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NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The new enrolments just keep coming for GMS!

We welcome these bright-faced and willing new students to our school: Richie & Xavier Matson, Alizay Kaukau, Lexie Stitson, Archie Lancaster, Jake Demouth, Ruby Heywood, Aylah Bunn, and Lucas Withey. These enrolments take our current roll to 430 students.

GMS PTA FOOD FAIR

What a very successful event the annual Food Fair was yet again. Despite the cold conditions so many people turned out to support our children and our school — many thanks to you all! The profit from the Food Fair was \$5100 which is an outstanding amount! Thank you to our fantastic PTA, supportive community members and dedicated staff for pulling together such a wonderful event, that the children simply love!!!

In the next newsletter we will thank all those individuals and businesses who supported and helped the Food Fair.

ARRIVAL TIMES AT SCHOOL

The bell rings to start the school day at 9.00am, and a lot of arrivals come into school very close to that time. While that is certainly better than after the bell, it does mean that your child doesn't always get the opportunity to relax and spend time with their friends before the busy day of learning starts.

We realise that some families operate under tight time frames. Others have to contend with drop offs at different places. However not all parents may have reflected on the benefits of allowing their child that extra amount of time to settle in to the school day. Please note this applies to children of all ages.

EASTER RAFFLE

Due to the short time frame between the GMS PTA Food Fair and Easter, the decision has been made not to have an Easter raffle this year. Instead we will have a Mother's Day raffle early next term with some magnificent prizes on offer.

SPORTS FEES

It is fantastic to see so many of our school students involved with sports this year.

Many in our community may not realise this ... but our school subsidizes much of the true cost of sports subscriptions that children are involved in throughout the year. Greenmeadows School chooses to do this to make it as easy as possible to have as many children involved in sport. We also do everything we can to keep subscriptions below a capped amount.

The school pays the subscription amounts up front and often before the season has started. We then carry this cost until families pay the fees for their children through the invoices we send out. There are many outstanding accounts for sports involvement to date. Please help us and pay all Term 1 sports fees ASAP.

ART DECO PICNIC

In the last week of this term we are planning to have an Art Deco day at school. This will involve getting dressed in Art Deco clothing as well as having a 1930s style picnic lunch. This will link to the theme that many classes will have been studying related to the 1931 Hawkes Bay Earthquake. More details will come out soon.

EASTER BREAK

A reminder that school will be closed for five days over the Easter break. School is closed on Good Friday and reopens on Wednesday the 30th March.

GMS OSCAR OPEN EASTER TUESDAY

As school will be closed Easter Tuesday the 29th March, GMS OSCAR are offering enrolments for all Greenmeadows School children on that day. They will be open from 7.30am to 5.30pm. Please call at the OSCAR building to enrol or ring Tina on 027-603-4568.

EQUIP KIDS AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Easter Tuesday being a holiday for schools, Equip kids will be open for that day from 8.30-5.30. Please ring Tiffany Moore on 0273222777 for more info.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 5&6 TERM 1 2016



Room 1	Ava Geenty Greer Hambleton	Room 2	Brooklyn Sharplin Cordaez Tareha
Room 5	Tyler Brinkworth Aaron Newman	Room 6	Maximus Weeks Syntheia Woolward
Room 7	Wolfgang Samson Kalal Miringaorangi-Turua	Room 8	Max Fisher John Knowles
Room 9	Shiloh Johansen Amy Cairns	Room 10	Taneesha Driver Saketha Jandhyala
Room 11	Taraia Dickinson Hamish Pyott	Room 12	Olivia Harding Tyson David
Room 13	Cohen Worsnop Lucy Duncan	Room 14	Ella Ladd Rylan O'Shea
Room 15	Unique Tonihi Lockie Seerden	Room 16	Alex Barra William Dine
Room 17	Lilly Seerden Luca Durbin	Room 18	Dexter Sharplin Charlie Matson
		Room 18	Emma Gorringer Sophie Martin

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

With the colder mornings lately and winter coming on, parents will be thinking about purchasing winter uniforms.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Winter shoes are to be **black and black only**.

Please:

- no high tops,
- no boots and no heels
- no coloured soles
- no coloured laces
- navy blue socks only

Our children look wonderful in their uniforms and the wearing of the appropriate black footwear really enhances their appearance.

