

Newsletter 21

Greenmeadows School

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Dear Parents and caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

New arrivals to GMS

Exciting times at school as the end of the year approaches at a rapid pace. Year 5 and 6 camps are happening for all our senior school next week and all are looking excitedly towards these wonderful adventures.

'Give It Up For GMS'

What another amazing success this has been. The final total raised has been \$6733.40! This beats last year's total. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser that is by the children and is FOR the children.

Most funds raised:

Chloe Fletcher \$140 Connor Wereta \$130
 Nevaeh Tipu-White \$115.00 Luke and Mak Hawkins \$112.50 each

Class prizes:

Most funds raised - Room 9 \$559.50
 Highest percentage of participants - Room 4

Most creative things to Give Up: (\$50 'Cool Toys' vouchers)

Kaitlyn Barra - Not looking in the mirror
 Logan Finimore - Doing something for charity every day

Spot Prizes for all participants: one from each syndicate (\$30 'Cool Toys' vouchers)

Kowhai - Sithumi Ellegala
 Pohutukawa - Upashna Sundar
 Totara - Sophia Gross

The money will go towards some amazing sports equipment, fantastic new sandpit toys and construction materials for making things outside! Tino pai Greenmeadows School!!!!

We welcome Asbah Nawal, Jak Robb, Jayden Konia, Camryn Jack, Eleanor Deed and Emma Duncan to Greenmeadows School. They have joined the fabulous class of Room 18, apart from Asbah who is in Room 3. We wish you all the best as you start your school years.

Our roll is now 452.

Keep in touch with GMS through our txt messages: Follow (space) GMSNapier To 8987

Save the date

Camp Week

24- 28 November

Year 6's to Wellington.

Year 5's to Omatua Camp.

Parent Helpers

3 December

Thank you Morning tea for all helpers at GMS. 11am in the hall.

Duathlon

4 December

School duathlon at Anderson Park. 5pm start.



Values Medals

LEARN, GROW ACHIEVE

Excellence

Perseverance

Respect



**Rylan O'Shea
&
Maia Driver**

**Holly Menzies
&
Ernest Woolward**

**Maninder Singh
&
Liam Houliston**

Congratulations to these children for showing GMS

GMS Principal Awards



Week 4



Week 5

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| Room 1 | Tyler Grant | Room 2 | Logan Hansen | Room 6 | Amelia Burgess |
| Room 4 | Cole Dallimore | Room 5 | Joseph McGovern | Room 10 | Georgina Hunuhunu |
| Room 7 | Charlie Matson | Room 8 | Relia Burder | Room 12 | Sara Petuha |
| Room 11 | Khadynce Miringaorangi-Turua | Room 14 | Ella Parnell | Room 15 | James Gerkin |
| Room 13 | Joshua Ratcliff | Room 16 | Hannah Exton | Room 17 | Jakob Morris |
| Room 15 | Riley Johnson | | | | |
| Room 18 | Angus Hawthorne-Gray | | | | |
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| Room 1 | Jasper Peet | Room 2 | Sophia Hirt | Room 4 | Amy Cairns |
| Room 6 | Morgan van den Munckhof | Room 7 | Ava Humphey | Room 7 | Aaron Newman |
| Room 8 | Blake Fryer | Room 9 | Rose Jury | Room 10 | Logan Sharp |
| Room 10 | Sophie McLean | Room 11 | Courtney Becker | Room 12 | ZhiHeng Zhou |
| Room 13 | James Symon | Room 13 | Ivy Wu | Room 14 | Emily Watts |
| Room 15 | Emma Downey | Room 15 | Olivia Field | Room 16 | Ashton Hannah-Morris |
| Room 17 | Baylee Sharp | Room 18 | | | |



Congratulations to Hannah Exton who is the first student to receive the CBG award for collecting five Caught Being Good slips in the playground. Students receive a CBG award for displaying Excellence, Perseverance and Respect. Hannah was awarded CBG slips for:

- Displaying excellence at sports team practices,
- Displaying respect by using warm greetings and voluntarily filling in on Road Patrol.

