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## NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

*What a wonderful few weeks of spring feeling we have had lately. We have had so many activities going on, including cross-country events for both GMS and the Napier schools event (details included in this newsletter). And this is the last newsletter for the term ... enjoy your read.*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Our school roll is now 439 with arrival of Ella Ashton earlier this week as a New Entrant pupil. A special welcome to Ella. This total number of students is one less than the peak we had last year, and that was the highest total we have had for at least thirty years. GMS is one full school.

### STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to be able to announce two new teachers will be starting at our school next term and they will remain with us for the rest of the 2014 year. Mrs. Christina Tareha is due to finish at the end of this term as she commences her time on maternity leave. Taking over in Room 1 next term will be Miss Michelle Steiner. Michelle has been working at Ebbett Park School this term, and has often worked in our school as a relieving teacher over the past couple of years.

Room 3 has grown in numbers as the New Entrants keep happily skipping in through our gate! Mrs. Smith has coped extremely well as the numbers have kept increasing. As we begin the new term we will set up 'Room 18' in the Hall for the rest of the year. Teaching the newest New Entrant pupils will be Mrs. Maia Murray in this temporary classroom. Both Maia and Michelle will be visiting our school tomorrow (Thursday) to meet the children, staff and parents.

We also wish the three expectant families on staff all the best for the coming weeks. The Gibbs, Tareha and Zealand whanau are about to have new arrivals soon — our sincere wishes for everything to go as smoothly as possible!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM — TERM 4

Summer is coming ... remember that children need their wide-brimmed school sunhats to be worn from the start of Term 4 whenever they are outside.

### GMS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are into the first day of the Scholastic Book Fair — a wonderful way to promote reading, as well as raise funds for our school. Sales have been going very well today already. Remember the Library is open for the next four days from 8.30am so parents can call in look through the amazing selection we have on offer.



*Room 11 visit the Library which is specially arranged for the Scholastic Book Fair.*

As a bonus we will be open on Saturday morning to coincide with the General Election — come down and vote from 11.00am until 1.00pm and you will find our Library open. Reminder—the Book Fair ends on Tuesday 23 September.

### RANFURLY SHIELD TO GMS!!

Excitement for all rugby fans - the Ranfurly Shield will make an appearance at our school this Friday morning at 10.00am. Two Magpie players will bring the Shield and stay about 45 minutes.

Here is a little teaser to prepare with ...



### TRANSITION TO SCHOOL MEETING

Tomorrow evening (Thursday) we will be holding the transition to school meeting for new entrant students who are due to start in the next six months of the year. It is due to commence at 6.30pm in the staffroom and will last about an hour.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL — CROSS COUNTRY 2014

What an amazing day we had last Wednesday at the school cross-country held at Anderson Park. It really is a great event to have with the whole school in attendance and children supporting and encouraging each other. For the younger children experiencing the atmosphere and encouragement of the older students as well as the enormous crowd of parents gave them a memorable experience.

Congratulations to Mr. Gibbs and his team of staff and parent helpers for organizing such an outstanding event.

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came to make such a large crowd to support the athletes. There must have been well in excess of two hundred adults watching. A tremendous expression of thanks to our PTA parents who operated the sausage sizzle stand. Wow! What an effort. We also need to acknowledge Hirepool for very generously providing their mobile barbeque again for the PTA to use on the day. Many thanks to all.

All those watching would be so proud of the runners who competed. So much commitment and perseverance was on show. Well done to all the children. Overall result: 1st Ahi (457 points) 2nd Moana (446) 3rd Marama (355) 4th Ngahere (312)

