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NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Term 2 has started off with wonderful enthusiasm and our school is again filled with activity and learning. The grounds look fantastic—many thanks to Mr Mellon and Mrs Nicholson for all the work they do keeping GMS looking so wonderful.

We had an outstanding last week of Term 1 with the Art Deco picnic, ANZAC Day ceremony and the visit of the NZ Youth Pipe Band just some of the highlights. Thanks to all who contributed to this being such a memorable week prior to the holidays starting.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The start of a new term always brings new enrolments. We would like to welcome these children and their families:

Noah Walls	Joey Li
Harry Todd	Nivara Vibert
Cody Chen	Aprillia Ross
Tayah King	Mission King
Emma Prichard	

These new children bring our school roll to a current number of 440.

STAFFING NEWS

There will be a couple of changes to our staff over the coming weeks. Our New Entrant numbers have started to grow again as the year has progressed. Ms Shari McKay (who worked with the junior students in the Hall last year) is going to be teaching alongside Mrs Currie and Mrs Tareha, before opening up Room 3 later in this term.

Mrs Jane Carter is due to start maternity leave at the end of May. Taking over her class for the remainder of the year is Mr Antony Shroff. Antony has had a lot of experience teaching junior students in Auckland, as well as having taught for the past couple of years in Japan. Mr Shroff will get the opportunity to meet the Room 11 class in the week prior to starting officially on May 30.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening in the staffroom for the parents of children due to start school up until the end of September 2016. Start time is 6.00pm.

'FLASHEST SCHOOL TOILETS IN THE LAND!'

Those of you who have been to school over the past few days will have noticed the amazing cleared space where the now demolished old toilets were ... and our new ablutions block which was officially opened on Monday. The toilets have a real vote of approval from the children and are such an improvement on what we had before.



GMS APP LAUNCHED!!!

You can now download the new GMS 'app' to your smartphone. Visit the app store and search for 'Greenmeadows School' to find it and install. This free app lets you receive notifications about school events, newsletters, sports notices, etc. These go straight to your phone.

Please spread the word about our new app. It is great for friends of the school and all those who are interested in what is going. You will also be able choose the notifications you want to receive and this will be better suited than the Twitter texting we currently do (when all followers receive every text sent out ...).

FEED THE BUS CAMPAIGN

For the next two weeks the school will be collecting non-perishable food for the Napier Foodbank. Items of food can be left in the office. We were involved in this last year and Greenmeadows School donated an enormous amount of food ... and I am sure we can do it again in 2016. Please support this worthwhile cause.

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Room 5	Room 6
Room 7	Room 8
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PRINCIPAL AWARDS—NONE IN WEEK 11



ROADWORKS ALONG OSIER ROAD

The work has been continuing over the holiday break. In the following couple of weeks, the next stage of the work will begin. This means extending the road closure to vehicles to include Grant Place.

We are noticing the additional pressure being put on the availability for car parks already. This will only get worse. Please be considerate of other road users in helping all keep safe. This includes taking care when parking in Grant Place and near the exit of this street. Vision can easily be blocked by cars exiting from Grant Place if cars parked outside the marked areas.

TREMAINS 'TEAM UP' PROMOTION

You will notice a banner from Tremains attached to this newsletter. This is a promotion that Greenmeadows School has become part of with Tremains agent Debbie Dudding. It means the school gets \$500 per house sale with Tremains when Greenmeadows School is the nominated school by the vendor. We already have one house sale linked to our school, so our fundraising is underway! Please consider our kura if you are considering selling your home.

PTA MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Today we have sent home raffle sheets for all children to sell in the Mother's Day raffle we are running (instead of the Easter Raffle this year). There are some wonderful prizes on offer (seven major prizes). There are also incentives for the children to sell tickets. The top three sellers will receive prizes, and there will be spot prizes for all those children who sell one sheet of ten tickets.

Tickets are going out today and are to be back in by Friday 13th May 2016. The raffle will be drawn 18th May 2016.

PTA DISCO

The other Greenmeadows PTA Term 2 fundraising event will be:

A disco will be held this term the date to be advised. The theme for this will be come as your favourite Book Character. This will be held in the Scout Hall.

There will be two sessions 5.30pm to 6.30pm Jnr NE - Y2 and 6.45pm to 8.00pm Snr Y4 - Y6 with the Y3 having the choice of which disco they would like to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Great to see uniforms being worn with pride this term! Just remember dark blue socks are what we are looking for with the black shoes. It is also impressive to see children wearing their shoes into and out of school each day this week. The numbers of lost shoes, or those left lying around school has decreased incredibly this term. Tino pai tamariki!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are being sent home this week. Orders close Friday 20th May. You can order either online following the instructions on the last page of the booklet, or by returning your order to your class with cash, cheque or credit card. Please remember to add your name and class number.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This will be on this Friday (weather permitting) starting 12.20pm.

