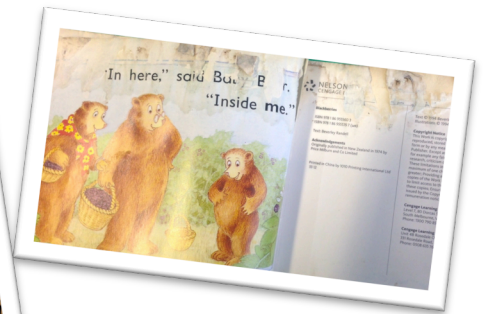
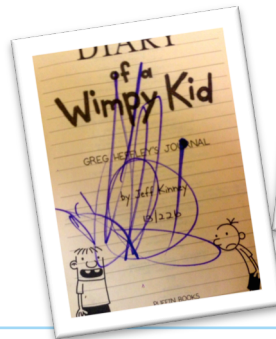
We now live locally in Taradale with our two lovely and energetic children Mila (4) and Jake (2). I have a range of hobbies and interests. A passion of mine is sport and sports coaching. I have been involved in playing and coaching in a number of sports, and enjoy seeing Napier Old Boys Marist teams performing well. I play a range of social sports and try to get out for a run as often as possible to keep fitness levels up.

I am also an avid spectator and love it when the Warriors, Manawatu Turbos, Chiefs and Ngati Porou East Coast teams play to their potential! I also enjoy fishing, diving and holidaying with my family on a beach somewhere.

I would like to thank the amazing staff and school community for the warm welcome I have received. I feel privileged to be working for your children and I look forward to getting to know you all!

We are having an unusually high number of our school readers and library books getting damaged. Each little home reader costs between \$8-\$9 and it is really important we take care of them so we can maintain full sets. Please encourage your child to use a book bag and keep our books away from busy pre-school fingers to help protect these valuable resources. If a book does get damaged please inform the teacher, water damage in particular can sometimes be minimized if dried immediately.

Thank you.



For more information on sizing for our uniforms check out our webpage www.gms.school.nz under Uniforms Price and Size List. This also provides all style numbers and the loyalty programme number.



The GMS Pulse Netball Team (Yr 3 & 4) recently entered the Halftime Heroes radio competition run by More FM and WON. After two wet Tuesdays, we finally got a sunny one and got our prize.

Damon from More FM brought bags of goodies for our team, which included muesli bars, fresh fruit, cereals, crackers and a \$200 Breakers voucher.

The kids were very excited and can't wait to go out to Breakers. Amelia Murphy and Georgina Hunuhunu are missing from the photo.

Kerri Burgess

Celebrating our students' writing

Mid-year Report

Dear Mr and Mrs Wilkins,

Your child, Morgan Wilkins is little Miss Horrid. The first day I saw her I thought she would be a wonderful student, but , oh was I wrong!

Morgan never does what she's told and always tries to fight with me but I will have none of it as she spends most of her time in the principal's office. She is not very bright either, as she never does her homework. Your daughter does not work well in groups as one day when they were in a group huddle she was found cutting another girl's hair as she thought it was too long!

Morgan absolutely hates sport and was once described as a couch potato and she always has tantrums in the middle of a game. Morgan spends her lunch time with, well, no-one. She climbs the rugby posts and swings on them so no-one else can use them.