We look forward to celebrating the success of our next student 'Caught Being Good' five times in our playground.

Mrs Cunningham is about to begin stock taking all of our school readers. Please have a hunt around the house, under the beds and down the couch to see if there are any school readers at your house. No questions asked, we just appreciate their return. A couple of years ago we had a Year 6 student return books they found from when they were in Year 2!



Message from the school office

After observing our Road Patrol recently the Police informed us that our vehicle access way should not be used as a pedestrian entrance when the patrol is on. We are looking at putting a pedestrian entrance right next to the vehicle entry to keep foot traffic flowing. Please ensure that you continue to use the crossing when dropping off and leaving school. We are teaching our children road safety and when you use the crossing you support this message. Thank you.

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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. Could we also have returned to the office, any clothing your child may have been lent when a change of clothes was required. Thanks.

Who's who around our school?



**Kim
Cook**



**Leeane
Duncan**



**Hayley
Jury**



**Carol
Mardon**



**Lynne
Canty**



**Linda
Cunningham**

We are extremely lucky at GMS to have such a talented bunch of Teacher Aides assisting in our classrooms. In the past T.A.s have mixed paint, made play-dough and photocopied for teachers. Our T.A.s are trained in numerous remedial programmes and work closely with students and teachers to deliver them. They regularly up-skill themselves with courses offered by outside agencies like Speech/Language Therapists or Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour and they really do make a difference for Our Teacher Aides are a well respected and vital part of the staff at Greenmeadows and we really appreciate everything that they do.

Taking pride in our school uniform.

A number of students are starting to wear non-regulation items with their uniform, particularly footwear. Please insist that your child wears the correct uniform at all times.

Navy bike shorts for girls to be worn under skirts (optional)

Navy or black polypropylene to be worn under polo shirts (optional)

Socks to be navy.

Girls may wear navy tights

Hats are compulsory for all students during terms 1 and 4. School hats are the only hats to be worn with the uniform.

All students are to wear **black** shoes or **black** sandals.

For more detail please go to <http://gms.schooldocs.co.nz>

Our user name is gms and password osier.

Accessories approved for our compulsory school uniform

Earrings – studs only to be worn

Watches – are permitted

Medic alert bracelets are also permitted

An item of family or cultural significance may also be worn after consultation with the school.

No other jewellery is permitted to be worn

Celebrating student writing

Retelling the legend of Pania of the reef

Once a handsome man named Karetaki strolled across the soft, sandy beach. Suddenly he spotted a bush shaking in a blood curdling way. Karetaki looked extremely closely and spotted a girl. All the girls in the village loved Karetaki, no matter what, but Karetaki took no notice at all, but this one, oh, he loved her!

"What's your name?"

"Pania."

They gazed into each other's gleaming gold eyes.

"Will," mumbled Karetaki, "will you marry me?"

"I am sorry but you are of the land and I am of the sea."

So Karetaki returned every noon to ask to marry Pania and after that they would gaze into each other's eyes. But then one night Pania did not refuse him.

"YES!" screamed Pania in happiness, "Yes I will marry you!"

About one year later,...

"I must go hunt the fat Kereru," announced Karetaki.

"No, please, please stay here," begged Pania. Karetaki had a sly look on his face.

"No," grumbled Karetaki, "I have made up my mind."

And so Karetaki set off on his long and lovely trip.

That night Pania struggled to sleep.

"Pania, Pania, Pania." Shouted Pania's sisters.

"I must stay on the land with my handsome husband Karetaki". Pania turned her back and strolled away.

"Just one little play, pleeeeeeease," begged one of her sisters. "Your husband won't know."

"O.K., then but only one little play," mumbled Pania.

Pania and her sisters dived deep into the big blue sea. Soon the eldest sister asked Pania to go and visit her Mum and Dad. "Your husband won't know." So Pania agreed. So they dived deeper and deeper and deeper until they finally reached their Mum and Dad. Pania told them about her lovely royal husband and a shadow passed over her father's face.

