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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER NO. 14

**Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa**

*This is the third edition of Chatterbox this term. Please note we are not switching to weekly newsletters! It just seems to be the case that there have been some important messages we have to get out.*

*We urge you to check that your children are protected from the cold — there are some who are arriving for school dressed for a warmish spring day, rather than a day in the middle of a 'polar blast' as it has been described.*

### MEASLES INFORMATION

#### **ADVICE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

*Recent outbreaks of measles in Auckland and the Waikato have prompted the Ministry of Health to issue a notice to all schools seeking help to manage this. They are asking for all parents and caregivers to ensure that their child's immunization is up to date. The following is an extract from their notice:*

#### **People with measles must stay home**

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the medical officer of health. Unimmunized students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events. Please follow the advice of the medical officer of health.

### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL POLICY REVIEW

Our school has been using an online service for policy publication and review called 'SchoolDocs'. We have a schedule on policy review and this term there is one policy being looked at that we aim to get parent feedback on. This is 'Students With Special Needs'. Parents can access this policy and let us know their thoughts which will contribute to the consultation process.

You can find out more by:

- logging onto [gms.schooldocs.co.nz](http://gms.schooldocs.co.nz)
- Type in username 'gms' and password 'osier'
- You are taken to our school's welcome page and on there you will find a link to policies 'currently under review'
- Click on 'Students with Special Needs' and you can start the review process by sending some feedback

Alternately you can request a paper copy of the policy and a review form from the office.

Thanks in anticipation for any feedback received.



### GMS PTA—QUIZ FRIDAY 19 AUGUST

No doubt you will have heard about the last minute postponement of the PTA Quiz last Friday. The change in date has allowed us more time to get more participants. At this stage we have more than fifty tickets sold, which means we also have at least forty more to sell.

PLEASE support this event if you can — we offer a warm environment, a range of fun sections of questions and bar facilities on offer.

Doors open at 6.30pm with first questions from 7.00pm.



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Week 2 Term 3 2011

Room 1 Brooke Exeter

Room 2 Jakob Morris

Room 3 Sharn Gliddon

Room 4 Tom Davies

Room 5 Lydia Carson

Room 7 Olive Mudgway

Room 8 Georgia Brown

Room 9 Logan Ide

Room 10 Jorja McIntyre

Room 11 Blake Fryer

Room 12 Jessica Ireland

Room 13 Sophie Towler

Room 14 Jacob Towler

Room 15 Shanae Harris

Room 16 Bailey McKinley

Room 17 Megan Entwistle



## SPOONER SHIELD — TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2011

The prestigious Spooner Shield tournament is now less than two weeks away. Hosted by Bledisloe School, this event has teams from eight competing schools involved in six competitions. They are:

- Netball Years 5 and 6
- Soccer boys and girls
- Hockey
- Rugby

Greenmeadows School have won this event for the last two years and are training and preparing for the 2011 competition. Will the shield still be in our school come Wednesday 31 August????

## GMS 100 YEARS — CAN YOU HELP?

With our schoolwide study looking at the change in our school over the past 100 years, we are interested in resources that our community can lend us to support this programme of learning.

Photographs of school or class groupings (even from the 1990s — fashions have changed you know), old books, school bags, clothing; in fact anything that could help today's children appreciate how learning and school life has changed over time may be of use. Please let your child's teacher know if you may have anything of interest. Many thanks.

## SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 19 August — PTA Quiz evening
  - 30 August — Spooner Shield tournament
  - 1 September - Spooner Shield postponement
  - 13 September — GMS Cross country event
  - 15 September — GMS Cross country postponement date
  - 28 September — Interschool cross-country (Park Island)
  - 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](http://www.gms.school.nz) for additional events and information

**SEE YOU AT THE QUIZ ON FRIDAY!**

Have a great week. Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

