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NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

The final last few weeks of our very busy term are upon us ... and just as expected, things don't really slow at all. Outlined below are just some of the events scheduled between now and Friday 15 April.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We welcome two new students to our school who have enrolled over the past two weeks: Kylah Hansen and Maisie Delamere. It is fantastic to have you both at our school. These new students take our current roll to 432 students.

MILK AND WATER AT SCHOOL

Last year our Board of Trustees were contacted by the local DHB to consider limiting the presence of sugared drinks in our school. A lot of deliberation has gone on since this time towards this request. The results from our community survey last year contributed to this thinking. The question asked in the survey on this topic was:

Do you support the school putting in place a policy that only allows plain milk or water to be available at school at all times?

The responses were:

Strongly Agree — 36% **Agree—23%**

Sometimes Agree—19%

Disagree—16% **Strongly Disagree—6%**

With this in mind the Board have implemented a policy linked to this. From the beginning of Term 2 the school canteen will no longer be selling any sugary drinks. Water will be the only drink available to purchase from the canteen.

Note that this will not be a blanket ban and there will be some special occasions (e.g. fundraisers, Discos) that the policy will allow a change. The purpose is to promote water as a main form of hydration for students, as well as awareness of the potential impact of over-consumption of drinks that are high in sugar.

Coincidentally less than a week after we made our decision, the Ministry of Education asked all New Zealand schools to consider doing exactly what GMS has done.

Please continue to support our canteen. A new menu will be sent out start of Term 2 with a few new additions — so keep an eye out for that.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

The Taradale RSA have created a special youth ANZAC service for local schools which they hope will become an annual event. On Friday 15 April (the last day of Term 1) all Year 6 children have been invited to attend the service at the Taradale clock. This will run from 11.00am and take approximately an hour. Year 6 children will receive a notice with more information about this next week.

On Friday 4th March, the Taradale RSA hosted the 'Spirit of ANZAC' speech competition. Year 6 students Georgia Brown and Maia Driver confidently and ably represented Greenmeadows School. Georgia spoke about visiting the amazing exhibits at Te Papa and the National War Memorial Museum in Wellington and the profound impact they had on her. Maia spoke about a true New Zealand hero - Caesar the Red Cross bulldog.

They both received a copy of the book 'Le Quesnoy - The story of the town New Zealand saved'. They will also share their speeches with the Totara team next Monday at syndicate assembly. The girls really did represent us proudly, displaying all of the GMS values in doing so. Tino pai to mahi Georgia raua ko Maia!



Room 1	Kaia Hohaia-Hall	Room 2	Cyris Allem
Room 5	Luke Sharp	Room 6	Charles Burne
Room 7	Lachlan Webber	Room 8	Khadynce Miringaorangi-Turua
Room 9	Kruz Single	Room 10	Carlos Bell
Room 11	Jesse Tutt	Room 12	Mila Wishnowsky
Room 13	Tyler Scott	Room 14	Tayla Tierney
Room 15	Sara Pethua	Room 16	Dion Zhang
Room 17	Casey Prichard	Room 18	Calais Bell
		Room 18	Alishba Qazi

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 7 TERM 1 2016



SEA WEEK POET FROM GMS!!!

Room 15 student Emma Anderson (pictured right) entered the Napier Aquarium Sea Week Poetry competition with the poem 'What am I?'. This year's topic for sea week was 'Healthy Seas, Healthy People'. Emma was selected as one of the four finalists in the Napier Primary Schools category. On prize giving night held at the aquarium Emma was awarded 2nd place for her wonderful poem. Well done Emma — ka mau te wehi!

What Am I?

*As I'm thrown from the car window
Twisting and turning, I take my first flight.
Dancing over rooftops, racing across meadows
I end up in the Pacific Ocean.*

A seagull flies beside me, a discarded fishing line wrapped tightly around his bright orange leg.

*A Little Blue Penguin comes to say hello,
a plastic 6 pack ring towed behind him.*

*Starfish have been replaced
With bottle tops and cans
The strong current takes me out further*

*A glistening rainbow appears.
Unfortunately it is caused by an oil slick from a fishing boat.*

*Pollution is poisoning my friends
No one seems to care.*

*Finally I wash up on a rocky beach.
Chattering children are collecting rubbish.
I am stuffed into a black bag and taken to the recycling station.*

*These children are your future,
They will make a difference.
Toiora te Moana – Toiora te Tangata*

*What am I?
I am a dangerous plastic bag.*

by Emma Anderson



SCHOOL MUFTI-DAY — FRIDAY 8 APRIL

Mufti day for Fiji

On Friday April the 8th GMS will be dressing up in Mufti. Students may dress up, in red and blue, but if they do not have any clothes that are those colours, that's fine too. Please bring a Gold Coin donation.

We guarantee that it will be fun!

All money will be donated to Fiji due to Cyclone Winston
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FIJI

BAREFOOT SEVENS RUGBY

Next week a notice will be coming home for all interested Year 2 to 6 rugby players to take part in the annual Barefoot Sevens rugby tournament. This will be held on Thursday 19 May.

SPORTS NOTICES -31ST MARCH 2016

TERM 2 SPORTS

All Term 2 sports registration notices should by now have been returned to the school office. Please contact Nicki urgently at nickis@gms.school.nz if you have missed getting yours in by the closing date. Whilst we will endeavour to include all children in their chosen sport, but late registrations cannot be guaranteed placement in a team.

TERM 1 SPORTS FEES

A reminder to please check that you have paid your Term 1 sports fees! We have many still outstanding, and these must be cleared before your child can play again in Term 2. The school has heavily subsidised all fees in order to keep costs to a minimum, and we pay our registration fees in full to the various sports associations at the start of each term. Please help us by ensuring your portion of the fee is paid promptly.

GMS SPORTS UNIFORM SHIRTS

All children who have borrowed a GMS sports shirt during Term 1 are reminded to please return these to the school office before the end of term.

SUCCESS FOR TEEBALL TEAMS!!

A special mention to our U7 Teeball team the GMS STORM who placed first equal in Division 1 of the Peanut League for Term 1. Coached by Rachel Beams and Teena Blundson, the team had a great season playing and were hugely deserving of this result. Well done also to our U7 GMS THUNDER team coached by Rachael Wedd, who placed 2nd in Division 2 of the Peanut League. Often facing much older and more experienced teams, this was a great result from a team who gave it their best all season.

NETBALL TRIALS

Trials for our Year 5/6 netball players will be held at lunchtime on Thursday 31st March & Friday 1st April. 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 netball updates and information.

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.

BASKETBALL HB HOLIDAY CAMP

Basketball HB are hosting their popular holiday camp from 18th – 22nd April at the Rodney Green Centennial Events Centre, Latham St, Napier, 8:30 – 4:30pm daily. The camp is open to players of all sporting abilities from 5 to 18 years, and is a fantastic week of games, awards, great coaches, competitions and a free t-shirt for all. Cost for the full week is \$110 (ages 5 – 7 years half days), and \$180 for 8yrs and over. Family discounts are OSCAR subsidies are also available. For full information and registration visit www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz, email admin@basketballhawkesbay.co.nz or ph 8336215.

NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

HB Netball are hosting their popular Netstars Holiday Programme from 19th – 22nd April, 9am – 3pm daily at the Onekawa Courts, for Year 5-6 girls and boys of all abilities. A T-shirt, netball and daily swim are provided to each participant, with the programme packed with fun activities, specialised coaching, daily games and a full day tournament to finish. Cost is \$160 per child for the full programme. For more information contact Tracy Crichton at juniornetball@hbnetball.co.nz or visit www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz.



PTA THANKS FOR FOOD FAIR

We want to sincerely thank the following who were wonderful support for the 2016 GMS PTA Food Fair. We simply could not have made the event work without all the brilliant support we get from our community.

Thanks to:

- our fantastic PTA led by Rachel Sharp and Aaron Boyce
- the staff and parents from GMS who came out in force on cold evening to man stalls and make the Food Fair such a success
- our brilliant energetic MC 'Waggs'
- everyone who came along to support the Food Fair

Thanks also to the following for their support:

ANZ Band staff	Mad Butcher (Napier)
ASB Bank	Greenmeadows Pharmacy
Napier Aquatic Centre	National Aquarium
Par 2 Golf	Greenmeadows Service Centre
Pak'N'Save Tamatea	Streetwise Coffee
Turners and Growers	Unison
Domino's Pizza	Cars On Gloucester
Taradale Auto Repairs	Cool Toys
Jersey Kitchen	McDonalds (Taradale)
Orderings Garden Centre	Villa Maria Winery
Bodyworks Napier	Apollo Apples
Wedd, Wilkins and Newman families	

The next PTA meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 6 April starting at 7.30pm. All interested in coming along and joining our group are most welcome to attend (promise you won't get any jobs!).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY TIME

The library will be open on Wednesdays during the school holidays from 10am-12pm.

Call in to return and issue books and have a quiet read. Come and have a chat with Mr Papuni, Mr Johnson or Mrs Cook about what you have been reading to receive a little treat.

See you then!

A great website for readers...

Not sure what to read next? Or need help finding a book, check out this fantastic website created by local author *Adele Broadbent*.

www.whatbooknext.com

NZ YOUTH PIPE BAND

The band will perform at school on the last day of Term 1 from 9.15am. The last day of term promises to be a memorable one!

ART DECO PICNIC

Yesterday children were given a notice about the Art Deco Day to be held on Tuesday 12 April. Check for this notice in children's bags. It promises to be a fun day!

ROAD WORKS OSIER ROAD

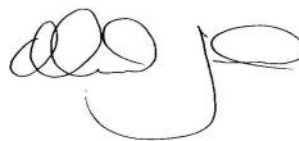
Well, we knew it was coming ... and it finally is! The road works that have been going on in Guppy Road for a number of months is due to move to Osier Road in the next fortnight. A stormwater upgrade is the reason behind this major undertaking. This is going to cause considerable disruption to traffic flows outside our school. The total time for the works is expected to be eight weeks, of which two will be school holidays. Now is the time to start preparing plans for getting children to and from school if you rely on car transport. More details will follow in the last newsletter in the last week of term.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8th April	Mufti Day — Gold Coin Donation
12 April	Art Deco school picnic
15 April	Poppy Day for Taradale schools Year 6 students to ANZAC ceremony NZ Youth Pipe Band at GMS
15 April	End of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 commences
9-13 May	Totara Cycling Trips
16-27 May	Totara Swimming starts
19 May	Barefoot Sevens rugby
31 May	Swimming Sports Year 4, 5 & 6

Have a great week — and keep enjoying the last few days of daylight saving!

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal

