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NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to Declan Morris and Jordy Hill they are making a wonderful start to their time at our school. These enrolments bring our roll to 437.

We are very close to confirming all the teachers for our vacancies. These will be announced next week.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

We had a wonderful ANZAC observation — the writing from these students capture the mood beautifully:

I quickly lined up. The whole school was walking silently. Mr Johnson stood on the steps with the soldier. The flag was waving. The only sound was people's footsteps. I put my flowers next to the crosses. The hall was silent. We sang the National Anthem and 'Lest we Forget.' When the bugle played the Last Post I felt sad because I was thinking about the soldiers. I wonder how scared the soldiers were?

Ernest Woolward

I held my yellowish flowers carefully, waiting to march. All the classes walked silently. The cars were zooming past when we put down our flowers. We went to the hall and we walked respectfully and silently.

After we sang the National Anthem Mr Johnson and Mr McClennan talked. People cried their tears when we sang, 'Lest we Forget.' I felt sad and respectful thinking about the people who died. When I heard the bugle play my heart burst with tears.

I wonder if I can go to the memorial next year?

Cree Eden.

We quickly lined up outside, straightening our uniforms to show respect. The whole school marched silently to the hall. Mr Johnson stood proudly on the top of the steps. The flag fluttered. I gently put my red flowers down in front of the crosses. I walked into the extraordinarily silent hall and sat down and showed excellence. We stood proudly for the National Anthem and after Mr McClellan spoke we sang, "Lest we Forget." I felt sad for the soldiers that died. I also felt proud of our whole school.

I wonder if any soldiers who went to Greenmeadows School died in the war?

Blake Haines.

CELEBRATION OF NEW GMS SCHOOL TAONGA

In Term 1 Mrs Lee organised an Art Extension group of senior students. They set out to create a mosaic quilt to present to the school. Last week the group proudly delivered to us the completed work of art—what a magnificent taonga it is! The wall hanging is a summary of some of the things that make GMS such a special place. It is now a feature of our interview room and looks sensational. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful project, especially Mrs Lee for her dedication to this project.



FEED THE BUS CAMPAIGN

For the next two weeks the school will be collecting non-perishable food for the Napier Foodbank. Items of food can be left in the office. When we last were involved in this Greenmeadows School donated an enormous amount of food ... and I am sure we can do it again in 2015! Please support this cause.

SPORTS TEAMS AND FEES

With a number of sports teams getting their seasons underway now activity is really on the rise! All teams that represent GMS receive a subsidy in their fees by the school. Our attitude is that we want to encourage as many children as possible playing sport, so we use some of the funding we receive for sports to help keep team registrations as low as possible. Please help us by promptly paying team subs —many thanks.

Room 1	Jesse Tutt	Room 2	Isobella McMillian
Room 3	Ryan Brookes	Room 4	Jada Hannah
Room 5	Arama Stephens	Room 6	Riley Bright
Room 7	Maia Moore	Room 8	Logan Hansen
Room 9	Lily McDonald	Room 10	Lucas Feagai-Kingi
Room 11	Kapree Tamai	Room 12	Ellie Meynell
Room 13	Rowan O'Kane	Room 14	Swimming
Room 15	Holly Lawrence	Room 16	Swimming
Room 17	Swimming		

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 2TERM 2



SPORTS DRAWS FOR HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Hockey Saturday 9th May 2015

Greenmeadows Smashers v Port Ahuriri Hawkes @ 9.10am, Park Island HBD1.

Netball Thursday 7th May 2015 Grading Games

Year 5 GMS Mystics

Mystics v Nelson Park Kiwis, Court 1 @ 3.30pm

Mystics v Henry Hill Magic Court 1 @ 4.10pm

Year 5/6 GMS Magic

GMS Magic v Napier Central Court 8 @ 3.30pm

GMS Magic v Clive School Court 7 @ 4.10pm

Year 6 GMS Fever

Fever v Arthur Miller Court 1 @ 3.50pm

Fever v Reignier Stars Court 1 @ 4.30pm

PTA EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle was another outstanding success — it raised \$2800 for the PTA. Thanks again for the wonderful support! All prize-winners received their gift baskets at the end of Term 1.

Our student winners for the most tickets sold were:

1st Lily Cameron

'2nd equal Maddison Walker and Brooke Ells.

These students were presented with prizes of movie passes and Warehouse vouchers. Other top ticket sellers were Ella Parnell, Charolotte Hatchard, Kyran Walls and Faith Te Kowhai. They all took home a chocolate easter bunny.

FUTURE ENROLMENTS AT GMS

In order to help with future planning at GMS we need information on school roll projections over the next year. If you have a child, or know of any other children intending to enrol at Greenmeadows School between May 2015 and July 2016 please contact Sara at the school office. If you are unsure whether we know — send the information through again. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19 May *Swimming Sports for Years 4 to 6 (Greendale Pools)*

21 May *Swimming Finals Years 4 to 6 (Greendale Pools)*

1 June *Queens Birthday Weekend (NO School)*

29 June *Student-led Conferences*

3 July *End of Term 2*

Look on our school website for additional dates and events: there are plenty!!!!

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

Principal

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