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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS

A special greeting to the children and their families who have started at our school over the past fortnight. Our newest enrolments are Lucy Hutchinson, Lachlan Burnett and Daniel Yang.

The current roll is now 488.

PTA NEED YOUR HELP

The PTA quiz night is only one week away and we need your help.

Thank you to the families who have donated a bottle of anything e.g. wine, sauce, nail polish, Jif.

BUT we need MORE. All we ask is that one bottle per family be donated.

PLEASE keep them coming into the school office.

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

With the wealth of performances of the Kotahitanga we have been having, we have decided not to have an assembly this week.

YEAR 3 & 4 RUGBY

The Year 3 and 4 rugby team will play their final game of the season next Wednesday 20 September at 1.00pm on the GMS field. We will play Porritt School. Remember your mouthguards!

INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY 2017

The team representing our school on Tuesday did GMS proud – becoming the overall Napier cross-country champions for 2017. Greenmeadows School last won this event in 2009, and since then Taradale Primary have won this event every year. So to return home with the trophy was something special!

The Napier interschool cross-country has nineteen schools involved and there are eight different races – incredibly, Greenmeadows children won **five** of these races which have about 80 children running in them!

Congratulations to:

Samuel Ennor – 1st Year 3 boys

Carlos Bell – 1st Year 4 boys

Jaimee Steed – 1st Year 4 girls

Zoe Ennor – 1st Year 5 girls

Rylan O'Shea – 1st Year 6 boys

Morgan van Den Munckhof – 10th Year 4 boys

Other finishers in the top ten were:

Jesse Beals 2nd Year 6 boys

Mitchell Simes 6th Year 4 boys

Jett O'Brien 9th Year 4 boys

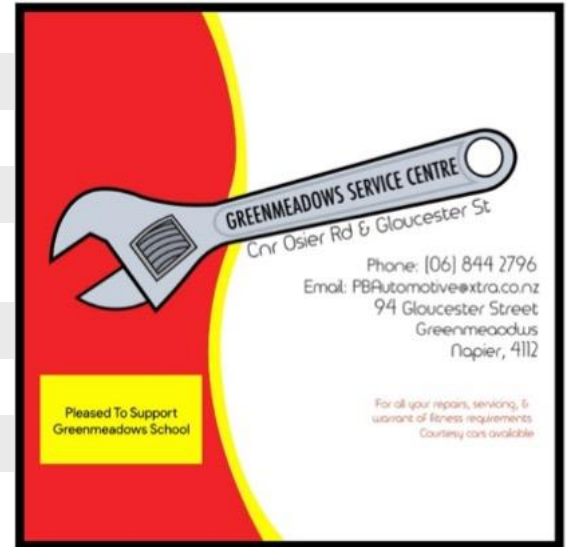
Each of the runners who finished in the top 30 of the races on Tuesday are able to enter into the Hawkes Bay Cross-country champs



Pictured: The entire team of runners – all 48 who represented Greenmeadows School and took out the Napier champs!

Principal's Awards - Week 6 Term 3

Team 1	Bella Arnold	Team 1	Olivia Mahoney
Team 2	Ethan Waterreus	Team 2	Danni Marsh
Room 5	Max Weeks	Room 6	Thomas Wilkie
Room 7	Kylah Hansen	Room 8	Maia Moore
Room 9	Tyler Grant	Room 10	Madison McDonald
Room 11	Jaxon Peake	Room 12	Sophie Martin
Room 13	Nick Catley	Room 14	William Dine – Riley Burke
Room 15	Rowan O’Kane	Room 16	Ella –Rose Ladd
Room 17	Ellie Meynell	Room 18	Dexter Sharplin
Room 19			Jaemon Hodges



BUILDING UPDATE

The wheels are not moving as quickly in the classroom development as we would like ... but unfortunately it is out of the influence of GMS. It now appears that renovations on the three prefab buildings outside Teams 1 and 2 (the old Rooms 1 to 4) will start in the holiday break. The three classrooms will be raised up and a deck be constructed. Temporary steps have been constructed to the deck at the end of the old Room 4 so there will be access to the deck while the construction is taking place.

