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## NEWSLETTER 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

### GMS ART DECO DAY

A reminder about the Art Deco Day tomorrow. The weather forecast is excellent, so plans are going ahead! All children are able to get dressed up in art deco styled clothing and do not need to wear their school uniform. It is just like a mufti-day without having to bring any money ...! Parents are most welcome to come along and share in the picnic lunch we will have.

Thanks to those wonderful community members who are bringing along vintage cars (we have eleven at the last count ...) and these arrive at around noon. We will enjoy a picnic lunch on the field—how many can bring along 1930s type food? It promises to be a memorable day.

### MUFTIDAY FOR FIJI

Our mufti-day held last Friday raised a grand total of \$641.60 for assistance to be given to Fijian flood victims after the two cyclones that have recently struck. Thank you to all the students and their families who were so generous in supporting this very cause. Well done to the students in Room 15 who took the initiative and organised this event.

### ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

We have two ANZAC Day related activities this week: Wednesday 13 April - 11.30am is the start time for our GMS school ANZAC ceremony. Students are asked to bring along a coin donation for the Taradale RSA. They are also welcome to bring a flower or small bouquet to lay beneath our flagpole in the march past.

Friday 15 April - All Year 6 students are invited to a ceremony for local schools at the Taradale clock tower starting at 11.00am. All Year 6 students will have received a notice about this.

### NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Due to the range of varying activities going on this week, we have decided not to have an assembly this week. However we are in for a treat with the visit of the NZ Youth Pipe Band who are in Hawkes Bay later this week, and are going to perform for our school students at 9.15am on Friday.

### PARENTS HELPING WITH BOOK TAPING

This year we have purchased a lot of new book resources. We do everything we can to protect these books and this includes taping the covers. We want to have these books available for the children to use, but this takes time. Are any parents or community members able to donate some time to taping some books? Please let Mrs de Lange know if you are able to. Many

thanks.

### TERM 2 UNIFORM CHANGES

Term 2 brings a couple of changes with uniforms. Sun hats can still be worn, but are not compulsory during Terms 2 and 3. We also want all children wearing shoes into school as well as when they leave at the end of the day. 99% of students are wearing the correct footwear—all black shoes. Let's get to 100% next term!

### ROADWORKS ALONG OSIER ROAD

The road works that will result in a stormwater upgrade have now started along Osier Road.

For the next two months there will be disruption to the traffic flow along various sections of Osier Road. There is no way we can escape having traffic interrupted during this time. The number of vehicles that use Osier Road on a normal day is a challenge to manage - and things are only going to get worse. To counter this we ask that parents:

consider alternate ways of getting children to school (e.g. walking)

or be prepared to park a lot further away from school.

There will still be limited access to the church car park across the road. Please do not park on the grass areas in the church property.

### 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!

### GMS VALUES MEDALS

Three students were presented with the GMS Values medals last week in assembly. They were:

Respect	Jessica-Joe Harrison
Perseverance	Kaden Heke
Excellence	Kaia Hohaia-Hall

Congratulations to the three of you. With this being an assembly-free week, they get to have the medals for a month!

### PTA MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Early in Term 2 we will be sending home with each family a ticket sheet for a Mother's Day raffle the PTA will run in place of the Easter raffle. Keep an eye out for this early next term: there are amazing prizes on offer as well as incentives for children selling them.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 7 TERM 1 2016

Room 1	Reanna Robson	Room 2	Jacinta Hopkins
Room 5	Jaymie Pascoe	Room 6	Victoria Pugh
Room 7	Jayden Konia	Room 8	Cruz Stewart Jordan Sullivan
Room 9	Summer Campbell	Room 10	Jaimee Steed
Room 11	Cyris Peters	Room 12	Flynn Ladd
Room 13	Ashton Plapp	Room 14	Jayden Brinkworth
Room 15	Makaylah Jack	Room 16	Tyler-Jay Foster
Room 17	Maia Driver	Room 18	Brooklyn Mullins
		Room 18	Ernest Woolward



### GMS PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The PTA is holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. Please feel free to come along and take part in helping to make your children's experience at school a happy and rewarding time.

There are three main roles to be filled for 2017, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary so if you feel you are ready to take the plunge and would love to get involved or know of someone who would please come along and see what its all about.

It is a very rewarding feeling to go through the school and see what you have helped to build, supply or have done for our children to have a great place to Learn, Grow and Achieve.

Hope to see you all there—Greenmeadows School PTA

### ROAD SAFETY

Local Police have contacted our school highlighting concerns over some road safety behaviours around the school. When out on road patrol it doesn't take much time to see that simple decisions, or lack of decisions, especially at drop off and pick up times, are dangerous to our students. While some issues identified are common to all schools some are unique to just ours.

Police have informed us that all factors of road safety are continually promoted and enforced. During the first two weeks of next term however there will a district wide focus on speed past school buses.

Q: What is the legal speed to pass a school bus?

A: When it is dropping off, or picking up students = 20 km/h

We as a school see this as a timely reminder to ask that everyone consider their responsibilities to help keep our students and community safe.

The police have also indicated they are happy to hear if particular risks are identified by the school community.

### FINALLY ... A BOOK AMENSTY!!

A lot of our school reading books are in circulation in our community ... and we need them back! Each of these books costs close to \$10 each (yes, each of those junior readers cost GMS that amount), so we DO need them back.

Please check your children's bedrooms and get us back as many books as possible by the end of this week so we can get them where they should be. Many thanks in anticipation!

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

4 May

PTA AGM 7.00pm

9-13 May

Totara Cycling Trips

16-27 May

Totara Swimming starts

16 May

Young Leaders Day — Year 6

19 May

Barefoot Sevens rugby

31 May

Swimming Sports Year 4, 5 & 6

Have a great week. I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday time coming up at the end of this week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

