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NEWSLETTER NO. 12

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to all the students, their families and staff. One thing that always strikes me is how enthusiastic our GMS children (and teachers) are to return to school following their holiday break. That has certainly been the case today.

This term promises to be a very exciting one for our school with plenty of activities to be held. Greenmeadows School turns one hundred years of age on Saturday 1st October 2011, and we will be celebrating this with a school-wide learning focus in the weeks leading up to this. The Rugby World Cup is now a matter of days away (39 if the count is correct) and we will be acknowledging this in a number of different ways at school. For starters this will include a display in the Library and an 'international' lunchtime Rippa Rugby tournament here at school in the coming weeks.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The start of our term brings new students to school. Today we have had Grace Hall and Upashna Sundar enroll as members of the class in Room 7, our New Entrant room. Welcome to you both—what a beautiful day of weather to begin your many years at school.

We also welcome Miss Emma Thompson a student teacher who is in Room 11 on placement for the next seven weeks. We wish her all the best for her time at our school.

RHYTHM INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE



Two years ago Greenmeadows School was visited by performers from 'Rhythm Interactive'. This was a wonderful experience for the students — the group provide each child with a drum to use and get them creating very impressive percussion music. In addition, the performers use mime to instruct the children — it is a fantastic opportunity for the children.

The cost is \$5 per pupil and all students throughout the school (Years 1 to 6) are involved. Families who have paid their activity fee earlier in the year will cover this cost met from the activity fee credit. Those who have not yet paid their activity fee will be invoiced the \$5 on the next statement sent out later this term.

'HEART OF THE SCHOOL' BEGINS!

The long awaited 'Heart of the School' project is now underway having been first proposed over three years ago. Late last week we finally received approval from the Ministry of Education for the restoration work for the old swimming pool area to commence. Unfortunately this meant we were not able to utilise the school holiday break, so we have to contend with construction work going on while the students are in class.

Pictured below is the digger which has been working very efficiently all day to clear the old concrete from the construction area. The activity has been very exciting for the students — watch writing books for a lot of pieces on heavy machinery in the junior classes over the next few weeks. However, it is a little unnerving with the constant feeling of mini 'earthquakes' as the digger goes about its work.

With the extra machinery (mainly trucks and diggers) around school, we are going to take a number of steps to ensure the children are safe. One of the steps we are going to put in place is to make sure all children coming into school in the mornings use the entrance gate (where the new notice board is), and not the double gates allowing entry alongside the Hall.



TERM 2 REPORTS

We were very heartened to see the numbers of families who were involved in the parent interviews at the end of last term. As a teacher, having the opportunity to talk through your child's report with a parent is a very valuable opportunity. On the school's website (under the 'Parent Information' tab) a link has been created for you to give feedback on the effectiveness of our new reports. Please take the time to let us know your thoughts. We have also put on the website some additional information to explain about the content of the reports.

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multi-sport programme on Tuesdays after school this term starting Week 2. SUPER SPORTS is designed specifically for Years 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. For those who have never joined a club before it gives them the confidence to give sport a go. For children already playing sport it gives them an extra chance to improve their skills for the summer and winter seasons. To enroll please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Craig Findlay craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.



SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 3 August — Rhythm Interactive performance
- 10 August — PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 12 August — PTA Quiz evening
- 16 August — Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 30 August — Spooner Shield tournament
- 1 September - Spooner Shield postponement
- 13 September — GMS Cross country
- 15 September — GMS Cross country postponement date
- 28 September — Interschool cross-country (
- 30 September — 100 Years Centennial Open Day
- 1 October — Official Centennial Celebrations (Saturday)
- 7 October—End of Term 3
- 25 October—Start of Term 4

- 21 November—start of Year 5 and 6 camp week

- 15 December—end of Term 4 2011

Refer to www.gms.school.nz for additional events and information

Please note there will be another newsletter next week. Until then enjoy the delightful weather ... while it lasts.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

Greenmeadows School P.T.A Quiz Night Fundraiser

Friday 12th August Greenmeadows School Hall
Doors open at 6.30, Quiz starts at 7pm

Get your team together and come along! **\$10 per person**
Tickets on sale now from the school office **Teams of 5/6 Adults**
This is a sell out event so be in quick!

Bar Facilities available (cash only) Our liquor licensing terms require all guests to be aged 18+
Teams are welcome to bring their own nibbles

Raffles! Games! Prizes! **Bring gold coins for a chance to win fabulous prizes!**

To make this event a success, we need donations of prizes.
All donations of suitable prizes or vouchers will be gratefully accepted and can be brought to the school office. **Thank you in anticipation of your support!**

I would like to purchase ____ Quiz Night Tickets at \$10 each

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please order tickets from school office. Tickets & change will be sent home with your child.