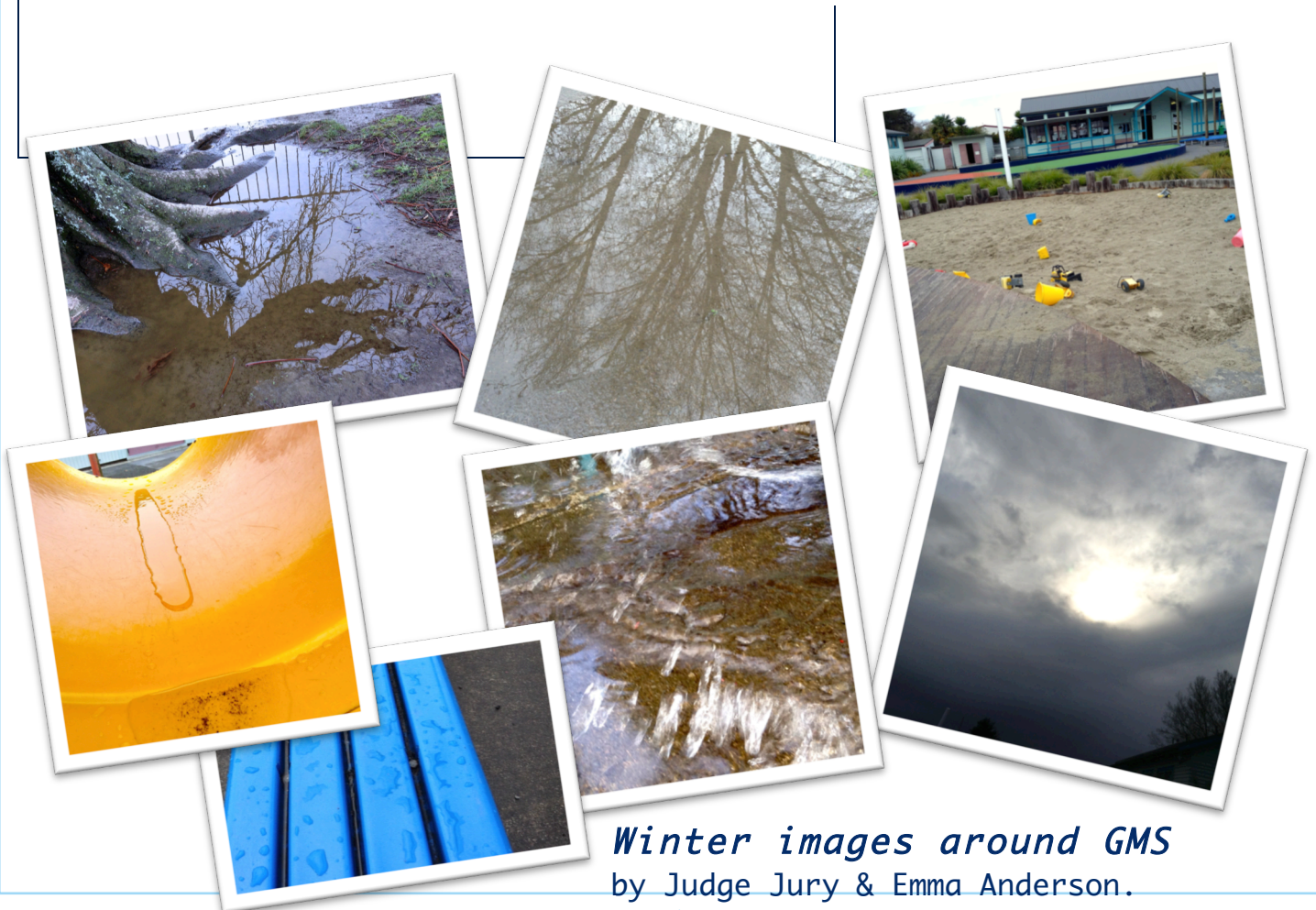
Morgan owes the school more money than I can count. I have started to believe your child is a hazard to others' well being. She is even worse than a terrible two year old and she has the manners of a monkey.

I feel very sorry for you as you have to live with her! I am very sorry but I can't find anything good to say about your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Finch.

Written, (with her tongue securely in her cheek) by Morgan Wilkins



Winter images around GMS

by Judge Jury & Emma Anderson.

LEARN, GROW ACHIEVE

Winter by Nathan Kinsey

I can see ice as cold as snow, heavy rain thumping down on the cold ground, and my dad watching soccer on t.v.

I can hear people splashing in wet puddles, children moaning as loud as the t.v. up on full, and the creaking of gigantic trees swaying.

I can smell nothing at times because of my blocked nose, smoke as smelly as me coming home after soccer and delicious milo.

I can taste delicious chocolate as sweet as honey, yummy soup, and delicious roast beef.

I feel as sick as an old man, and extremely freezing.

KELLY SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL MULTISPORTS PROGRAM – Term Three

Kelly Sports is offering its Multisport Programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School. Our After School Programs are designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports, with a different sport played each week. Our sessions feature individual and group skills for the featured sport followed by a modified game. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enroll please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or for further info contact Alex Jones at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

The Incredible Years Programme.

This is a research-based programme that aims to increase children's social competence at home, early childhood centres and school. The next course starts on Tuesday 5 August and runs until 18 November between 9.30am-12 midday. There is no cost for this course and it is suitable for those caring for children between the ages of 3 – 8 years. If you would like more information please contact: Family Centre 06 8437280 or call into the office for a flyer.

Extra curricular opportunities at GMS for Term 3
Ukulele, digital dazzlebees, Kapa haka, dance, netball, guitar,
football, choir, hockey, and gymnastics

A big thank you....

We have a large number of our students involved in many different sporting codes. Teachers and parents are giving up their time to coach, encourage and organise these teams. We are extremely lucky to have such talented and dedicated people prepared to do this. Please support them by ensuring your child has the correct gear, attends practices and shows commitment to the team. Encourage and lead by example, fair play and respect for referees so that everyone has a positive experience of primary school sport.