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NEWSLETTER 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Talofa! We have been learning about the Samoan language this week.

7/6/2016 - GMS BABY DAY!!!

Tuesday 7 June was a very special day for us all at GMS ... as it was the day that two baby boys were born to members of our staff. Grayson Gibbs and Aryan Ghodke amazingly share this date as their birthdays. Mrs Carter also shows how to cut it fine - delivering her baby a mere eight days after starting maternity leave!! Congratulations and brilliant news to all concerned.



GMS SPORTS SHIRTS - AMNESTY!!!

Looking at our (quite low) numbers of GMS sports shirts we have at school tells us that there are plenty out in the community. Do you have one (or more) of the GMS shirts that we would have let your child borrow? We need them back ASAP - please ensure that they are washed and clean.

GMS APP UPDATE

The numbers subscribing to our GMS app is fast closing in on 250! This is fantastic seeing as we have barely been operating for a month. Remember to get alerts for your child's classroom as well as the syndicate they are in.

As an example, Room 10 alert followers should have access to a notice that was sent today reminding about booking for the Student-Led Conference next week.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Next week all families will get a newsletter to outline information about the student-led conferences to be held on Monday 4 July. This notice will also be on our school website next week. Included in the notice will be the ways to book times for your child's conference through our internet booking service.

All families are expected to attend their child's Student-Led Conference. This includes all children from New Entrant to Year 6. The children spend a lot of time preparing for these and take a lot of pride talking about the learning they have been involved in and where they are going to next.

The exception will be Room 10. They will be having their Student-Led Conferences next Thursday from 2.00pm. This is because Miss McCosh has been granted leave from 20 June until the end of the term to travel to Europe. We wish her well for the journey and know that the Room 10 SLCs will be excellent.

WIG WEDNESDAY - 22 JUNE

Dust off those wigs that might be hidden at home ... you can wear a fancy hair do at school for the whole day on Wednesday. This is to raise money for Child Cancer and a gold coin donation is all that is needed (although you can bring more if desired).

- Who will wear the wackiest wig?
- Which class will have the most different hairstyles?
- Which staff member can carry off the 'best wig'???

ROADWORKS ALONG OSIER ROAD— UPDATE

As from 13th June the entrance to Osier Road from Gloucester Street will only be accessible to residents in their vehicles. There will still be pedestrian access along the street. At the same time Osier Road will be opened up from Guppy Road end. The church car park will still be able to be used for parent vehicles. If intending to use the church car park, vehicles will just have to enter and exit via Guppy Road or McKeefry Avenue.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation to date in keeping everyone safe. The Osier Road crossing has been working smoothly with the 'moving' access way' and everyone is treating this with care. Fantastic!

Room 1	Troy Hannah-Morris Isla Cochrane	Room 2	Jacinta Hopkins Camryn Gibbs
Room 3	Noah Walls	Room 6	Amelia Stewart
Room 5	Jack Parker Mission King	Room 8	Tyla Motley Dillon Hepburn
Room 7	Nate Sinden Asbah Nawal	Room 10	Brody Taylor Karn Johansen
Room 9	Raven Howse Shyla Heke	Room 12	Keeley Tibbits
Room 11	Eleanor Deed Leanne Martin	Room 14	Tayla David Ryan Catley
Room 13	Lachlan Richards Nicole He	Room 16	Tyler-Jay Foster Caleb Hunt
Room 15	Phoenix Turner	Room 18	Savannah-Rose Terry-Moore Emma Bidlake
Room 17	Jazmyne McKenzie Giana Weeks	Room 18	Maia Bosman Ellie Goodson

PRINCIPAL AWARDS— WEEKS 4 & 5 TERM 2 2016



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The final count of votes took place today and the following candidates were duly elected:
Ivan Angland Ryan Hambleton Emma Taylor-Meynell

Thanks to all who stood and made themselves available for election to the Board, including Donna Ladd and Catherine Hawkins. Catherine has made a significant contribution to the Board over the past three years — many thanks to Catherine for all she has done.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

These students were presented with the GMS Values medals in the last two assemblies. They were:

Respect	Lockie Seerden Greer Hambleton
Perseverance	Angus Hawthorne-Gray Ethan Sullivan-Christie
Excellence	Hadley Richards Daniel Geange

ZERO WASTE LUNCHES

Last week our Enviro Group held a Zero Waste competition. We had a great start with 80 out of 440 students with Zero Waste lunchboxes but we would like to do much better.

Please parents, it would be great if you could stop using glad wrap or minimise any waste that comes from the packaging of food like chippies and muesli bars.

We would love to see kids using containers, reusable bags or baking paper. Our aim is to get everyone to come to school with a Zero Waste lunch. Thanks for your effort,

The Enviro-Group

2016 SWIMMING SPORTS

We had another outstanding swimming sports last week at the Greendale Pool. The children were fantastic competitors, giving their best and supporting each other in the different events. So many children swam this year and house point numbers were significantly higher than in 2015. Tino pai tamariki!!!!

Placegetters were:

Year 4

1st Katie Donnelly 2nd Zoe Ennor
3rd = Joanne Li and Millie Burn

1st Lachlan Richards William Rollings
2nd = Rylin Glenny and Casey Thompson

Year 5

1st Grace Henricksen 2nd Olive Mudgway
3rd Ellie Meynell and Jovi-Lee Billing
1st Rylin O'Shea 2nd Jesse Beals
3rd Luke Hawkins

Year 6

1st Kaitlyn Barra 2nd Lydia Wilkins
3rd Aimee Dodd
1st Nathan Stone 2nd Cohen Batterham
3rd Judge Jury

Total House points:

1st Ahi 662
2nd Ngahere 623
3rd Moana 574
4th Marama 525

SPORTS NOTICES –8th June 2016

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE 2016

Do you love a challenge?? Are you tough enough?? Well it's back in 2016 – the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge – bigger and muddier than ever!!

Held at Clifton Station on Monday 1st August, GMS will be taking a huge team of children along to this fantastic event – boys and girls from Year 3-6 are all invited to participate. This cross country mud run includes great giveaways and spot prizes, mud, mud and more mud, tunnels, obstacles, climbing, wading and crawling. Keep an eye out for notices and registration forms coming home next week - copies are also available at the school office and on our website. For full information now visit

www.eventpromotions.co.nz. Cost is \$20 per participant, and we encourage as many children as possible to have a go. Lock the date in now to your calendar for a great day out

BE SAFE – BE SEEN

With days getting shorter over winter, it is important that our children and families stay safe and visible when out walking, running or cycling. The IWay team will be out in our community to promote this by giving away great hi-vis vests, bike lights and wrist bands. Find them on Kennedy Rd by Anderson Park on Wednesday 15th June from 5pm – 6pm for your free safety items, or find other venues at [facebook.com/loveiway](https://www.facebook.com/loveiway).

GMS MATARIKI CELEBRATION

We had our first matariki celebration last year which went brilliantly, so we have decided to have another. This will be in a few weeks time on the evening of Thursday 23 June. More details will follow next week with a separate newsletter. Check out the PTA newsletter sent home today and let us know if you can help the night preparing the kai.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22 June	Child Cancer fundraiser: 'wear a wig' to school
23 June	Matariki celebrations
1 July	Midyear reports home
4 July	Student-led Conferences (early closure of school)
6 July	Next PTA meeting
8 July	End of Term 2
25 July	Start of Term 3

Thanks to Tremains and Greenmeadows Service Centre for the sponsorship of this newsletter, enabling us to print it in colour.

Have a great week.

Tofa ('Goodbye' in Samoan)

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal



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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