Also with the winter terms coming, we are asking that children wear their footwear into school and as they leave each day. This is for a couple of reasons. First it again keeps the children looking impressive at the start and end of the school day. Secondly, it is a proven way of reducing the amount of 'lost' and misplaced footwear, with the need to wear shoes home (trust me — it works!). It also helps keep children safer and less prone to foot injuries.

Thermal tops must be navy or black and all socks must be navy. No leggings — only woollen navy tights can be worn by girls.

We believe wearing our uniform correctly and with pride promotes excellence and respect in our school, we appreciate your support in this.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

2016 is a BOT Trustee election year and we will be electing new school trustees in May for a three year term. Now is the time to start thinking about whether this is a way you can contribute and make a difference in our community and school. More information will come early next term. Below is a piece from a current trustee outlining what it is like being on the board:

A Perspective from an Existing Trustee

Hi, I am Hamish Durrant and I have been on the Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees since 2010. The youngest of my three children (all who have been students at GMS) had her last year at GMS in 2015. I have been asked to give a personal view of what it means to be a Trustee and what is expected of you. So here goes!

I have really enjoyed the time over my six year involvement with the School Board and have gained a lot of personal satisfaction with the role. It does not need to be an onerous job. We meet once a month for a two hour board meeting and there are approximately ten meetings a year. Specific responsibilities are distributed out to the trustees based on the individual trustees interest and skill set. As an example, I am an Accountant, so as you may guess, I have the role of Treasurer. Without oversimplifying it, the Board's role consists of governance, strategic planning, and is accountable for the school's performance. The Board does not get involved with the day to day running of the school as this is the job of the Principal and his very capable team.

So please give some thought to putting your name forward for the upcoming School Board of Trustees election if you think this is for you. It can be fun and very rewarding.



SPORTS NOTICES -17TH MARCH 2016

TERM 1 SPORTS FINAL DATES OF PLAY

Final dates of play for Term 1 sports teams are as follows:

Junior Cricket Year 1/2	Friday 8 th April (Wow! Some extra days ...!)
Cricket Year 3/4	Friday 18 th March
Cricket Year 5/6	Saturday 19 th March
Teeball/Minipitch	Saturday 19 th March
Volleyball	Wednesday 6h April
Basketball	Thursday 14 th April
Junior Netball	Thursday 7 th April
Canoe Polo	Last grading games 9 th April, competition games during Term 2 start 7 th May

TERM 2 SPORTS

Our information and registration forms for Term 2 sports came home yesterday and will also be available from the school office and website.

Please keep an eye out for these and ensure registration forms are returned to the sports box in the office by Thursday 24th March. Late registrations cannot be guaranteed placement in a team. There is something for everyone, and we encourage all GMS pupils to play a sport during Term 2. Please contact Nicki with any queries at nickis@gms.school.nz.

NETBALL TRIALS

Trials for our Year 5/6 netball players will be held at lunchtime on Thursday 31st March. Players must have returned their sports registration form to school before this date. Please see Mrs Bryan in Room 9 with any queries regarding this, and check out the daily notices for pre-season training sessions that will be held.

FANTASTICKS HOCKEY HOLIDAY CAMP

HB Hockey are hosting their Fantasticks holiday camp from 27th - 29th April at Park Island, Napier, for children 7 - 14 years old. The programme includes team building sessions, drills, quiz, mini games, an Ocean Spa trip, tournament and activities. Lunch is also provided every day. Cost is \$230 per child, with family discounts available.

For full information and bookings, contact Michelle at admin@hbhockey.org.nz.



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Assembly will be held tomorrow at 9.15am (weather permitting). When we return from the Easter break, assembly times will change to 12.20pm.

GMS WALKING BUS

A reminder that there is a 'Walking Bus' every Thursday morning. We walk, scooter or even cycle at the pace of our slowest participant. It starts from Park Road at 8.05am and travels along Ross Place, Bowling Road and Osier Road. It is healthy, fun and keeps traffic off the road. We even go out in drizzle—all are welcome to join.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

These students received medals recently:

Perseverance	Logan Ide Rosie Goody
Respect	Ella Lalonde-Perks Caitlin O'Shea
Excellence	Max Li Olivia Field

Congratulations—enjoy having those medals at home for the week, they are highly valued indeed!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 Mar	Good Friday (school closed)
28 Mar	Easter Monday (school closed)
29 Mar	Easter Tuesday (school closed)
12 April	Art Deco school picnic
14 April	Art Deco picnic postponement
15 April	Poppy Day for Taradale schools
15 April	End of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 commences

Have a great week — and keep enjoying the autumn!

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal

