

Newsletter 14

# Greenmeadows School

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## New Arrivals to GMS

The roll is now at 428 – we have had two new students start in Room 7 over the last fortnight. A special GMS welcome to Izaak Ferguson and Angus Hawthorne-Gray. We hope you have had a wonderful start to your years at school.

Keep in touch with GMS through our text messages:

Follow (space) GMSNapier  
To 8987 (tweets can now be received on 2 degrees network)

Look us up on Facebook as well.



### Dear Parents and caregivers – Tena koutou katoa

It is great to be back at our school after such a long time away. I loved being able to finally get here (after last week's false start getting sick ...) and see all the familiar and 'not so familiar' faces.

It is wonderful to return and find how well the school has been operating over the past few months. My thanks to all staff, especially Allyson Ross, for the way they kept the school running so smoothly since April. I also want to thank the Board of Trustees for supporting my taking of leave – it was a very valuable break to study, reflect and relax. The warmth of the European summer also had great appeal ...

The children enjoyed our visit from Henry Hill School on Thursday 7 August when we assembled two rugby teams and a netball side to play the visitors. Great fun was had by all.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

## Save the Date!

### Fire Drill!!! Wed 13 August

*Our termly practice held - the children and staff are great at these.*

### Spoooner Shield 22 August

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

# Values Medals

## Perseverance



Claire Meybaum, Alex Barra

## Excellence



Sophie Martin, Katie Donnelly

## Respect



Rosie Goody, Jobe Kirby

Congratulations to our Week 1 & Week 2 Values Medal Winners.

# GMS Principal Awards



Congratulations to these children who were presented with certificates at assembly in Week 1 and Week 2.



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### Week 1

Room 1	Tori Gibbs	Room 2	Jett O'Brien	Room 3	Leanne Martin
Room 4	Victor Stanley	Room 5	Kruz Single	Room 6	Luca Theodom-Whyte
Room 7	Amanda Kinzett	Room 8	Harley Taurima	Room 9	Benjamin Bloomfield
Room 10	Riley English	Room 11	Rylin Glenny	Room 12	Zeke Ferguson
Room 13	Emma Bidlake	Room 14	Noah Smith	Room 15	Rebecca Howey
Room 16	Jasmine Hawthorne-Gray			Room 17	Ellie Harding

### Week 2

Room 1	Makenzie Moore	Room 2	Nicole He	Room 3	Connor Wereta
Room 4	Raven Howse	Room 5	Emily Davidson-Payne	Room 6	Hadley Richards
Room 7	Lochie Shaw	Room 8	Joshua Pyott	Room 9	Bayle Smith
Room 10	Riley English	Room 11	Rylin Glenny	Room 12	Zeke Ferguson
Room 13	Aaron Jones	Room 14	Kiarah Miringaorangi-Turua	Room 15	Bryce Lott



### UNISON NETBALL MEDAL CEREMONY

Unison held a medal ceremony on Tuesday evening for children who were selected by their coaches.

The nominations were for the 'best' player throughout the whole season.

These are the players selected from our school: *Sophia Gross, Emma Anderson, Kapri Phillips, Kayley MacKirdy.*

Missing from photo: *Georgina HunuHunu*

## Celebrating Student's writing

**A portion of a retold story by Katie Fellowes.**

*"Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair."*

*The long rope came plummeting down from the tiny window right at the top of the enormous tower. He grabbed the rope, swinging like a monkey. When he reached the top he saw a beautiful young lady and instantly fell in love with her. He climbed through the small window and got down on one knee and asked if she would marry him. She said, "Yes, of course, but don't let my wicked step-mother find out."*

*The prince happily climbed back down, whistling a happy tune.*

*A couple of days later the witch came a bit earlier because she wanted to stay longer. When she got there she saw a handsome man scrambling down and she decided to play a trick on him. The next day she came even earlier and called out, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair." When she got to the top she grabbed a pair of scissors and in one blow she chopped off Rapunzel's long, long plait.*

*As soon as she had done that she heard a deep voice call out. The witch threw down Rapunzel's huge plait. As soon as the prince got to the top, the witch let go of Rapunzel's plait and the prince fell down, arms and legs flailing. He landed on a thorny rose bush and blinded himself.*

*Meanwhile, back in the tower, the witch had taken Rapunzel out of the tower and into the forest where she was well and truly lost. The prince was stumbling around blindly, feeling his way around when he heard a gorgeous voice singing a lovely song. He instantly recognised it. It was Rapunzel singing. He started running towards it and Rapunzel spotted him. She started also running towards the prince and when she saw he was blind she bent over him and started crying. Her tears were magic and the prince could see again. He and Rapunzel got married and lived happily ever after.*

*As for the witch, no-one saw her again.*

**Goal:** *To use adjectives and similes and to 'show not tell' in your retell. Well done Katie.*

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**PARENT SURVEY – REPORTS and MID-YEAR INTERVIEW SURVEY**

Today we sent home a survey form that we would really like to get returned. We want to know your thoughts about last term's reports and interviews. Your feedback will help us make decisions about the process we use in 2015.

Please return these completed forms to the office to the box in the foyer. All returns will get a lollipop for each child in the family when they send back their survey.



**Parent Help Request – Road Patrol**

If any parents could assist with road patrol either in the morning or afternoons please get in contact with Maaka Papuni. Your time and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**KIWISPORT TENNIS**

Last week all the classes in the school started their Kiwisport Tennis lessons. This has been a tremendous 'hit' with the children and they have loved the opportunity to work with our very effective coach, Luke Donovan.

As a result of this we will retain a supply of tennis equipment in the school for the children to use once the coaching is completed.



**FROM LAST NIGHT'S PTA MEETING**

- 1. Many thanks to all the parents and community members who assisted with the Pizza lunch last week. This was a great success and raised \$670. Many thanks for everyone's support.**

- 2. Events coming up for the PTA for the rest of the year:**

**Term 2**

- **GMS Cross Country Sausage sizzle**
- **Assistance running a Book Fair to be held in Week 9**
- **A cake stall we want to run on election day when our Hall gets used as a polling place**

**Term 3**

- **A disco towards the end of October**
- **School Duathlon**
- **'Give It Up for GMS' early in Term 4**

**It was decided that we would not run the calendar fundraiser this year.**

**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

A reminder that the trial opening for three days per week is continuing. The Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays at the moment (Thursday this week saw a high amount of sales ....!).

Also remember that you can find out the prices of the lunch items on the school website [gms.school.nz](http://gms.school.nz).

**FREE SAMPLE**

Next Monday, Fresh Slice NZ Ltd, are giving away one 80g bag of sliced apple (Apple Snappz) to every student and they will also receive a voucher, valid for 3 weeks, which will entitle the bearer to a free multi pack (5x80g) of Apple Snappz redeemable at Tamatea Pak n Save.