

Newsletter 16

Greenmeadows School

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New Arrivals to GMS

*A special GMS welcome to
Kenley Santo, Adam Catley,
Tyer Brinkworth, Jayden
Brinkworth and Amelia Wilkins.
Enjoy your time at
Greenmeadows 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.

Save the Date!

GMS X-Country	Book Fair
10 September	17- 23 September
<i>Anderson Park</i>	<i>In the school</i>
<i>Fingers crossed!</i>	<i>library</i>

A message from the office:

Donations of ice cream containers
for the sick bay would be
appreciated.

Please wash and return any items
that have been lent to your child
when they have needed a change
of clothes.



Dear Parents and caregivers – Tena koutou katoa

The wet weather has been a real challenge this week ... and we have to congratulate the children for the way they have coped being forced to spend so much of their time inside. Lunch times and playtimes are times when our children really do shine. GMS senior students have the role of wet day monitors that they perform with such dedication and commitment – they organise games and activities for the younger children magnificently and take on this responsibility with care.

We are readying ourselves for the visit of a couple of All Blacks tomorrow. Taking the place of our usual weekly assembly will be two separate question and answer sessions with two members of the squad. With the size of the Hall being a restriction we will split the school into two groups. At 10.35am Rooms 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 will start to gather in the Hall to meet the visitors. At 11.20am we will swap the children and the rest of our school will get the chance to come in for their All Black experience. Parents are most welcome to attend to be part of the excitement.

Black Out Day Friday 5 September

Let's greet the All Blacks with a sea of black. Children can wear black instead of their school uniforms to celebrate the All Black test match being in Napier this weekend.

Cross-Country Postponed again!

Anderson Park can get quite wet with long periods of rain, so our cross-country is rescheduled to Wednesday 10 September. Hopefully many of you are reading the texts and Facebook updates we send out informing you of this postponement.

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal

Values Medals

Perseverance

Excellence

Respect



Cole Dallimore



Caitlyn O'Shea



Ena Huata



Jackson Haines



Abbey Pascoe



Clara Newman

Congratulations to our Week 5 & Week 6 Values Medal Winners.

GMS Principal Awards



Congratulations to these children who were presented with certificates at assembly in Week 5 and Week 6.



A super effort!

Week 5

- Room 1 Max Fisher
- Room 4 Caitlyn Wall
- Room 7 Jakob Hanson
- Room 10 Tyler Hadabora
- Room 13
- Room 16

- Room 2 Millie Burne
- Room 5
- Room 8 Jazmyn McKenzie
- Room 11 Charlotte Field
- Room 14 Luke Marshall
- Room 17 Will Steadman

- Room 3 Sophie Smith
- Room 6 Brody Taylor
- Room 9 Bonnie Wedd
- Room 12 Brad Single-Owens
- Room 15 Kristina Wilson

Week 6

- Room 1 Alizae Corby
- Room 4 Maddy Leipst
- Room 7 Jordan Sullivan
- Room 10 Kalla Hays
- Room 13 William Rowlings
- Room 16 Devlin Petuha

- Room 2 Tyler Scott
- Room 5 Mikayla Wright
- Room 8 Enosh Yong
- Room 11 Bella Knibb
- Room 14 Morgan Vincent
- Room 17 Jamie Evans

- Room 3 Ellie Haines
- Room 6 Cruz Stewart
- Room 9 Tegan McKnight
- Room 12 Lydia Wilkins
- Room 15 Mia Barretto

Scholastic Book Fair

Greenmeadows School Library is holding a book fair.

This year's theme is "Book Fair Garden – Spring into reading".

Where: In the school library

When: Wednesday 17th – Tuesday 23rd

September (8.30-3.15)
and Saturday 20th September (11am-1pm).

This is a great opportunity to view and purchase Scholastic books at competitive prices. All purchases will gain an entry to win a book daily.
Eftpos available.



CROSS COUNTRY 2014

Fingers crossed we won't be rained out again! New date: Wednesday 10 September at Anderson Park.

The following information sets out the timetable for the day:
10.30 – 10.50am Early interval for the whole school
11.20am Kowhai classes (Rooms 1 to 7 and 11) get organized to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school. They depart when ready.

11.45am Pohutukawa & Totara classes walk to Anderson Park

12.10 – 12.25pm Shared lunch/pre-race snacks

12.25 – 12.40pm Walk the course

12.45 – 2.30pm Races in order (and approximate lengths)

- New Entrants/Year 0 approx. 450m
- Year 1 girls, then Year 1 boys 490m
- Year 2 girls, then Year 2 boys 600m
- Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys 800m
- Year 4 girls, then Year 4 boys 800m
- Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys 1100m
- Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m

2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School

Sausages that have been preordered will be available after each race.

Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 and 4 races.

Please ensure that you phone or text the school when your child is going to be absent. This will help keep our students safe and save the office staff a great deal of time. Please txt: **027 9264 452** or leave a message on the phone line: **06 8447024**
Thank you.

Celebrating Students' writing

Writing from Room 7

*This is Spike.
He is a very big cat.
He likes to sit on my mat.
He sits on me and it tickles.
I like my cat.
He is awesome.
I sleep with him.
I love my cat.*



Sawyer Thompson

*This is Patrick, he is a very, very big cat.
He goes under my bed when I try to get dressed.
He goes under the car when I try to go to school.
He comes on my bed in the middle of the night.
He runs across the road to another house for a bit and comes back again.
He loves to play!
He likes cat biscuits.
He is cheeky.*



Brianna Mahoney

PTA NEWS

The PTA have provided funds for the Library to purchase new iPads for the Library which are turning out to be a big drawcard for the children. Many thanks for this ongoing support.

The following PTA events are coming up:

1. Sausage Sizzle for Cross-Country – there will be a sausage sizzle for the cross country next week. We still need parents to help with the BBQ on the day of the cross-country. If the event has to be cancelled, then we will hold a sausage sizzle at school, and will definitely need parents to help then. Thanks to all who have offered so far.
2. Cake Stall – we are going to hold a cake stall on election day where our Hall is going to be used as a polling place. So we need CAKES and baking to sell to raise funds. This stall has been a great success in previous years, so please support us!
3. Sausage sizzle on Election Day – GMS will be a busy place on election day ... what with the Book Fair and cakes on sale. That makes the perfect excuse for another sausage sizzle. Again any help would be greatly appreciated on the day. Please let the office know or email angk.mcintyre@gmail.com if you could spare some time between 10.00 and 2.00pm.
4. Also coming early in Term 4 ... 'Give It Up for GMS' and the Halloween Disco.



MORE FM Car competition:

We managed to squeeze 44 students into the car! A big thank you to the students from Kowhai Syndicate for getting squashed and the rest of the school for their amazing support. Their efforts have paid off and we will be having 2 All Blacks visiting the school on Friday! How exciting.



The photo above shows correct school uniform footwear.

There are a few random boots, coloured shoes and socks creeping in. Our school uniform policy is : black shoes or sandals with navy socks. Thank you for your support.

What do you think of ERO's parent booklets?

The Education Review Office (ERO) publishes a series of five booklets for parents and caregivers.

We want to find out how useful the information is to parents, how the booklets can be improved, and if parents would prefer to receive the information in a different way.

We're starting with a survey of *How is my child doing?* To take part in the survey go to www.ero.govt.nz – Featured Publications. The survey runs until the end of September and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Meanwhile if you would like a copy of one of the booklets email info@ero.govt.nz

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Kelly Sports will be running our Term Three Holiday Programme in the school holidays from the 29th September – 10th October 2014. Offering a great mixture of sporting and craft activities the programme offers something for everyone. Prices start from \$33 per day, with family discounts and full week specials available. The program is OSCAR accredited so WINZ subsidies are available. For more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or pick up a flier from the school reception. Alternatively please contact Alex at HB@kellysports.co.nz or on 06 843 4219

Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa
The Child - the Heart of the Matter

This is my mum Sharyn. She is amazing at her job. She has blonde hair like mine. Her eyes are blue and she is happy every day. She got her nails done. She is my hero because she looks out for me and my brothers. She is my hero because she is brave.

Jessica Pyott



This is my hero. He is very fast. When I am scared, he is tough. He is very strong. He is my hero because he love me and I love him.

Hunter Steadman



This is my daddy. I love my daddy and he loves me too. He is handsome. I like it when he is handsome. When he is grumpy I do not like it. Sometimes he is very scary. This is the list of him: strong, brave, big and muscular. He is my hero because he went to Australia and there are very scary animals there like spiders, crocodiles and snakes. I look up to him and he looks up to me as well.

Amelia Weekley

This is a picture of my mum. My mum has black hair that is fluffy and furry. My mum is a wonderful, kind girl. She always hugs me and says she loves me. When I go to school, I miss her. She is my hero because I look up to her.

Emma Blake



This is my lovely mum Chantel. She has short hair because she shaved it for cancer. She likes wearing track pants, short sleeves and her black jacket. She looks great. She is funny because when I had a balloon full of helium she talked funny and did silly things. She is my hero because she helps me when I'm hurt.

Aaliyah Mitchell

