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NEWSLETTER NO. 20

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

We are right in the middle of the most hectic time of the year and we only have twenty-six days of school left after this year!!! Today is another busy day – we have Year 6 students off to Optimist Yachting at Pandora Pond each morning this week, Year 5 students competing in the Hawkes Bay school triathlon championships today and this evening we have the Taradale schools Athletics competition. Wow! - and it's only a Wednesday!!!

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

A number of New Entrants have started in the past two weeks: plenty actually ...! We welcome Maia Jones, Sachleen Bedi, William Dine, Kalla Hays along with Bonnie and Sarah Wedd. It is great to have you start your schooling with us – we look forward to seeing you all **learn, grow and achieve** in the years ahead.

TARADALE AND DISTRICTS ATHLETICS SPORTS

Following the very successful athletic sports last week, our school has selected a squad for the interschool event to held at the Regional Sports Park on the outskirts of Hastings on the 16th of November. This is run like a real athletics meet – for the first time the athletes will be timed electronically in the running events, as opposed to stop watches. Our team of thirty-two athletes will be giving their best next Wednesday.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPTIONS

The excellent Greenmeadows School OSCAR programme is consistently successful, as indicated by the long waiting list for spaces to become available. Numbers are restricted by regulations which means the enrolments must be capped.

There are alternate After School Care providers that collect children from our school. These are:

Kids Friendly Club—St Columba's Church
Contact Peter Wooten 022 6431691

Schools Out — Bledisloe School
Contact Carol on 0276774480

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that school photographs are due to be taken tomorrow Thursday 10 November. Orders need to be made by the time photographs are taken, so these can be processed and returned before the end of the school year.

TERM 4 — RETURN OF SUN HATS

Great to see so many wide-brimmed hats out in the playground — the weather has certainly become warmer lately and there is more risk of sun burn too. Please help by sending an appropriate hat along with your child as they come to school.

NAPIER LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

One of the issues we encounter at school is the 'drop off' in reading practise a number of children have over the summer holiday break, when books are not always a priority. To counter this, we encourage children to enroll in the Napier and Taradale library Summer Reading Programme. This runs from Monday 5th December to 13th January. Enrolments start from Saturday 3rd December and it is free. Children from 4 to 11 years are able to 'Be a Legend—READ!'

Let's see if Greenmeadows School can have the highest levels of participation of all Napier schools, and enjoy reading over the holiday break.

See the yellow information sheet on the school notice board for more details.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Weeks 1 and 2 Term 4 2011

Room 1 Porche Potgeiter
Isabella Davidson-Payne

Room 2 Shae Watts
Ryan McNatty

Room 3 Jaime Kinder

Room 4 Simran Bedi
Leah McKay

Room 5 Andrew Brown
Michaella Upston

Room 6 Grayson Henry-
Johnson

Room 7 Calais Terry-Moore
Caitlin Fisher
Liam Santo

Room 8 Tyler Hadabora
Noah Symon

Room 9 Asha-Lee Coombe

Room 10 Makaylah Jack
Sophie McLean

Room 11 Olivia McKay
Rylee Moore

Room 12 Caleb Dingle
Alexi Sewell

Room 13 Alyssa Rowley
Brendon Leonard

Room 14 Erik Bloomfield
Paige Jeffares

Room 15 Jarred Coutts
Claudia Chittenden

Room 16 Jarrin Bennie

Room 17 Ethan Wynne
Zara Morris

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

With the fast approach of the end of the year, it is vital that families settle their school accounts before the term finishes. There are still a number of outstanding amounts to be paid from the last accounts sent home at the end of Term 3 – please help by making these payments promptly. Feel free to contact the office if you have any queries regarding the school invoices.

HAVE A GO CRICKET

School summer sports are underway with T-Ball and cricket teams playing with a whole hoist of enthusiastic coaches and managers supporting our teams.

For children too young to play in the Year 3 and 4 cricket teams, or simply wanting to develop skills and are aged 6 to 8 there is an opportunity.

Monday nights from 5.00 to 6.15pm is the time. Contact Mr. Johnson to find out more information.

GLOUCESTER STREET ROAD CROSSING

Keep an eye out for new flashing signs to appear as a trial for Napier on our school's Gloucester Street pedestrian crossing in the next few weeks. The intention is to make our school children safer on the roads.



SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 9 Nov – HB schools triathlon
- 10 Nov – School photographs
- 11 Nov - Last day for calendar orders
- 14 Nov – Road Warden training for 2012
- 16 Nov – Interschool athletics sports
- 21 Nov – Year 5 and 6 camp week
- 30 Nov – Year 6 Photograph taken
- 8 Dec – Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
- 8 Dec – Transition meeting for 2012 New Entrant parents
- 8 Dec – Year 6 Social
- 12 Dec – Reports sent home
- 14 Dec – School breakup and prize giving (evening)
- 15 Dec – Last day of Term 4 2011: 12.30pm finish

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

Have a great week.
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

