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Wednesday 26th August



## NEWSLETTER 15

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to Azura Ferguson, Tyler Petrowski and Kaia Hohaia-Hall to our school. They are making a wonderful start to their time at our school and settling into learning fantastically. These enrolments bring our total to 452 at our school at present.

### FUTURE ENROLMENTS AT GMS

In order to help with future planning at GMS we need information on school enrolments over the next year. If you have a child, or know of any other children intending to enrol at Greenmeadows School between October 2015 and December 2016 please contact Sara at the school office. It is important we have the details of these children. If you are unsure whether we know — don't worry, just send the information through again. Thank you.

### BOOK BAGS

Please ensure every child (even senior children) have a book bag amongst their stationery. These are needed to protect books issued from our library. Unfortunately a large number of damaged and wet library books have been returned this term. If your child returns a damaged book you will be charged replacement cost to your school account.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM FOOTWEAR

Parents we have a request. Could you please check the footwear your children are wearing, are they the right colour? Black shoes or sandals are required, along with navy blue socks (not with sandals though!). Lately a variety of colours are starting to appear on the feet of our students. Thanks for your assistance.

### ROAD CROSSING NOTICE

If you park in the church car park or along Osier Road we ask that you use the road crossing in the morning and afternoon. Please do not cut across the road near the crossing. Adults are positive role models for children. We would love to see this modelled by all adults, so our tamariki know to use the crossing if they are ever alone. Many thanks.

### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

#### TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Cross-country season is back again! We are starting to get ready for the event to be held in two weeks time on Tuesday 8 September at Anderson Park. You should have received a notice yesterday regarding our school cross-country and requests for adults to assist us walking down to the park.

The following information sets out the timetable for the day:

10.30 — 10.50am Early interval for the whole school

11.20am Kowhai classes (Rooms 1 to 7 and 18) get organized to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school. They depart when ready.

11.45am Pohutukawa & Totara classes walk to Anderson Park

12.10 — 12.25pm Shared lunch/pre-race snacks

12.25 — 12.40pm Walk the course

12.45 — 2.30pm Races (order & approximate lengths)

**Note the change in order from previous years**

- Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m
- New Entrants/Year 0 approx. 450m
- Year 1 girls, then Year 1 boys 490m
- Year 2 girls, then Year 2 boys 600m
- Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys 800m
- Year 4 girls, then Year 4 boys 800m
- Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys 1100m

2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School

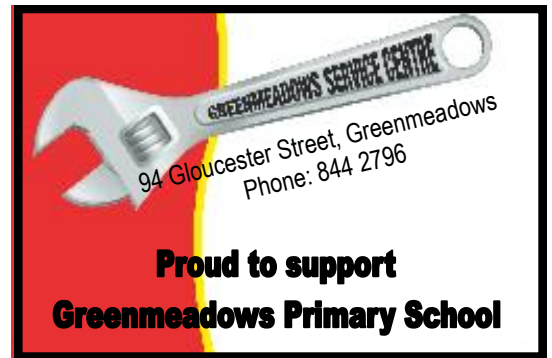
Sausages that have been pre ordered will be available after each race. Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 races.

Parents often request to take their children home after their race. Although we would prefer that all students stayed until the end of the event, we are happy to let this happen. If you do take your children and notify the class teacher, we do ask that they leave the venue immediately — and stay off the children's playground.

Postponement date (if required) is set for Thursday 10 September. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents along to support.

Room 1	Emma Donnelly Hunter Bickers	Room 2	Madison McDonald Kody Bulled-Henry
Room 3	Ryan Brookes Sophie Smith	Room 4	Max Weekley Luke Sharp
Room 5	Ayla Pain Sawyer Thompson	Room 6	Savannah-Rose Terry- Moore Caitlin Adams
Room 7	Dillon Hepburn Khadynce Miringaorangi- Turua	Room 8	Sophie Lyndon Baile Smith
Room 9	Zoe Ennor Maia Bosman	Room 10	Amelia Weekley Calais Terry-Moore
Room 11	Chloe Wilson Sophia Hirt	Room 12	Caitlin Fisher Piper Stanley
Room 13	Alex Barra Rylan O'shea	Room 14	Hunter Piercy Brad Single-Owens
Room 15	Jared Browne	Room 16	Georgia Brown Dillon Neilson
Room 17	Lelia Burder Jazmyne McKenzie	Room 18	Lacey Skilton Jordy Hill

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 4 & 5 TERM 3



## GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

**Respect:** Olive Mudgway

**Perseverance:** Dylan Steyn

**Excellence:** Rosa Angland

What a great achievement!!! Well done medallists!



