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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 21

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

A brief newsletter to keep the news coming — even though this is school camp week for the Year 5 and 6s. This morning two full-sized buses headed off south loaded up with our Year 6 students, three teachers and seven parent helpers. Our trip to Wellington takes in the full week and we aim to return by 2.45pm Friday. The Year 5s are involved in two separate camps of two and a half days each at Rissington at the Guide camp facility at Omatua.. We are all looking forward to three amazing camps full of fun and great memories.

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Our roll is now very close to capacity with a number of new children have been enrolled at our school over the past two weeks. The following students are now part of our school: Nicole Prak, Desirae Wilkinson, Tayla Wilkinson, Connor Morris, Paityn Woods-Vaney and Zhiheng Zhou.. They help make the total of 414 students — the highest the school roll has been for several years. The good news is that all our expected New Entrant enrolments have now arrived. A special welcome to you all.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM

Last week in what were atrocious conditions the Greenmeadows School athletics won the interschool event for the second time in three years! What an effort ... our athletes withstood driving rain, biting cold winds and slippery conditions to gain the highest points total in the interschool team event. The sports are run just like a real athletics meet on the all-weather track at the HB Regional Sports Park. And it needed to be 'all-weather'!

Over two hundred children were part of the day, which was brought to earlier than planned ending once the weather closed in completely. Congratulations to:
Danika Withell who won the 11 year old girls overall competition,
Tiaki Fabish who was 1st equal in the 10 year old boys champs,
Seb Kettle who was placed second in 9 year old boys,
and Luke Johnson who was third in the 11 year old boys championship. GREAT STUFF everyone!!!!

GMS SPORTS UNIFORMS

The manufacturer of our school uniform is no longer able to source the jade coloured collars for our school shirts (probably still the cheapest on sale in New Zealand!). From now on any new orders will have the navy blue collars as a replacement.

MATHLETICS COMPETITION

Earlier this month we had three teams of senior students compete in the Mathletics competition at Taradale Intermediate School. The involves teams from a number of local schools, competing in groups of three in an intense maths challenge testing a whole range of skills. Our competitors gave a very good account of themselves, and had spent a lot of time practicing in the buildup in preparation for the big event. Well done teams!!!

TERM 4 — RETURN OF SUN HATS

Great to see so many wide brimmed hats out in the playground, that sun is starting to get some real bite in it when the rain disappears. Keep remembering to bring hats and apply that sunscreen before coming to school.

WALKING BUS

Our walking bus is cancelled this week as Mr J is on the Year 6 school camp. The next walking bus is set for Thursday 1 December. See you then!



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Week 5 Term 4 2011

Room 1 Anna Durrant

Room 2 Molly King

Room 3 Holly Lawrence

Room 4 Bailey Hunt

Room 5 Kyra Dearns

Room 6 Ezekiel Ferguson

Room 8 Braxton Bell

Room 7 Tegan McKnight

Room 9 Jazmyne McKenzie

Room 10 Declan Norris

Room 11 Janelle Murphy

Room 12 Jasmine Wynne
Holly Kinzett

Room 13

Room 14 Logan Truuts
Jacob Driver
Andrew Meybaum

Room 15 Aimee Hardie

Room 16

Room 17 Abbey Hutchinson

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL KAPA HAKA

Our kapa haka group have had a great year in 2011.

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INTER SCHOOL CRICKET

WORLD TEACHERS DAY—FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

Friday!

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SWIMMING CLASSES



PERFORMING ARTIST

The final performing artist for the year will visit our school on Tuesday 29 November. Mike Jackson will perform for all children throughout the school ... a highly regarded entertainer in schools throughout New Zealand. The cost is \$4 per pupil and will be added to the final school account for those who attend.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PARENTS MEETING

On Tuesday 6 December we will hold a parents meeting in the Hall starting at 5.00pm. The meeting will run until 6.15pm when ZUMBA starts! At this meeting an outline of the school organisation next year will be given along with plans and proposed developments for the 2012 school year. All are welcome to attend and contribute. One question that will be asked and we want feedback on is 'what skills and attitudes do you want to see in all pupils leaving Greenmeadows School?'

All are most welcome to attend.

Have a great week.
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 30 Nov — Year 6 Photograph taken
- 2 Dec—Puketapu School band perform our school assembly
- 6 Dec—Parent Meeting at GMS Hall 5,00 until 6.15pm
- 8 Dec — Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
- 8 Dec — Transition meeting for New Entrant parents
- 8 Dec — Year 6 Social

- 12 Dec — Reports sent home
PALs reward day
Principal's treat for student helpers
- 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

ALSO:

Have you looked at our school website recently? In the School Events galleries there are lots of photos and information on activities such as the school reunion and the Year 6 Optimist yachting.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

The final meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 30 November starting at 7.30pm. This will be at Soda Bar. All are welcome to attend ... especially new members!

