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## NEWSLETTER 19

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

### WELCOME TO GMS

We would like to welcome Liam Meyer and Isobella Comber to GMS. They are in Rooms 4 and 12 respectively – and it is neat to have them as part of the GMS school. This brings our growing roll to 481.

### GMS CELEBRATIONS!!!!

There have been so many fantastic things going on involving students from our school. The Kapa Haka group performed with distinction over two nights last week to very appreciative and impressed audiences. Our Jump Jam team are heading off this afternoon for the North Island regional championships to be held in Tauranga. All the best to this dedicated team.

Fifty-five GMS students were involved in the simply brilliant 'Kids for Kids' concert last night – congratulations to you all! And on Wednesday evening three teams of senior students took part in the annual Athletics competition. The students gave a great account of themselves ... and our team of Logan Finnimore, Lydia Wilkins and Katie Fellowes won the whole competition! Tino pai!!!

At every one of these events, we have dedicated parents and supporters. Thanks to the teachers who also readily give time and effort to make all this happen.

### JUNIOR SWIMMING

This has been going very well so far! Thanks to all the parents who have been helping down at the pool ... it is neat to see how willing and keen the children are to swim.

### HEADLICE

There seem to be quite a number of heads showing signs of head lice at present. Please check your children's hair carefully. Remember that doctor's visits are free for those under thirteen years of age. We also have a electronic comb here at school that parents can use.

### CAMP WEEK

The time for senior camps is now upon us. Three separate groups of Year 5s will travel to Rissington over the next week and a half to have their camps at the Omatua camp. The children are bound to have their bags packed already ...

For the duration of next week sixty-two Year 6s will be in Wellington enjoying their annual week away. School will be a quiet place for a few days ... at least that is what we are expecting.

ALL CAMPS – PACK RAIN COATS!!!!!!!!!!  
NAME ALL CLOTHING!!!!!!

### SCHOOL DUATHLON

The date for the school Duathlon is less than three weeks away now ... Put Thursday 24 November into your calenders as we will be holding our Annual Duathlon at Anderson Park. This event is held in the evening so whole families can come along and be part of this. This is always a very enjoyable and successful night.

The PTA will be selling burgers, sausages, drinks and Juicys and Moosies. To help make this a success we are looking for helpers to maybe give us a hand to cook or serve, even half an hour of your time would be much appreciated. If you can help please contact the school office or Kerri Burgess. A notice will come out on the 15th November to allow children to enter. The major spot prize will be a brand new bike from Pedal Power. The bike will be on display in the office foyer from next week!

### GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Respect</b>      | Blake Weston-Turner<br>Maia Jones |
| <b>Perseverance</b> | Charlie Matson<br>Thomas Anderson |
| <b>Excellence</b>   | Leila Burder<br>Brooklyn Sharplin |

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS – WEEK 3 TERM 4

|         |                 |         |                  |
|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| Room 1  | Maisie Delamere | Room 2  | Jett Durbin      |
| Room 3  |                 | Room 4  | Alexis Scott     |
| Room 5  |                 | Room 6  | Declan Morris    |
| Room 7  | Adam Catley     | Room 8  | Lennox Lancaster |
| Room 9  | Casey Thompson  | Room 10 | Ava Webber       |
| Room 11 | Riley Teikamata | Room 12 | Blake Haines     |
| Room 13 | Myah Smith      | Room 14 | Maia Jones       |
| Room 15 | Jaydn Field     | Room 16 | Maryanne Skea    |
| Room 17 | Asha Penn       | Room 18 | Tori Gibbs       |
|         |                 | Room 18 | Shrestha Shriya  |



### SPRING WRITING

Winter dashes away into stormy black clouds.

Silent, cottonwool clouds blow slowly across the pen-blue sky.  
Magenta blossoms sway in the gentle wind.  
Lime-green flax buds crack open like cocoons.  
Lizard-green leaves spring up on the skeleton trees.

Spring arrives with a burning flash.

Makena

Winter disappears into a huge thunder and lightning storm and races away in a puff of rain.

Pink and white, fragile blossoms decorate the winter tree like it is going out.  
The weak spring sun glitters through the fresh, light leaves.  
Lazy cotton-candy clouds drift through the light blue sky, changing shapes.  
Tiny, beautiful daises blow in the breeze.  
Spiky, fresh seedlings stay as still as a soldier.

Spring bounces from the other side of the world, to our side. She twirls around everywhere, making colour like she has magic powers.

Olivia

Winter gets spun around by a tornado and gets flung to the other side of the world.

The sky rips some clouds open and throws them like toys.  
Lobelia shakes like terrified kids.  
Flax buds sprout into flax leaves.  
Bright-green leaves burst on the branches.  
Pink blossoms dangle off branches like Christmas decorations.  
Thick, white clouds dawdle over our heads.  
The sun smiles down on joyful kids.

Spring brings a suitcase of sunshine for New Zealand to enjoy.

Nick

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

*2 -15 November  
7-11 November*

*Rooms 1,2,3,4 Swimming  
Year 5 and 6 Camp Week  
(Rooms 17,16,15,14)*

*15-17 November  
18 November  
22 November  
24 November*

*Year 5 Room 12 Camp  
Ukulele Festival  
School Athletics Day  
School Duathlon @  
Anderson Park*

*12 December  
13 December*

*Reports out  
End of year Breakup and  
Prize-giving*

*14 December*

*Postponement for Prize-giving*

*15 December*

*Last day for 2016*



**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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