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NEWSLETTER 14

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Tena koutou nga whanau, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME TO GMS!

We would like to welcome the following learners and their families to our school: Hannah Beere & Hunter Cowan. Great to have you both here! The roll is now at 461.

GMS CROSSCOUNTRY 23 AUGUST 2016

The details for our event are as follows:

The following information sets out the timetable for the day:

10.30 — 10.50am Early interval for the whole school

11.20am Kowhai classes (Rooms 1 to 7) get organized to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school.

They depart when ready.

11.45am Pohutukawa & Totara classes walk to Anderson Park

12.10 — 12.25pm Shared lunch/pre-race snacks

12.25 — 12.40pm Walk the course

12.45 — 2.30pm Races (order & approximate lengths)

- Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m
- New Entrants/Year 0 approx. 450m
- Year 1 girls, then Year 1 boys 490m
- Year 2 girls, then Year 2 boys 600m
- Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys 800m
- Year 4 girls, then Year 4 boys 800m
- Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys 1100m

2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School

Sausages that have been pre ordered will be available after each race. Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 races.

Parents often request to take their children home after their race. Although we would prefer that all students stayed until the end of the event, we are happy to let this happen. If you do take your children and notify the class teacher, we do ask that they leave the venue immediately — and stay off the children's playground.

Postponement date (if required) is set for Thursday 25 August. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents along to support our keen runners!

PAID UNION MEETING — WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. It is called a 'global budget'. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to Year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means Greenmeadows School will be closed on Wednesday 14th September between 9.00am and 11.00 am while staff attend the meeting. School will begin at 11.20am on this day.

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

We encourage you to keep your children home. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

We apologise for the inconvenience this causes you.

Please note this day will also be a Mufti Day when we raise funds for Ronald McDonald House. Gold coin donation accepted.



Room 1	Room 2
Room 3	Room 6
Room 5	Room 8
Room 7	Room 10
Room 9	Room 12
Room 11	Room 14
Room 13	Room 16
Room 15	Room 18
Room 17	Room 18

PRINCIPAL AWARDS— NO ASSEMBLY



PTA NEWS

1. Quiz Night Friday 19 August — the tables are all sold! We are getting ready for our big night a mere 48 hours away.
2. Monster grocery raffle — tickets can be purchased for \$2 each from the office.

GMS APP

We have kept increasing the number of users since last week. The app is a great way to send in a notification of your child's absence.

It is so easy ... just go to the app store on your smartphone and search for 'Greenmeadows School'. Make sure you select the groups you want to receive alert notifications from.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 19 August - GMS PTA Quiz night at the Duke of Gloucester

Tuesday 23 August - GMS Cross-country at Anderson Park for the whole school

Wednesday 24 August - whole school to Royal NZ Navy pantomime at the Municipal Theatre

Thursday 25 August - postponement date for GMS Cross-country

Thursday 1 September — Next walking bus

Friday 2 September - Jump Rope for Heart day at GMS

Tuesday 6 to Thursday 7 September - GMS Whanau class week

Tuesday 6 September — Napier schools Cross-country at Park Island

Wednesday 14 September School opens at 11.00am and classes begin at 11.20am

Also—MUFTI DAY!!!!

Thursday 15 September - Bangers and Maths parents evening with a problem-solving focus

During Week 9 (12th to 15th September) - GMS kapa haka will perform at the Ngati Kahungunu Maori festival ... a first!

Friday 23 September - End of Term 3

Have a great week.

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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