*Pictured below also:*

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Year 6 Boys	Coby Price	Xavier Burton	Jackson Haines
Year 6 Girls	Savana Peach	Lydia Carson	Emily Hawkins
Year 5 Boys	Tom O'Shea	Kees MacKirdy	Shae Watts
Year 5 Girls	Jamie Evans	Lily Cameron	Courtney Banks
Year 4 Boys	Daniil Bailey	Riley English	Judge Jury
Year 4 Girls	Riley Moore	Tayla Tierney	Jorja McIntyre
Year 3 Boys	Rylan O'Shea	Blake Haines	Caleb Hunt
Year 3 Girls	Kalla Hays	Clara Newman	Maia Chernyshev
Year 2 Boys	Rylin Glenny	Dante Delamere	Jett O'Brien
Year 2 Girls	Zoe Ennor	Teagan Jackson	Brylee Pugh
Year 1 Boys	Mitchell Simes	Carlos Bell	Tyler Parkinson
Year 1 Girls	Jaimee Steed	Rosanna Sayer	Kaydance Miringaorangi-Turua
NE Boys	Samuel Ennor	Kalal Miringaorangi-Turua	Jonty Smith
NE Girls	Jada Hannah	Rosa Angland	Ava Moylan



## NAPIER PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY 2014

Yesterday the Napier Schools Cross-country was held at Park Island in delightful spring conditions. Greenmeadows School were represented by 36 runners all determined to persevere and give their best in the races. This included some last minute replacements who gave a very good account of themselves filling in for sick children.

We had some great performance from our runners, especially since the races had up to eighty runners in them. Congratulations to our top twenty place getters who were:

Tom O'Shea	Year 5 Boys	1st
Shae Watts	Year 5 Boys	10th
Jamie Evans	Year 5 Girls	3rd
Rylan O'Shea	Year 3 and 4 boys	5th
Lily Cameron	Year 5 Girls	14th
Judge Jury	Year 3 and 4 boys	18th

Also two of our teams finished second in their events. Congratulations to:

Year 3 and 4 boys (Rylan O'Shea, Judge Jury, Riley English, Daniil Bailey, Caleb Hunt and Kyran Walls) and Year 5 boys (Shae Watts, Tom O'Shea, Kees McKirdy, Cameron Steed, Rueben Davies and Ryan McNatty).

In a first for this year, all finishers in the Top 20 of the Napier schools cross country are able to compete in the Hawkes Bay championships which are due to be held next week. This is a great concept and we will be supporting this and hope that as many of our runners are available as possible to compete.

### ALL BLACKS VISIT GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL – FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Two Fridays ago we had some celebrities visit our school – All Blacks Corey Jane and Wyatt Crockett. They stayed for more than one hour and talked to our whole school. After answering a whole range of questions, Wyatt got the whole school to sing.

They also presented the Principal Awards for that week - which gave the winners a real thrill.



## GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with medals at the last two school assemblies-

**Respect:** Leanne Martin Room 3

**Perseverance:** Morgan Wilkins Room 15

**Excellence:** Asha Penn Room 8

Well deserved everyone — congratulations on receiving these highly prized awards.



## BAREFOOT 10s RUGBY



Our Barefoot 10s rugby team played their final game of the competition this week against Onekawa. We had the smallest team in the tournament but our players never gave up and persevered in all games. The last two weeks we have had close losses to our opponents and have really enjoyed playing. It is neat to see so many young players wanting to be involved, including a number of Year 4s.

## PTA NEWS

Plenty of things happening with our PTA ... so read carefully:

1. Saturday 20 September — ELECTION DAY at GMS

A polling booth is in our Hall, so we are going to make the most of the opportunity to have so many visitors to school by:

- Cake stall: all baking will be gratefully accepted on Friday
- Sausage sizzle: we have 200 to sell from 11.00am until 1.00pm

- Book Fair—the Library will be open

Please fill in the return slip on today's notice if you help on Saturday

2. 'GIVE IT UP FOR GMS' - this promotion is going to happen again this early in Term 4. Start thinking now about the things the children can nominate to go without in the week 3 to 7 November. Parents if you are canny you could really benefit from this ...!

3. Halloween Disco Friday 31 October - this isn't that far away you know.

## 'I WISH I WAS ...' MUFTIDAY WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

This is what happens to schools that have uniforms ... they can have Mufti days! We will also be having activities and stalls run by the children at lunchtime, which the children always love.

Our Student Council have organised a mufti day for next Wednesday — and the theme is to dress up 'I wish I was a ...' all with a gold coin donation. This will be a great way to end the term.

Also at lunchtime we will have stalls such as the Gumboot Throw, Baking stalls, Sponge at the Teacher (!) and heaps more ...

