

Newsletter 20

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Dear Parents and caregivers - Tena koutou katoa,

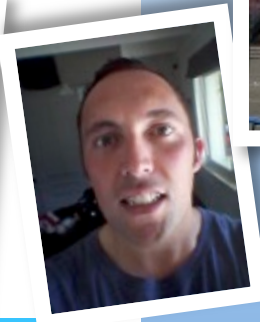
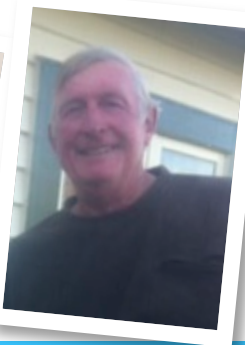
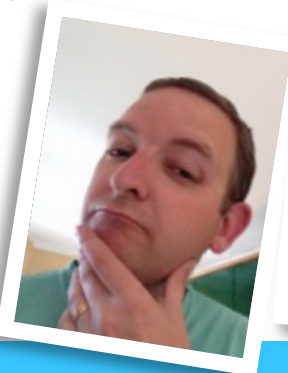
## GIVE IT UP FOR GMS

Not long left now to all those children going without something this week - the end is in sight for you. Yesterday the envelopes for collecting the money were sent home. These can be returned from the start of next week. Please send back all forms - even if your child did not take part.

Who will win the prizes?  
Which class will raise the most?  
How much will we raise????

## MOVEMBER ... AND MOVE-EMBER?!?!?

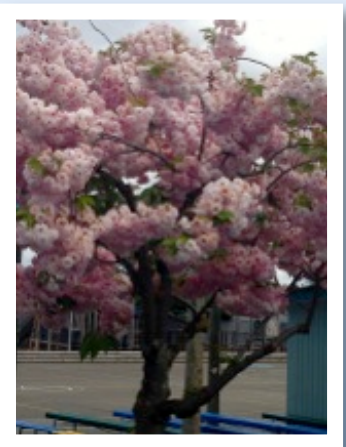
Those with good eyesight may have noticed the male members of staff with a little more of a whiskery appearance this week than normal ... yes it's the month when the razors get 'given up for GMS' and the Movember cause. After a fortnight of general growth some sculptured upper lips should emerge on display and develop for the remainder of the glorious month of November. Mr Ball is also taking part!!!! Not to be outdone ... Mrs de Lange has committed to exercising ever day this month, hence the 'Move-ember' theme as well.



## NEW ARRIVALS TO GMS

We welcome:

Harry Henrickson, Olivia Field and Danii Yang to Greenmeadows School. They have joined the fabulous class of Room 18. We wish you all the best as you start your school years.



## Save the date

### Mathletics

6 November

5.50 - 7.30pm

### Ukulele Festival

7 November

Hastings Opera House Atrium.

7 - 8.30pm

### Community Meeting

11 November

Maori students and parents meeting.

6pm-7pm

All Welcome

Keep in touch with GMS through our txt messages: simply text 'Follow GMSNapier' to '8987'

Look us up on Facebook too!

# Values Medals

LEARN, GROW ACHIEVE

## Excellence



Lucy Duncan

## Perseverance



Cody Johns

## Respect



Emma Blake

**Congratulations to these children for showing GMS Values!!!**

## GMS Principal Awards



**Week 3**



Room 1	Mitchell Simes	Room 2	Calais Bell	Room 18	Nate Sinden
Room 3	Kalal Miringaorangi-Turua	Room 7	Dexter Sharplin	Room 5	Kyle Leitch
Room 6	Ayla Pain	Room 11	Chloe Fletcher	Room 8	Joshua Pyott
Room 9	William Dine	Room 14	Charlotte Hatchard	Room 12	Keeley Tibbetts
Room 13	Faith Te-Kowhai	Room 16	Brooke Exeter	Room 15	Tom Davies
Room 15	Ella Herekiuha			Room 17	Reuben Davis

### THANKS TO ... OUR EXCELLENT ROAD PATROLLERS!!!

Our Road Patrol students show commitment to what can, at times, be a really challenging job. You can make things easier and safer for all our students if you ensure you are following the road rules and showing consideration for all our community. PLEASE do not park in the Paraplegic Park if you do not have a permit.

PLEASE do not drop your child off on the yellow lines. PLEASE respect our neighbours and leave grass areas and street corners clear and PLEASE use your indicators so the road patrollers know you are turning. This will help a great deal. Thank you for making our school a safer place.



## LEARN, GROW ACHIEVE

Congratulations to Mrs Leanne Duncan who has passed her Teacher Aide Certificate. Leanne has worked on a voluntary basis at Greenmeadows School as part of her training. We acknowledge the effort she has put in towards gaining this qualification and appreciate the immense benefit it has brought to pupils and staff at Greenmeadows School.



### KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT LAST NIGHT!!!

Well done to the fifty students in our Greenmeadows School Choir who are singing with Jackie Clarke on Wednesday 5 November. They have been practicing every Tuesday for the last two terms and with sixteen songs to learn there have been a lot of words to memorize. Auditions were held to see who could audition for solo parts on the night and Karlie Morrison and Rebecca Howey are going for the singing parts and Emma Anderson will audition for a dramatic role in 'Wonkey Donkey'.



Janelle Murphy is our ukulele representative. The event is to raise money for World Vision and the theme is 'Everything is Ka Pai'. Thank you to Mrs Millner and Mrs Dale

for leading such a fabulous choir.  
p.s. Did you spot the photo in this #B Today this morning with plenty of GMS singers in full flight?



### MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please take it from us things are so much better when chasing up finding out about absent children from a couple of years ago ... but we could keep improving If your child is going to be absent, please text in to the above number. A great deal of time is spent every morning checking up on absences to ensure our children are safe.

