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NEWSLETTER NO. 16

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

The third term is racing by ... here we are in week 7 already — and only three weeks and a half weeks left after this until our next break. Our roll is currently at 401. Since our last newsletter three students have enrolled here — Sara Petuha, Dylan Simes and Rieley Jackson. All are New Entrant students, and we welcome them here and wish them all the best for the start of their years at school.

SPoonER SHIELD SUCCESS!!!!!!

The Spooner Shield was won by Greenmeadows School on Thursday 1 September. This was our school's third win in a row which has only happened three times in the history of the competition which is more than forty years. Our teams performed extremely well in a whole host of competitive matches played in four different sports.

Special mention needs to go to our boys soccer team. They were undefeated in their competition which was fiercely contested. The Greenmeadows team won six games and drew their seventh to bring back the football trophy for the first time since 1967. Our other teams also performed credibly and with consistency, including:

- Netball — 3rd equal in the Hazel Gillies Shield
- Girls Soccer— 3rd
- Rugby — 3rd equal

Congratulations to all involved. Our coaches need acknowledgement for the time and effort they put into preparing the teams, especially parent Louise Nicholson and our overall coordinator (and chief encourager) Mr. Gibbs!. Thanks to all our parents who provided great support to our children. And the biggest acknowledgment needs to go the students involved — what an achievement, and with such a consistent attitude. Our opponents have congratulated GMS students on the fact that they are great to play against. FANTASTIC EFFORT!!!



Pictured (above) The hikoi back from Bledisloe School with the Spooner Shield and the LE Nicholas Cup for soccer. Below is the Year 5 Netball team who arrived back at school tired, but oh so very happy!



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The weather promises to be fine and sunny for our rescheduled cross-country event tomorrow afternoon. We walk from school at 12.10pm to Anderson Park. Races start at 12.50pm, and start with the younger pupils going first through to older students who run later. Each race takes about 10 minutes. We may be looking for a couple of parents to help marshal, so let Mr. Gibbs know if you can help.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Week 6 Term 3 2011

Room 1 Brianna Hansen

Room 2 Lana Simes

Room 3 Charlotte Hatchard

Room 4 Isabel Harris

Room 5 Emily Hawkins

Room 7 Grayson Henry-Johnson

Room 8 James Symons

Room 9 Maia Driver

Room 10 Garrett Chan

Room 11 Dana Hogg

Room 12 Hannah Keating

Room 13 Jayme Pakoti

Room 14 Danika Brown

Room 15 Michael Howey

Room 16 Callum Tucker

Room 17 Jade Anderson



RUGBY WORLD CUP AT GMS

The ASB rugby balls were won by Jessica and Ben Ireland, Jared and Nathan Kinsey, Kelson McKay, Jacob Driver, Kyran Walls and Kristina Wilson. All entries have been put back into draw for the final teams. Another ball will be awarded on the first day of Term 4.



Today our 'international' Rippa Rugby tournament started with six teams involved. This tournament runs for two lunchtimes a week until the end of the term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Next Wednesday 21 September we will have the junior school cross country. The juniors have been running and training as furiously as the older students and are looking forward to their chance to shine.



The races start with the six year old students, with the first event at 11.30am, followed by the five year olds. This was a great event last year: all visitors are welcome to come along and watch. The postponement date is the following day, Thursday 22 September.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL AFTERNOON

- FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

The first day of the school centennial celebrations is on Friday 30 September. From 1.00 to 3.00pm the school invites all visitors, whether they be former students, ex-staff members or any other interested community members to come along to school and see Greenmeadows School in operation.

Those who visit will experience the following:

- being met and welcomed by school students at the school gate from 1.00pm
- receiving a tour of the school grounds and site
- after 1.30pm, the opportunity to visit classrooms to see the ways learning happens in a modern classroom
- The opportunity to view the archives display in the school hall
- Tea and coffee in the hall until 3.00pm.

All are most welcome to come along.

PARENT READING COURSE

It is short notice ... but this FRIDAY 16 September the Onekawa Reading Centre at Onekawa School are hosting a course for teacher aides on getting children reading. It also is suitable for parents who have children starting reading. The cost is \$38 and for further information phone Mary or Helen the RT Lits on 8438297



GMS ICT SHARING EVENING THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Our busy month keeps going with an evening session focusing on ICT. Each class has been using computer equipment and a whole range of accessories as we have focused on developing the use of ICT to support learning.

We want to share some of the wonderful applications of ICT going on and will do so on Thursday 29 September at school. From 5.00pm until 6.30pm there will be a number of displays in various classrooms around the school. A timetable will be created and multiple showings of the various slideshows and interactive demonstrations will be on offer during this time so parents with children in more than one area of the school can get to see efforts from all their children. Students are also encouraged to come along during this time to share and explain for families the types of things they have created.

Families can use the sharing evening as a chance to look at the GMS 100 years archive display in the Hall. More information about times of actual screening and rooms for display will be provided in week of the ICT sharing evening.

HEART OF THE SCHOOL PROJECT

The workers are racing ahead to get our project completed by the date of the centennial celebrations—at this stage this is the date we are working towards.

We need help with a planting working bee in the days ahead of the centennial — either Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th September, from 1.00pm onwards. It would only take a couple of hours if we get half a dozen or more people. Can you help? If so, could you please let the office know or contact Mr. Mellon.

We want to have the school looking as tidy and attractive as possible for the 100 year celebrations, so any help would gratefully accepted.

SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 15 Sept — GMS Cross country at Anderson Park
- 21 Sept — Junior school cross-country at GMS
- 22 Sept — Postponement date
- 28 Sept — Interschool cross-country Park Island
- 29 Sept — ICT sharing evening with community
- 30 Sept — 100 Years Centennial Open Day
- 1 Oct — Official Centennial Celebrations (Saturday)
- 7 Oct — End of Term 3
- 25 Oct — Start of Term 4
- 21 Nov — Year 5 and 6 camp week
- 15 Dec — end of Term 4 2011

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

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

There will be a brief meeting of the PTA this evening at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Iconz photography viewing — those of you who have photos taken will be given a viewing time on Thursday 29 September. Families involved will be contacted regarding your allotted time.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

STOP PRESS—Confirmed for the school centennial celebrations is former Greenmeadows school student, and current Minister of Education the Hon. Anne Tolley, who will be speaking at the official celebrations on Saturday 1 October..

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