## ABSENCES

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

- ring the school office on **8447024** and leave a clear message
- or text **0279264452** before 9.00am

Please make sure you do this **before 9am** on the morning your child is going to be absent (please also give a reason why they are away eg. Cold, cough, weekend away) as the office staff are spending a lot of time contacting parents to make sure their children are safe.

## TOTARA CLASSES TRIP TO MOTEO MARAE - Wednesday 2 September

Next Wednesday our senior classes will be spending the day at Moteo Marae. Thanks to the parents who have offered to provide transport and accompany our group for the day - the numbers offering to assist are excellent.

## PTA MEETING

The next meeting of GMS PTA will be on tonight - WEDNESDAY 26 August at 7.30pm. All new members are most welcome to come along.



## PHOTOGRAPHY VIEWING

Thursday 27 August

A reminder that the day for viewing and picking up your photographs is tomorrow (Thursday 27 August). Families involved will have a time allocated. The place for viewing will be in the office next to the Library.

## GREENDALE TENNIS CLUB OPENING DAY

Saturday 5th September (if wet following week)

Juniors times:

Beginners 8.30 - 9.30am ages 3-6

Beginners 9.30 - 10.30am ages 7-12

All others 10.30 - 11.30am ages 12-19

For more info contact Ian Smith 844 3732

## TAMATEA INTERMEDIATE OPEN EVENING

Tamatea Intermediate Open Evening is to be held on Tuesday 1st September from 6pm to 7.30pm.

## TARADALE INTERMEDIATE OPEN DAY

Taradale Intermediate are holding their Open Day on Saturday 5th September from 10.30am to 12pm.

Enrolment packs will be given out to all Year 6 students this Friday and are to be returned to Taradale Intermediate if this is your child's chosen school.

## PTA FUNDRAISER—CALENDARS

One of the big fundraisers the PTA get involved with is the Christmas calendars fundraiser. This will be organized in Term 4 at school. The final products can make wonderful presents for the festive season. Keep an eye out for this fundraiser in the coming weeks.

## FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

FREE TAEKWON-DO classes for beginners (ITF) are being held at St Johns Hall, 366 Gloucester St, Taradale, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holidays, 6 -9 October. These 4 x 1 hour lessons introduce participants to a disciplined art of self defence. For ages 7 - 14 years 10.00am-11.00am. Pre-registration is required by emailing [rtrtkd@gmail.com](mailto:rtrtkd@gmail.com) For more information just Google [rtrtkd.co.nz](http://rtrtkd.co.nz)

## DAFFODIL DAY

This Friday we are having a Daffodil day fundraiser — children are able to wear something yellow for the day and bring a donation of a coin.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

26 Aug PTA Meeting

27 Aug Thirsty Whale fundraising dinner

1 Sept Tamatea Intermediate Open Evening 6-7.30pm

2 Sept Totara classes visit to Moteo Marae

4 Sept Teacher Only Day (school closed)

5 Sept Taradale Intermediate School Open Day

8 Sept Hastings Super Sixes — Netball tournament

8 Sept Greenmeadows School Cross Country — Anderson Park

10 Sept GMS Cross-country postponement date

25 Sept End of Term 3

12 Oct Start of Term 4

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

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson  
Principal

## WANTED!!!!

We need a new school cleaner.

Are you interested or know of anyone who might be keen?

Daily for three hours, as well as holiday work is on offer.  
Good hourly rate of pay.

For more information please contract the school office

Applications close:  
Wednesday 2nd September.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Lucky Book Club brochures are coming home today, orders need to be returned to school before Thursday 10th September.

Remember you can order online or return correct money orders to the school office. Information for ordering online is included in the brochure.

