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NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Greetings to you all

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A special greeting to the children and their families who have started at our school over the past fortnight – there have been thirteen new enrolments over that time. Welcome to the Carroll-Buckenara whanau with Bella-Rose, Daeshaun, Marley, Cynthia and Makayla all enrolling. We also have had these tamariki start at GMS:

Wairua Edwards	Dylan Burton
Ricky Parker	Katherine Davis
Sophie Penberthy	Ronyynn Siddells
Farah Taylor	Campbell Hansen

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly this week will be held at 9.15am in the Heart of the School. Now the earlier starting time ... although the weather forecast does not look good at this stage.

JUNIOR BLOCK BUILDING PROJECT

This work is due to commence any day now, which will mean a degree of disruption to the school site for the next few months. It is planned to fence off the construction area and create a temporary access into the school by removing a section of the boundary fence along Osier Road. This will cause some reduction in parking along the street for the coming months while the project is on.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on Monday 3 April. This will allow the teachers a chance to travel to a couple of schools in the Manawatu region and see them in operation in the new 'innovative teaching' classrooms we are looking to develop. We apologise for any inconvenience but it is important to get the chance for all our teachers to see these types of classrooms operating with children in them (and not in the school holidays). GMS OSCAR will be operating for the day.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In just over three weeks time the school will be holding parent-teacher interviews. We are having an interview early in the year so teachers and parents get the opportunity to talk about the learning ahead and work together in the best interests of the child.

We urge all families to participate in these interviews and have set aside two afternoons for these to occur.

Monday 6 March	2.15 pm – 5.30 pm 6.15 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 7 March	2.15 pm – 7.00 pm
Thursday 9 March	additional Room 18 interviews Maths exchange interviews

You can request an interview by using our online booking program. Go to our school website www.gms.school.nz and click on the 'Parent - Teacher Interviews 2017' tab. There you will see instructions to take you to the interview booking website, along with the necessary code for booking dates and times at our school (remember to use the school code which is '3nydh').

Once your booking is completed you will receive an email confirming your interview. These details can be rescheduled if your availability changes.

If you are unable to access the school's website, then you can ring or visit the school office and Carolyn or Sara will book a time for you. We expect 100% attendance of families at these interviews, so please let us know of any difficulties you may be having booking a time.

Room 18 parents please book using Mrs Kinsey's timetable.

Other Information:

A number of children switch teachers for their Mathematics lessons. We will organize interview times for parents who wish to talk to their child's Maths teacher on Thursday 9th March. These bookings can also be organized by booking online.

Because of the interviews school will close early at 2.00 pm on both Monday 6th March and Tuesday 7th March.

Room 1	Jiah Pinto	Room 2	Emmanuel Williams-Paniani
Room 3	n/a	Room 4	n/a
Room 5	Emma Donnelly	Room 6	Brooklyn Sharplin
Room 7	Xavier Matson	Room 8	Taneesha Driver
Room 9	Jordan Sullivan	Room 10	Seth Langridge
Room 11	Olivia Sinden	Room 12	Jett O'Brien
Room 13	Calais Bell	Room 14	Lauren Reilly
Room 15	Madison Leipst	Room 16	Mila Wishnowsky
Room 17	Kay-Leigh Hodges	Room 18	Charlotte Wilkins
		Room 18	Luca Theedom-Whyte

PRINCIPAL AWARDS – WEEK 2 TERM 1



SCHOOL DONATIONS & SPORTS FEES

You would have by now received your child's student statement with all the charges relating to sports fees, donations and swimming. A large number of students still have sports fees outstanding from last year — please ensure these are paid before the commencement of this years sports.

There has been a slight increase in school fee donation for 2017. We have not increased this amount for a number of years. We have been forced to do this to meet a shortfall in Ministry of Education money as schools have had to face a funding freeze for the 2017 year. We wish we did not have to do this, but we want to continue to offer your children the same opportunities we have previously. Thank you to all who pay their school fees. You can claim a 33% rebate from the IRD for the last four years on school donations.

BORROWED CLOTHING — PLEASE RETURN

We regularly lend items of uniform and underwear to students when their own uniforms and/or underwear need changing. We no longer have any girls underwear to lend out and we have a large number of uniform pieces that have been lent and not returned. Please, please can you return any pieces of underwear or clothing that you may have at home that belongs to the school. If you have any uniform items you'd like to donate to the school we can always find a home for them! This includes school hats as well that are clean and tidy.

SWIMMING

This year we will be swimming at the Napier Aquatic Centre. Pohutukawa classes are first to be involved later this term.

ART DECO DAY

Children will have the opportunity to dress up in Art Deco gear tomorrow Friday 17 February if they wish. They do not need to bring money as they would for a normal muftiday.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

Respect	Charlotte Field
Perseverance	Leo Fowler
Excellence	Teaghan Jackson

NEWSLETTER ACCESS

The next newsletter in a fortnight's time will be emailed out and not printed on paper. You can find the newsletters through a link on the school's Facebook page, directly from our school 'App' (ask at the office if you are unsure of how to get this) or from the school website.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school App or www.gms.school.nz website for events coming up.



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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ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTER NOTICES

SPORTS NOTICES

ATTENTION ALL NETBALLERS!!

All keen netballers have the opportunity to train with the Central Pulse team this Saturday 18th February at the Regional Sport Park, Hastings, from 10:30am – 12:15pm. Registrations take place on the day – just turn up on time and ready to go! A great chance to meet and train with some of the central regions best players.

GMS SPORTS SHIRTS

Our sports teams are currently being fitted out with their sports shirts for the current season, and they look absolutely fantastic. Please take care of these shirts – they are only to be worn for competition games, and need to be returned in good clean condition before the end of term J

THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and staff who have volunteered their time and enthusiasm for coaching our sports teams this term. We have a whopping 33 teams playing After School and Saturday sports across 8 different codes – this is only made possible by the support of our fantastic coaches and managers. Great to see so many children participating in sport!

SCHOLASTIC

Lucky Book Club



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Welcome back to Lucky Book Club 2017. Issue 1 brochures have been handed out and orders are due back at school by **Friday 17 February**. Please ensure all orders are clearly marked with your child's name and Room number and have the exact money for cash payments.

Online ordering (LOOP) makes ordering even easier and safer. Your order automatically attaches to the School Order. To order online visit: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> and click "Register." All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School Library.

ARTHUR MILLER SCHOOL – Movie Night Saturday 11 March. 'Zootopia'.

Gates open at 5.00pm. Premovie entertainment for kids; food stalls and activities. Bring your rugs, cushions and concert chairs for a great family night.

Finally, neat to see everyone involved in yesterday's Weetbix Kids Tryathlon! What a great day out – thanks for all the parental support!