The work on the prefabs will take about six weeks. Rather than fill Team 1 (the room with Mrs McKay and Miss Millner) with too many children - we only have one space left in the school for the latest new entrants - our staffroom. Mrs de Lange will set up a temporary classroom in the staffroom for the first few weeks of next term. Once the prefabs have been smartened up and looking brilliant, then the New Entrant students will move with Mrs de Lange into the classroom closest to the dental clinic.

Some work will also start on the block with Rooms 8 to 11 in it. This Block will be reroofed and repaired during the holiday break.

PARENT SESSION – MARK OSBORNE

The parent meeting held on Wednesday night was a very interesting one. Mark talked about the trends in jobs for the future and the impact technology is going to have on the types of work that will disappear by the time children starting as five year olds now will encounter when they graduate from school in about thirteen years time. He talked about the need for children to develop creative thinking skills and independence. Thanks to all the parents who came and enjoyed the presentation.

TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

The school has been recognising Maori language week in a number of different ways. It is heartening to see the many ways that our school is developing and broadening the use of Maori language. Tino pai te kura tuatahi o Greenmeadows!

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these very worthy students who were presented with the GMS values medals in the last assembly.

Perseverance:

Reuben Berkahn

Respect:

Monique Brown

Excellence

Maia Chernyshev

Wear those medals with pride kids and well done!



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 school trip, the new playground equipment - it could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.



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GMS SPORTS TEAMS FOR TERM 4

The day we requested for sports team registrations for Term 4 has passed. We have been inundated with the numbers of children wanting to play sport in Term 4 - outstanding GMS!!!! If your child has not returned their registration forms they can still do so, but this needs to be done by Monday. However spaces in the teams cannot be guaranteed at this stage as many of the rosters are already filled. Our team numbers are going through the roof - what wonderful support for sport at GMS.

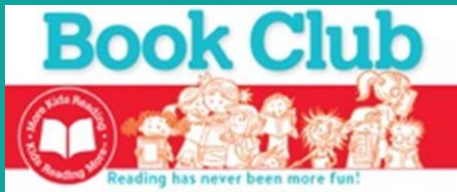
KOTAHITANGA WEEK

This is the second year we have had a 'kotahitanga week'. It involves all the classes getting mixed up - those of you who have been picking up children will have noticed them in a different room. This is working so well - the children love the chance to work in different groups and the interaction between the age groups is fantastic to see. Where possible we put siblings together to enjoy the opportunity that working as a whanau can bring. The focus on dance and te Reo Maori has seen some wonderful learning going on. The celebration assembly this afternoon was a fantastic treat for us all.

The school has been alive with dance over the past three days! There has been a real buzz with the children and teachers involved in movement and creative expression.



LIBRARY CORNER



REMINDER:
Book Club Issue 6 closes
On Friday 15 September

Library Donations

If anyone has games or jigsaws at home that they would be happy to donate to our school library for use during lunchtimes, it would be appreciated.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2017

Our school is one of the New Zealand schools that chose to have Board of Trustee elections every eighteen months for half of the trustees. Board of Trustee elections are coming up before the end of this year. We have three Trustee spots coming up for re-election.

If you are interested in finding out more information about being a member of the Board contact the school office about what being a trustee involves.

KAPA HAKA DEDCIATION!

Each year our school recognizes those children have given four years to kapa haka at our kura. This year there are FIFTEEN students who received a pounamu taonga to keep to acknowledge their dedication. Here they are!



TARADALE INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS

Enrolment papers for Taradale Intermediate must be in by Thursday 21st September. Take these directly to their school office.

CULTURAL CONCERT THIS EVENING

The cultural concert this evening is due to start at 5.30pm. Unfortunately due to other bookings in the St Mary's Hall we are only able to have the one concert – we had initially planned on having two. Apologies to those of you who missed out on tickets – there was an incredible demand to see our very talented students.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

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

14 September	Cultural Concert – St Mary's Church
22 September	GMS Quiz Night
27 September	Ngati Kahungunu Kapa Haka Festival
29 September	End of Term 3

16 October	Term 4 begins
18 October	Bangers & Maths evening
19 October	HB Anniversary Day
24 -27 October	Optimist Yachting Year 6
31 October	School Photos

Have a great week. Be safe and relax!!!!
Nga mihi nui. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson, Principal