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NEWSLETTER 12

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Term 2 coming to an end and winter is upon us ... We have put out a paper edition of the school newsletter to celebrate some of the many things that make GMS great!!!

Many thanks to Phil and Kathryn Simmons from Greenmeadows Service Centre for their ongoing support of our school and sponsoring this newsletter. Enjoy your read!



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Monday 29 June is the day for the first 'Student-Led Conferences' at Greenmeadows School. Some things to be aware of:

- we expect all families to be involved: all children have been preparing for their conference and are very excited (if a little nervous) about the chance to share their learning ... so please make sure you attend
- please be on time for your SLC: they have to start and finish on time
- no other children in the room please: there will be child care facilities for brothers and sisters in the school library while the interview is on
- ensure that mobile phones are switched off before entering the room
- there will be a brief opportunity to speak to your child's teacher during the conference: if you would like additional time to talk please make arrangements to meet later in the week
- school finishes at **12.50pm on Monday 29 June**. Children with interviews between 2.00pm and 3.00pm are able to stay, while the rest are free to go home and return later. If your child has to stay at school until 3.00pm as you can not organize child care, please let the school office know.
- Forgotten your interview time? Schedule sheets will be displayed on the door of each classroom from Monday morning to help remind you ...!

MID-YEAR REPORTS

The first written school reports of the year were sent home today ... and I'm guessing they may have been read before this newsletter in most households!

The mid year report is not as comprehensive as the end of year document. However the teachers have put a lot of thought into these summaries of how your child's learning has progressed over the first half of this year. For those parents interested in statistics and data we have included a number of different measures and scores related to your child's progress. This is especially so for the senior classes. Hopefully the explanatory notes help you understand what each of the numbers mean. Feel free to ask your child's teacher if you are unsure of anything in the report.

We will publish the National Standards indicators on a separate sheet. They will be given out at the SLCs. These are 'guides' of how your child is going – the 'end of year' assessments we send away to the Ministry of Education.

I have read all the reports and I want to say how great it is to read about the learning and growth the children of GMS have shown this year. Keep up the fantastic effort and aim for 'excellence'!



Above: an action shot of some of the 48 gymnasts who represented Greenmeadows School at the Gymnastics Festival. What excellent form and discipline!



Room 1	Brylee White	Room 2	Bella Papp
Room 3	Jonty Smith	Room 4	Luke Sharp
Room 5	Holly Menzies	Room 6	John Knowles
Room 7	Taneesha Driver	Room 8	Flynn Ladd
Room 9	Lennox Burton	Room 10	Joshua Ratcliffe
Room 11	Kaden Heke	Room 12	Caitlin Fisher
Room 13	Rieley Jackson	Room 14	Zharina Dalanon
Room 15	Shae Watts	Room 16	Noah Symon
Room 17	Joshua Pyott	Room 18	Jaxon Peake

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 9 TERM 2



CHANGES IN ROOM 5

Mrs Sue Martin in Room 5 will be travelling overseas for Terms 3 and 4 before returning to school in 2016. Sue runs a wonderful classroom and the children will all miss her while she and her husband go to the warmer weather in Europe. Safe travels Sue and Peter!



Above: Room 5 singing a happy travel tune with Mrs Martin.

Mrs Jane Carter will be visiting Room 5 on Monday to prepare for her taking over in Room 5 next term.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

- Respect:** Tyler Scott
Nick Catley
- Perseverance:** Unique Tonihi
Finley Glentworth
- Excellence:** Shamrock Huata
Logan Gray

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



Some very proud medallists at GMS assembly!

MATARIKI EVENING — OUTSTANDING!

Matariki was a great success for our first time around ... what a wonderful evening we had. Thank you so much to all the families and staff who supported this event at our school last week. We were amazed at the numbers of people who turned out, and the hikoi we went on stretched for hundreds of metres around the streets of Greenmeadows. Special thanks to our PTA yet again for their sausage cooking and for running the stall. Also thanks to Quality Bakers Hawkes Bay for supplying us with bread for the two sausage sizzles we had - the support is truly appreciated!

SCREENS FOR BLOCK A DECK

The Board of Trustees decided to close in much of the deck area outside Rooms 1 to 4. This will allow a larger playing space for these junior classes. The two screens we used as a trial have been a great success. The additional seven screens will be here soon. Exciting stuff!



GMS ENVIRO GROUP



Here are the things we are aiming to not have in lunch boxes

Glad Wrap
Chippy and Muesli wrappers
Yoghurt pots

Instead we can make our own cakes and biscuits and wrap them in paper. You can buy a big bag of chips and put some in a container each day. You can buy a big yoghurt or make your own yoghurt and put some in a container each day. It is okay to have food scraps in your lunchbox.