Bring spare money—it will be a great event.

All proceeds go towards the Make A Wish Foundation.

## NEW WORLD PROMOTION

Do you have any of the New World giveaways of miniature shopping items? They are ideal for junior classes we would gladly welcome any donations of them.

## FANTASTIC WRITING FROM ROOM 14

Some examples of great writing that have come from Room 14:

*I hear something. I open one eye and listen. It is the trickling sound of the shower. Aron's up. I go to move but feel the cold sheets. I hear the birds making a nest and see the pitch black room. I pull the covers over my head.*

*"This isn't happening."*

*My Poppa yells, "Get out of bed and get your school stuff ready."*

*I flop out of bed and pull on my clothes. I open the curtains and see all the animals. I stagger out to the kitchen and find that Poppa has gone.*

*My hair feels like a bird's nest. I have an up and go for breakfast.*

*My brother is singing so I yell, "Shut up, stop singing!"*

*After 5 minutes we walk into the freezing air, hop into the car and set off for school.*

Sophie Freeman-Pointon



Room 1	Luca Greville-Jones Cassidy Murphy	Room 2	Cohen Worsnop Hannah Thompson
Room 3	Rosa Angland Jonty Smith	Room 4	Raven Howse Brylee Pugh
Room 5	Dantae Delamere Emma Blake	Room 6	Kalan Wedd Joel Parker
Room 7	Nicolas Ratcliffe Brianna Mahoney	Room 8	Katrina Rush Noah Symon
Room 9	Emily Hayes Maia Chernyshev	Room 10	Caleb Hunt Tyson David
Room 11	Riley Bright Bella Knibb	Room 12	Ryder Moore
Room 13	Cohen Batterham Janelle Swain	Room 14	Max Jones Hunter Piercy
Room 15	Kyra Dearnis	Room 16	Jaxon David Molly David
Room 17	Jared Browne Xavier Kirby		

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 7 AND 8 TERM 3



*I slowly open my eyes and blink five times to adjust to the light blasting through the curtains. I hear Mum stomping into my room like a stampede of elephants. "Time to get up." "Really?" I moan to myself. Mum walks out of my room. My sister is yapping away with her soft toys. I push the covers back with my feet. Slowly, one by one, I put my feet out of the bed. I stagger over to my dresser and throw everything on the floor that I want to wear. I get dressed slowly and stumble out of my room, down the stairs, and into the kitchen. Mum is making herself a coffee and asks what I want for breakfast. It's time to start my day.*

Cameron Steed.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Remember Board of Trustee elections are coming up before the end of this year — we have three Trustee spots coming up for re-election. If you are interested in finding out more contact the school office about what being a trustee involves. The next Board meeting is on Tuesday 4 November so it could be worth coming along to see whether being on the Board of Trustees interests you.

### FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

**TAEKWON-DO** for beginners (ITF) are being held at Greenmeadows School Hall, Napier, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holidays, **6 – 10 October**. These 2 packages of 5 x 1 hour lessons introduce participants to a disciplined art of self defence.

For ages 5 and 6 years (mini kids) – 9.30am-10.15am; **7 - 14** years 10.30am-11.30am. Pre-registration is required by emailing [rtrtkd@gmail.com](mailto:rtrtkd@gmail.com) or phone 0210323289. For more information just Google [rtrtkd.co.nz](http://rtrtkd.co.nz)

### ATHLETICS@GMS

*Athletics@GMS is a series of fun athletic sessions which will take place at GMS on Wednesday afternoons between 3.00 and 4.00pm in Term 4. Cost is \$50 per child. To register please email Paul Webb at the following email address [athleticscoach@xtra.co.nz](mailto:athleticscoach@xtra.co.nz).*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

18 Sept	Transition meeting New Entrants 6.30pm
23 Sept	HB Crosscountry champs Hastings
24 Sept	Performance group Taradale RSA I wish I was ... fundraiser
26 Sept	End of Term 3
13 Oct	Term 4 starts Room 18 opens
14 Oct	PTA Meeting 7.30pm

*Have a great holiday — be safe and relax!!!*

*Ka kite ano,*

*Mark Johnson  
Principal*