Text us: **0279264452**

## OPTIMIST YACHTING



Our Year 6 students have been yachting at Pandora Pond this week. It has been neat to see all our school values in action as they learn new skills and have a great amount of fun. Lots of team work and perseverance on display. Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mr Gibbs and Mr Papuni and all the parent helpers for helping with transport and supervision and ensuring all students experienced fun on the water.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes will be coming home soon for class and individual photographs to be taken in Week 6.

### COMING UP

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| 6 Nov      | Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm         |
| 7 Nov      | Ukulele festival Hastings                |
| 11 Nov     | Maori students and parents hui 6.00pm    |
| 12 Nov     | GMS Athletic Sports                      |
| 13 Nov     | GMS Athletic sports postponement day     |
| 17 Nov     | GMS Photographs taken                    |
| 18 Nov     | GMS photographs (back up day)            |
| 20 Nov     | Pohutukawa team trips to Stoney Creek    |
| 24 Nov     | Totara team camps week starts            |
| 3 Dec      | GMS Parent Helpers morning tea           |
| 4 Dec      | GMS Duathlon 5.30pm approx.              |
| 5 Dec      | Board of Trustees strategic planning day |
| 5 Dec      | Road Wardens reward day                  |
| 11 Dec     | Year 6 Social                            |
| 12 Dec     | PTA Disco (rescheduled)                  |
| 15 Dec     | Reports sent home                        |
| 16 Dec     | End of year breakup and prizegiving      |
| 17 Dec     | Last day for 2014                        |
| 2 Feb 2015 | First day of Term 1                      |

## CELEBRATING STUDENT WRITING

### *I am a Preteen*

I am a bud that has not yet bloomed

I am a tear that has not yet fallen

I am a sweet bird that has not flown

I am the wind before the storm.

I am a sweet tune that has not been sung

I am an exquisite butterfly

With wings not yet dry

I am a pattern that has not been sewn

I am a puzzle, not yet complete

I am a pen with no ink

I am a juicy apple not yet ripe

I am neither a pebble or a rock

I am neither a red flame nor a fire.

I am in the middle

I am in between

I am, I am, a preteen.

Lydia Carson

I am a bird that has not yet flown  
 I am a camera that has not been clicked  
 I am a ship that has not departed  
 I am a submarine that has not submerged  
 I am a carrot that has not sprouted  
 I am a fish that has not been caught  
 I am a clock yet to tick  
 I am in the middle  
 I am in between  
 I am an instrument waiting to be played  
 I am, I am, a preteen  
 Bryce Lott

### Waking up.....

As my eyes slowly open I see daylight sliding through the curtain. I'm still in bed, curled up tight waiting for my alarm to go off. It is dead silent, then suddenly my alarm goes off. I kick the blankets and stagger out of bed. I hear the television and think to myself, 'Dad must be up.' As the delicate sunlight gets brighter I start to find my clothes. As I wander downstairs I hear the wind growling. When I arrive in the kitchen I ask Mum, "what's for breakfast?" and she pulls out the toaster. When I finish my breakfast I clean my teeth, brush my hair and chuck my lunch in my bag. I run outside to the car and Mum drops me at school.  
 Asha Penn Room 8

I open my sleepy eyes slowly, one by one. In the dark room I can see the sun peeking through my green curtains. I hear my cousins murmuring. I kick off my covers and stumble out of bed. I slip on my uniform. As I walk down the long hallway I talk to myself. I gobble my delicious cornflakes and I pack my bag quickly.  
 "Are you ready?" Mum asks.  
 I race to the car.  
 Judge Jury Room 8

My body is curled up into a ball. I slowly open one eye. The sun plays hide and seek behind the curtains. The buzzing of the television means Thomas must be up. Mum stomps into my room and shouts, "Get up!" "In five minutes," I yawn.  
 Five minutes later I check the time. "Oh no, it's 7.30, I need to get up."  
 I slowly put one leg at a time out of my comfortable bed. Then my arms. Finally I make my way out. I stroll out of the room and into the kitchen. Mum is stressing out. There is an aroma of delicious muffin splits for breakfast. I chuck on my uniform and quickly pack my bag. I sprint out the door and get into the car. Time to start a new day.  
 Emma Anderson Room 8

### **KELLY SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL MULTISPORTS PROGRAM – Term Four**

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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or for further info contact Alex Jones at [hb@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:hb@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 8434219.



#### **CRICKET DRAW - for this week:**

**Friday 7 November**

Year 3 and 4 GMS Dinosaurs - a Bye

Year 3 and 4 GMS Pacers v Napier Central 1 Pitch 8 3.30pm Nelson Park

**Saturday 8 November**

GMS v Napier Central School

Nelson Park Pitch 5 Be there at 8.30am

Cricket season is just underway and Have-A-Go cricket will be starting in November. This programme is ideal skill development for children aged 5-8 before they start playing hard ball cricket and it's lots of FUN.

The centre runs for 6 weeks up until Christmas and 6 weeks from February through to March. Players receive a bat, ball and cap to keep as part of the programme which costs \$60.

Taradale starts their centre on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Taradale Park starting at 5pm. Players can register on the night. Sessions run for an hour.

Contact Mr J if you are interested in finding out more.

## **EQUIPKIDS**

### **Breakfast Club:**

6.45am onwards, fed breakfast and then dropped off to School.

### **After School Care:**

Picked up from school, fed afternoon tea, taken on outings, walks, parks around Napier and many other fun other activities.

### **Holiday Programmes:**

Daily from 8am-5.30pm.

A great team of staff and leaders.

Supervisor – Debbie Peninsula (trained Primary Teacher).

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