CHAMPIONS PROGRAMME

A reminder the Champions programme will start for the children involved this Friday lunch time with Benji. This will be in Room 4.

SPORTS NOTICES -4th May 2016

TERM 2 SPORTS

All Term 2 sports teams are now up and running, and a huge thank you is extended to those parents and supporters who have volunteered their time for coaching and managing teams. We look forward to a busy term of rugby, hockey, netball, basketball, canoe polo and more. Any new pupils to the school who may wish to join a team sport are asked to contact Nicki at nickis@gms.school.nz. We will endeavour to place you in teams where spaces are available.

SPORTS DRAWS

A reminder to families and players that your sport draws will be displayed weekly on the school **sports notice board** (in front of the school office) and on the school website. Some sports will also be shown on the new school app, although this will take a couple of weeks to set up.

GMS SPORTS UNIFORM SHIRTS

We are delighted to confirm that GMS has been approved for a funding grant from the North and South Trust to purchase new sports shirts. These will eventually replace our current sports shirt, and our aim is to provide them to all GMS sports players for their team games and competitions. The shirts will also be available for purchase by individuals through Stitchery House from Term 3.

Children will still be encouraged to wear their own sports shirt to school to use in PE

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT FUNDING

We are also delighted to confirm that through the support of Sport HB and the Kiwi Sport fund, we have been approved funding for the purchase of new hockey equipment for both classroom and sports team use. This will help us continue to raise the profile of this popular sport within the

school, and we hope as a result to see more and more children joining in with GMS hockey teams.

TOP GEAR KIDS CYCLE CLUB

Introduction to Cyclocross - learn about and take part in this very unique and fun style of cycling, with the aim of taking part in the winter HB Cyclocross Race Series. This is a 5 week programme starting on 15th May at the HB Regional Sports Park, which includes taking part in the race series. Cost is \$50 per person aged 7 - 12 years. To register and for full information contact Lyndal Johansson at Sport HB on 8459336 ext 719, or lyndal.j@sporthb.net.nz, or visit www.sportspark.co.nz.

NOBM KINDERGARTEN RIPPER RUGBY

Places are still available in the NOBM Kindergarten Ripper Rugby grade for 3 and 4 year old children. This is a great introduction to the sport and a great way for younger siblings to burn off some energy! Games are played at Park Island from the 7th May. For full information and registration contact Glenn Fulcher on 027 5598878 or at glenn.fulcher@cityandquilds.com.

KELLY SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL MULTISPORTS PROGRAM - Term 2

Kelly Sports is offering its Multisport Programme on Tuesday's after school this term at Greenmeadows School. Our After School Programs are designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports, with a different sport played each week. Our sessions feature individual and group skills for the featured sport followed by a modified game. A 'player of the day' award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enroll please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or for further info contact Rachel Weeks at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 843-4219.



If you are thinking about moving, let's work together to help both YOU and Greenmeadows School achieve a great result.

For every property that is listed and sold with us, we will give \$500 back towards Greenmeadows School for them to use to benefit your children. The next time they need library books, sports gear or IT equipment could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

A profile from one of our current Board members:

Hi, I am Emma Taylor-Meynell and I have been on the Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees since 2013. I have three daughters: one is currently Year 5, one is in Year 3 and the youngest will start school at the start of Term 4. I joined the school board as I wanted to be able to contribute to the school, but as I work I found it difficult to help out during school hours. I also have a little bit of governance experience from my work and so thought that this could be useful as a school trustee.

The GMS board is a friendly and functional board. We meet once a month for a two hour meeting. During these meetings we discuss very broadly strategic direction, school policies and school performance both curriculum and financial. While on the board I have been part of a team that has looked after the Property portfolio, and also had the Health and Safety portfolio. There are training sessions that are available to attend that help with understanding your role on the board.

The GMS board also has a split election cycle. Three positions are up for contesting at this election, and the remaining three in another eighteen months time. What this means is that there is always someone on the board that has a bit of experience and knowledge and this is really helpful when you are new to the board.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 10 May at 5.30pm at school. All those interested in coming to see how the Board works are most welcome to attend.

Key Dates for the Board Elections

20 May — Nominations close. You should have received a nomination form by mail. If you need one these can be requested from the office. You are able to nominate yourself if you choose.

24 May — If an election is required, voting papers will be mailed out by this date

3 June—Election date

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9-13 May	Totara Cycling Trips
16-27 May	Totara syndicate swimming starts
16 May	Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North — Year 6
19 May	Barefoot Sevens rugby
31 May	Swimming Sports Year 4, 5 & 6
6 June	Queens Birthday (School Closed)

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal

