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## NEWSLETTER 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to these children and their families to our school: Lacey Skilton and Sophie Beere.

They are all making a wonderful start to their time at our school and settling into learning fantastically. These student enrolments bring our roll to 444.

### MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Clear your diary for Thursday 11 June from 6.00pm. We will be having a Matariki celebration at school that evening. All students and their families and whanau are most welcome to be involved here at school.

5.50pm	Arrive at school. Assemble in the Heart of the School
6.00pm	Legend of Matariki read to the children present
6.15pm	Walk out the Osier Road gate onto Gloucester Street through gate at the far end of the field
6.30pm	Marshmallows. Fun activities on the field
6.50pm	Depart for home

### STAFFING UPDATES

The final changes to our teaching staff can be announced.

Taking over in Room 17 next term will be Ms Kim Davidson. Kim is currently teaching at Onekawa School, having also taught at schools in Wellington.

Mrs Martin has been granted leave for Terms 3 and 4 this year, so we have employed a teacher to cover in Room 5 for this time. Mrs Jane Carter who has worked for four years at Nelson Park School will be taking over from Sue.

Mrs Nicole Johnson has decided to take her maternity leave from the end of week 8 this term. Friday 12 June will be her last day. Mrs Jane Lee will cover in Room 17 for the final three weeks of this term.

### FEED THE BUS CAMPAIGN

Thanks for all the wonderful donations we were able to present to the Napier Food Bank yesterday. They were very appreciative of the way the Greenmeadows School community got behind this project. Many thanks again for helping support the wider community.

### SUPPORTING NEPAL

The Sausage Sizzle was cancelled for Nepal as our day on Tuesday (yesterday) just got busier with the swimming sports and the Feed the Bus campaign.

Greenmeadows School has now three main fundraisers to help the recovery efforts.

1. A sale of old Library books in the Hall on Monday 25 May. Books can be purchased by donation — all the money will go towards the earthquake fund relief.
2. A Muftiday on Friday 29 May. Wear mufti and bring a gold coin to go towards the relief fund. Mrs Martin has promoted the idea that the children come dressed in one or more bright colours of the Nepalese prayer flags (e.g. blue, yellow, green, red, white)
3. Shoe box gifts — those families who want to be involved can fill a shoe box of gifts for a child in Nepal. The school will organize the shoe boxes to fill with non-perishable presents and treats.

These can include for example:

- \* Small toys (**not** battery operated)
- \* Beanies      \* Books      \* Games
- \* Writing tools (Pens, pencils, paper, notebooks)
- \* Packs of cards      \* Gloves

Definitely NO food items please.

If you are sending your own shoe box from home (we need plenty ...!) write a suitable age for a child to receive the gift on the outside.

We want to send these away the week after Queen's Birthday, so please start collecting! We would also welcome any donations of intact strong shoe boxes — we want to send 300 if we can, so we need plenty!

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 4TERM 2

Room 1	Jaxon Peake	Room 2	Joshua Hicks
Room 3	Paulina Feagai-Kingi	Room 4	Olivia Taylor
Room 5	Ashton Monk	Room 6	Rosana Sayer
Room 7	Kaeden Duncan	Room 8	Rylin Glenny
Room 9	Hannah Thompson	Room 10	Liam Johns
Room 11	Corey Marsh	Room 12	Tyson David
Room 13	Abbey Pascoe	Room 14	Nicole Tidwell
Room 15	Morgan Vincent	Room 16	Charlotte Hatchard
Room 17	Makaylah Jack		



## SPORTS DRAWS FOR HOCKEY AND NETBALL

### Hockey Saturday 23rd May 2015

GMS Smashers v Onekawa Dolphins, 9.10am, Park Island, HB1D

### Netball Thursday 21st May 2015

#### **Year 5 GMS Mystics**

GMS Mystics v Reignier Ferns Onekawa Court 9 3.30pm

#### **Year 5/6 GMS Magic**

GMS Magic v Tamatea Tactics, Onekawa Court 2, 3.30pm

#### **Year 6 GMS Fever**

GMS Fever v Nelson Park Pukekos Onekawa Court 11, 3.30pm

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

**Respect:** Makenzie Moore

**Perseverance:** Enosh Yong

**Excellence:** Lucy Angland

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

## ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school please do one of the following:

- please ring the school office on **8447024**
- or text **0279264452** before 9.00am

Please make sure you do this **before** 9am on the morning your child is going to be absent as the office staff are spending a lot of time contacting parents to make sure their children are safe.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21 May

Swimming Finals Years 4 to 6  
(Greendale Pools)

29 May

Nepal fundraiser Muftiday (Gold coin donation)

1 June

Queens Birthday Weekend (NO school)

11 June

GMS Matariki celebration 6.00pm

25 June

Scholastic Book in the school Library till the 30th June

29 June

Student-led Conferences

3 July

End of Term 2

20 July

Start of Term 3

4 Sept

Teacher Only Day (school closed)

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

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