That night while Pania was asleep, her father built a cage around her. When Pania woke up from her sleep she found herself stuck in a cage! She begged and begged but her father wouldn't let her out.

Soon Karetaki was back. He returned home in peace but found Pania wasn't there. Karetaki knew where she would be. So on he went heading for the beach to save his beloved wife from the horrid sea. Karetaki called and called.

Pania heard him and screamed back in terror and sadness. But her voice failed its mission and was lost in the big blue sea.

People say you can still hear Pania calling to her lovely husband Karetaki.

Logan Finimore.



DUATHLON:

On Thursday 4th December we will be holding our Annual Duathlon at Anderson Park. This is always a very enjoyable and successful night.

The PTA will be selling Burgers, Sausages, Drinks and Juicies and Moosies. To help make this a success we are looking for helpers to maybe give us a hand to cook or serve even half an hour or your time would be much appreciated.

If you can help please contact the school office or Ang on 027 6630245 or angk.mcintyre@gmail.com by 1st December 2014.

A notice will come out next week to allow children to enter. The major spot prize will be a brand new bike from Pedal Power. The bike will be on display in the office foyer from today!

Thank you in advance.

FINAL PTA MEETING FOR 2014

The final meeting of the Greenmeadows PTA Committee for 2014 will be held at the Duke of Gloucester at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10th December 2014.

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone who has helped out at various events or given your time to the PTA over the 2014 year and to anyone who is interested in joining our wonderful committee in 2015. Please feel free to come along and meet the committee and have a drink and/or dessert with us. We would love to see you there!!



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL DISCO

Theme:

Xmas



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| DISCO 1 | YEARS 0, 1, 2 (3 optional) | 5.30 pm - 6.45 pm |
| DISCO 2 | YEARS (3 optional) 4, 5 & 6 | 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm |

Please pick your child up from inside the School Hall promptly at the end of the Disco 6.45pm or 8.30pm. Children will not be released without an adult.

Parent Help: If you would like to help make this disco a success, please come along on the night. We require parents to supervise and sell goodies.. Thanks and see you there!

Please note: There will be lots of bright flashing lights and loud music!!

Goodies for sale on the night:

(Please bring some change)

Drinks: \$1 Cans: \$2 Chippies: \$1 Lollies: \$1

• Assorted glow and novelty items priced from \$1 - \$5

Kelly Sports will be running our Summer Holiday Programme in the school holidays from the 19th - 30th January 2015. 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



'Anxious & Reluctant Learners'

Educators Workshop - EIT Napier

Thursday 5th March - 2.00-5.00pm - \$50 per person

Do you have students that will do anything to avoid doing work?

This workshop will explore the impact that anxiety can have on students behaviour and learning.

'Understanding & Managing Challenging Behaviour'

Teacher Aide and Support Worker Workshop - EIT Napier

Thursday 5th March - 9.30 - 1.00pm - \$50 per person

This workshop will provide an in depth understanding of student's development and behaviour. It will also provide practical strategies to help manage challenging behaviour.

'A Morning For Early Childcare Workers'

Educators Workshop - EIT Napier

Saturday 21 March - 9am - 1pm - \$50 per person

Work in an ECE Setting? In-Home Care? Parent & Child or Playcentre? Want to understand more about children's behaviour and how to manage them in a proactive and positive way?

What is 'normal' behaviour for the children you are responsible for?

A workshop providing practical strategies to help manage children under 5 and their behaviour

'Emotionally Charged Kids - How To Teach Children to Manage Their Emotions'

Educators and Parents Workshop - EIT Napier

Thursday 14 May - 2pm - 5pm - \$50 per person

This workshop will provide an in depth understanding of student's emotional development and regulation. It will also provide practical strategies to teach children emotional literacy and how to manage children when they are 'emotionally charged'.

'Are My Students Normal? A look at Child Development, Ages and Stages'

Educators Workshop - EIT Napier

Thursday 4 June - 2pm - 5pm - \$50 per person

This workshop will provide an in depth understanding of child development. It will revisit the importance of adopting a developmental approach to students and their learning and support teachers to teach to the individual needs of their students.