Someone will come around to your class next week to look at your lunch boxes. There is a prize for the best class that has zero waste. The prize is a cake baked by Mrs Ware!!

By Kalla Hays

CHROMEBOOKS ARRIVE AT GMS

Our school is now using one hundred new laptop computers called Chromebooks. Each room now has a supply of these machines which have been supplied by the Board of Trustees and they are spread evenly throughout the school. The children are producing some excellent learning on them as they connect to the internet immediately ... just what we want!

GMS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is here again in the school library starting Thursday 25th June till Tuesday 30th June, opening hours 8.30am to 3.30pm with a late night Monday 29th June, open till 7pm. Call in after your child's student-led conference, EFTPOS available.

READING AT GMS ON A HIGH

Mrs Ware and the Enviro group have started a 'Lunchbox Challenge' Interest in reading at our school has really accelerated ... and our children are achieving some wonderful results. The teachers are providing some excellent instruction in classes, and supporting this is the fantastic Library that we have! Over the course of this term Mrs Cook has run a very motivating reading challenge for the senior students. The children get to choose books of different genre and read them (for some it is quite a new experience). They then record the book they have read on the reading wall in the Library.



Room 18 admiring the impressive reading record wall in the Library!

HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME

We will be opening our Library in the coming school holiday break on both the Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12.00pm. All children are welcome to come down and exchange their books, meet up with friends or just do some quiet reading.

KOWHAI CLASSES TRIP

A reminder to Kowhai classes (Rooms 1 to 7 and 18)parents to ensure slips are returned regarding our trip to the Faraday Centre next term.

Could these please be in by next week.

We will be completing an inquiry about 'Wheels' and are on the hunt for things that can be deconstructed. We are hunting for old egg beaters, watches (not digital), power drills, etc that have moving parts so that the children can investigate how things work. NB: these will be pulled apart and so won't be able to returned. Keep an eye out over the holidays and send any items along to Rooms 1-7 and 18. Many thanks.

PTA DISCO— FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

The PTA school disco is this Friday, the theme is 'Glow in the Dark'... so dress as colourful as you can! Lots of glow goodies to buy along with sweets and drinks.

The Disco will be held in the Greendale Scout Hall on Anderson Park.

Years 0,1,2 & 3 5.30-6.30pm

Years 3,4,5 & 6 6.45-8.00pm

Any parents who can help on the night would be greatly appreciated.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME—CELTIC SOCCER ACADEMY

Learn to play soccer the Celtic way — want to play football, learn new tricks and have fun? Celtic Football Club are working in partnership with Napier Marist Football Club to provide the opportunity for ages 6-17 yr old boys & girls to attend a coaching camp from 13th July to 17th July (second week of the school holidays) from 9-3pm each day, \$200 for the week.

For more info and to book visit

www.maristfc.co.nz or email

info@murphyevents.co.nz

JUMP JAMMING AT GMS!

Jump Jammers have been working with Miss Miles to develop a routine over the past few months ... and now it is competition time. The Jump Jam team have made a video to send off to the national competition. All the best for the competition!

COMING UP IN TERM 3 ...??!?

Did you know that these are just some of things going on next term ...?

1. **Junior Tough Guy and Gal** for Pohutukawa and Totara class children on Friday 24 July (a notice went home today!)
2. **Barefoot 10s Rugby** on Wednesday afternoons for Year 5 and 6s
3. **Spooner Shield** —Friday 7 August for Year 5 and 6 students
4. **Basketball** operating in Term 3 for Years 3 to 6
5. Interschool **football** for Years 3 to 6
6. **Kelly Sports** for Year 1 to 4 students

REMINDER!!!!

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 29TH JUNE 2015

PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.50PM

With the student-led conferences this coming Monday school will be closing at the earlier time of 12.50pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 June	<i>Scholastic Book Fair in the school Library till the 30th June</i>
25th June	<i>Ripper Rugby Tournament</i>
25th June	<i>Mid year reports go home</i>
26 June	<i>PTA School Disco</i>
29 June finishing	<i>Student-led Conferences—school early at 12.50pm.</i>
3 July	<i>End of Term 2</i>
20 July	<i>Start of Term 3</i>
24 July	<i>Tough Guy & Gal Challenge</i>
7 Aug	<i>Spooner Shield</i>
4 Sept	<i>Teacher Only Day (school closed)</i>

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

Have a great week everyone. Stay warm!

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson