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NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Tena koutou nga whanau, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

We have had a last few very busy weeks as the third term of 2016 comes to a close. There have been so many things going on at our wonderful school with your fantastic children and teachers doing some amazing things. This colour edition of the newsletter is possible due to the sponsorship of Debbie Dudding from Tremains and Phil and Kathryn Simmons from Greenmeadows Service Centre.

WELCOME TO GMS

We would like to welcome Daemon Smith, Myah Little, Pippa Wells, Emanuel Williams-Paniani and Kaleah Muraahi to Greenmeadows School. They have all started in Room 4 with Mrs de Lange. Our school roll is now at 466.

HAWKES BAY CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

Yesterday GMS had a large team of runners who qualified for the Hawkes Bay championships and took part in the event. There were some amazing performances from our twenty-four runners – well done to you all!

The following runners finished in the top 20 of their event against runners from Wairoa all the way through to CHB:

Zoe Ennor – 17th Year 5 girls Rosie Sayer – 16th Year 3 girls

Morgan van der Munckhof – 16th Year 3 boys

Cohen Batterham – 13th Year 6 boys Jesse Beals – 11th Year 5 boys

Judge Jury – 6th Year 6 boys Jaimee Steed – 6th Year 3 girls

Mitchell Simes – 2nd Year 3 boys Carlos Bell – 1st Year 3 boys

An outstanding effort from these runners: and watching our two Year 3 boys leading the seventy strong field home racing towards the finish line was very memorable!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Jump Rope for Heart sponsorship money has kept rolling in ... and we have raised close to \$2100! What a brilliant effort everyone. Many thanks for all the support.

NGATI KAHUNGU KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

All the months of practise and preparation for the Kapa haka group finally came to the performance day on Wednesday this week: and the group did not disappoint at all! Watched by a very large crowd of supportive parents and whanau, as well as the classes back at school viewing a live stream, they gave it all in an excellent performance. Congratulations to each and every one of you who were involved: children, teachers and tutors!!!! Perseverance, respect and excellence all shown in enormous amounts.

MUFTIDAY

\$528 was raised on Mufti day when we left our uniforms at home and headed to school. These funds will go towards Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to Room 12's Emily Carson for organising this event!

JUNIOR SWIMMING SESSIONS

Term 4 is the time our youngest students get to take part in the swimming lessons we have organised. The date that swimming commences is Friday 14 October. Rooms 11, 7, 6 and 5 will be swimming on that day in this order.

SUNHATS TERM 4

Summer is heading our way ... and Term 4 is the time to don those GMS wide-brimmed hats to protect us from the damaging Hawkes Bay sun.

DIGIAWARDS

Each year the DigiAward finalists are selected to attend a ceremony at the Napier Municipal Theatre where the prize winners in each category are recognised. This year we have had a massive number of GMS students be selected as finalists: we have more than 30 children involved! All the best for the big night on Thursday 13 October.

WALKING BUS

We now have two walking bus routes in operation!

Thursday mornings we leave from 55 Park Road at 8.10am. * Most children ride a scooter so we move along quite quickly down Bowling Road before turning into Osier Road. We arrive at school for the 8.30am bell.

Friday mornings Mr Gibbs has a walking bus:

* Anyone is welcome to join the bus but it is most suitable for people who live in the King Street/Elbourne Street/Chester Street area.

* Children will be 'picked up' from their houses (or near their houses) from 7.45 am

* Mr G then has a staff meeting at 8.10 am so the children wait as a group outside the canteen until the 8.30 bell

If either Walking School Bus is cancelled due to bad weather or unavailability, an alert will be sent to parents via the GMS app in the 'Mr G's Walking School Bus section'. Parents should subscribe to these alerts.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL APP

We encourage you all to download the GMS App from the Google PlayStore or through iTunes. All the school information is right there!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS— WEEK 6&7 TERM 3

Room 1	Richie Matson Lucas Withey	Room 2	Kylah Hansen Cordaez Tareha
Room 3	Joey Li Rissa Leeming	Room 4	Pippa Wells Keeahn Miringaorangi-Turua
Room 5	Matilda Finimore Lucas Fordyce	Room 6	Victoria Pugh Jaxon Peake
Room 7	Jada Hannah Olivia Field	Room 8	Jordan Sullivan Finley Glentworth
Room 9	Jessica Rice Katie Donnelly	Room 10	Jasper Peet Mattie Geange
Room 11	Coby O'Neil Charlie Scott	Room 12	Brooke Ells Riley Bourke
Room 13	Lelia Weeks Kylah Thompson	Room 14	Jessica Joe Harrison Maia Chernyshev
Room 15	Clara Newman Caitlin Fisher	Room 16	Ava Humphrey Tyler Hadabora
Room 17	Riley English Kyran Walls	Room 18	Lukas Miles Sophie Lyndon Maddie Johns Caitlyn O'Shea



SPORTS NOTICES

TERM 4 SPORTS

All children who have registered to play in a sports team next term will have their team list up on the school notice board this week. Please keep an eye on this for your team placement. Notices will also be sent home early next term with details of practices and playing dates. For any queries please contact Nicki at nickis@gms.school.nz

GMS SPORTS SHIRT ANMESTY!!

We are preparing for the issue of our new sports shirts in Term 4, and as a part of this, need all of our existing sports shirts returned to the school office this term. So no questions asked - if you have a school supplied shirt, please pop it in to the office. Search wardrobes and drawers, under beds and in bags - we are missing many of our original supplies and need these back! And if you have any original shirts that you have purchased yourself or outgrown and no longer use - we would welcome the donation of these back to the school. We are able to put all of these to good use, and would really appreciate your generous help with this.

SUMMER ATHLETICS

Any children and families interested in trying out Athletics and joining the Napier Athletics Club can do so by contacting Brent Shotter on 842 0665, or email napierathletic@gmail.com. Joining a club makes children eligible for the Colgate Games at the Regional Sports Park, from 6th - 8th January 2017, which is specifically run for 7-14 year olds. Full information on the Colgate Games is available from the Napier Athletics Club.

NETBALL NETSTARS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

HB Netball are offering three holiday program options for the upcoming break. A single day program for children Years 1-3, a three day program for Years 4&5, and a three day program for Years 6-8. Each program is designed to fit within the structure of the ANZ Future Ferns games that children play during their netball season. These holiday programs are extremely popular so early registration is recommended. For full information and registration visit www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz.

BASKETBALL HB SEPT HOLIDAY CAMP

Basketball HB are holding their popular school holiday camp from 26th - 30th September, 8:30am - 4:30pm daily at the Rodney Green Centennial Event Centre. The camp is open to players of all abilities from 5 - 18 years, and includes fun games, awards, a free t-shirt, competitions and great coaches. Family discounts and Oscar subsidies are available. Places are limited so early booking is advised. For full information and registration visit



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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GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these fantastic students who were presented with the *GMS Values* medals in the two last assembly:

Respect Belle Hambleton Caleb Hunt
Perseverance Drew Glentworth Liam Solomann
Excellence Ella-Rose Ladd Leila Weeks

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23 September -	End of Term 3
10 October	Term 4 Starts
12 October	GMS Maori whanau hui 6.00pm
17-20 October	Year 6 Optimus Yachting
21 October	Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day (School Closed)
24 October	Labour Day (School Closed)
26-27 October	Taradale Kapa Haka Festival
28 October	Halloween Disco
1-2 November	School Photos
3 November	Kids for Kids Choir Performance Municipal Theatre
7-11 November	Year 5&6 Camp Week (Rooms 17,16,15,14)
15-17 November	Year 5 Room 12 Camp
18 November	Ukulele Festival
24 November	School Duathlon @ Anderson Park
15 December	Last day for 2016

Have a great holiday! Stay safe, enjoy the company of your children and we shall see you in October!

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal



Bangers 'n' Maths 2016 - 'The Amazing Problem Solving Race'

Last Thursday evening, the school hosted our second annual 'Bangers 'n' Maths' evening. The theme this year was 'The Amazing Problem Solving Race'. Parents and children raced from class to class solving a range of complex maths problems using **slow maths skills and strategies**.



The key message from the evening was all about these **slow maths skills and strategies**. Often the maths that we ask you as parents to help your children with is **fast maths** – number knowledge and basic facts (e.g. "What number comes before 40?" / "What is 6×8 ?" / " $4 + ? = 15$ " / Name the prime numbers under 100 etc.) This type of fast maths is what makes up our GMS Numeracy Ladder. It is really useful if students can recall basic facts quickly, without having to work them out. However, most of the maths that students do at school is '**slow maths**' where they have to take time to think deeply and use what they know to solve problems, because that's what mathematicians do.

So, at home, while practicing maths facts and the numeracy ladder is important, even more important is using maths language in everyday situations. The following are all contexts for rich maths learning:

Talking about measurement when baking,
telling the time on digital and analogue clocks,
using a calendar,
noticing numbers on letterboxes and
car license plates and
using money by physically handling.



The more you talk about these things with your children, the more knowledge and relevant experience they will bring to solving maths problems at school.

