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NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to all—the 2012 school year has arrived. A special greeting to all our school families — whether you are returning or those who are new to our school. We hope your holiday was both relaxing and refreshing. Yesterday was a very positive beginning to the year — long may it continue. It does seem ironic that the hottest day of the year just happened to be our first day of school ...!

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Each new school year we welcome a number of new students and today we have twenty-five new students with us to start 2012. We welcome these new students to our school and wish them all the best for their learning journey at GMS:

Nikos Annis	Daniel Baker	Rebekah Beaven	Courtney Becker	Kevin Becker
Benjamin Bloomfield	Bella Crawshaw	Maddie Day	Rosie Goody	
Jacob Greaney	John Harrison	Para Harrison	Nathan Howard	
Aaliyah Hume	Aaron Jones	Shania Jones	Connor Le Quesne	
Sam Lea'aetoa	Ben Nicholls	Rylan O'Shea	Thomas O'Shea	Elijah Renata
Seth Watts	Mila Wishnowsky	Ricky Yau		

We also welcome a new member of staff. Mr Chris Sullivan was appointed just prior to Christmas and has successfully got the year underway with the children in the Room 12 class. Chris taught for most of last year at Port Ahuriri School. Mrs Johleen Lubbe is still on leave, and we are fortunate to have Ms Catherine Jurgens available to take the Room 17 class.



*Above and left:
Most of the new students who have started at Greenmeadows School this week.
Oh, and there is Mr Sullivan too!*

CLASS NEWSLETTERS/ SYNDICATE MEETINGS

Next Tuesday 7 February each class teacher will be sending home a newsletter introducing themselves to the families of the children in their class. Following on from this we will be holding three syndicate parent meetings on Wednesday 15 February :

- 3.10pm Kowhai (Rooms 8 to 11) in the Hall
- 3.10pm Pohutukawa (Rooms 1 to 6) in Room 5
- 3.40pm Totara (Rooms 12 to 17) in Room 15

All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings. If you have a clash of the two meetings set for 3.10pm, the teachers in both teams will be available to talk with parents at the end of the team meeting at 3.30pm.

Otherwise feel free to make a time for contact with your child's teacher at any stage.



WIDE-BRIMMED SUN HATS

All children are required to wear a sun hat when coming to school during Terms 1 and 4. You are able to choose your own hat but these must be wide brimmed hats that provide cover for the whole head including ears and back of the neck. Baseball caps do not provide this degree of sun protection.

Postie Plus and the Warehouse are two shops that sell dark blue coloured hats that fit perfectly with our school uniforms.

WALKING BUS

Our Walking Bus starts again tomorrow Thursday 2 February, leaving Park Road at 8.05am. Everyone is welcome to walk with us or bring their scooters.

GMS CANTEEN

The school canteen opens again for business on Wednesday 8 February.

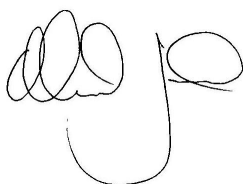
FORTHCOMING EVENTS (FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ)

- 6 Feb Waitangi Day (school closed)
- 8 Feb Greenmeadows School canteen reopens
- 9 Feb Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm start
- 11 Feb First school assembly for the year 12.20pm start
- 15 Feb Parent meetings for teams

GMS NEWSLETTERS

All children have been given this newsletter as an introductory edition for the year. For the remainder of 2012 newsletters will be given to the oldest child in each family. These will usually come out once per fortnight. Copies of each newsletter can also be found on the school's website www.gms.school.nz under the 'School Newsletters' option.

Have a great week. Enjoy your long weekend
Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal



TAEKWON-DO (ITF) New Intake. Greenmeadows School Hall.
General Class 6.00pm-7.30pm, Monday & Wednesday (includes adults)
Mini kids (5-7 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm Monday only
FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSONS - Family discounts available
Run by experienced, mature, internationally qualified Instructors
Check out <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/> or phone 0210323289

ZUMBA

Classes are being held in the Greenmeadows School Hall each Tuesday and Thursday evening starting at 6.30pm. All are welcome. A small charge applies to be involved in this great activity. Contact Kelsey for details on 8779364.

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term. SENSATIONAL SPORTS is designed specifically for Year 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 enrol please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Craig Findlay craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

MANCHESTER UNITY SCHOOL BANKING

Banking will commence on 9th February for the children. Parents - now is a good time to set up an automatic payment to come into your MU account. A small amount put away regularly will grow quickly and can help with extra expenses that may occur during the year.

To direct credit into MUCU the details are as follows:

Name of Bank: ANZ Napier
Name of Account: Manchester Unity
Account Details: 01 0685 0013858 07
Particulars: Your individual CU account followed by your surname.
(If you are not sure what your account no is phone us on 0800 682 848)

It is important that the children still bank through the school as this lets them see their balance grow, and teaches them good savings habits. You earn interest from the first dollar and we DO NOT CHARGE FEES.

If you would like to open a school banking account for you and your child please ask at the school office. There will be a lucky draw for a \$50 Smiggle voucher at the end of Term 1.

