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NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Another shortened week to keep the new school year racing by. Please note that we normally have fortnightly newsletters, but with a fair bit happening at the moment here is our second school wide notice of the year.

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Our roll just keeps growing with a number of students starting since our last newsletter. The following students have enrolled in the past week:

Jesse Beals	Cade Eriksen
Brooke Hansen	Luke Hawkins
Chris Moa	Casey Prichard
Joshua Ratcliffe	Belle Tayler

This group of eight super enthusiastic students take our roll today to 374 pupils. We extend a warm welcome to you and your families as you become part of the GMS community. We wish you all the best for the learning journeys ahead of you.

ANCHOR MILK PROMOTION

There have been great levels of support for Greenmeadows School in the Anchor milk promotion being run by Greenmeadows New World. We appear to be leading the competition to collect the most tokens whenever a shopper buys an Anchor product. Please keep supporting us in this venture—there are only a few weeks left.

SUN PROTECTION

Thanks to the support of the Greenmeadows School PTA we have been able to install sun protection for the sandpit in the Heart of the School. Poles were installed over the holiday break, and the shade cloth is due to be in place very shortly. Many thanks PTA!!!

Right: The 'Heart of the School' has grown some amazing poles ...

It is great to see the numbers and varieties of wide-brimmed hats being worn around the school. Remember that we want all children bringing a wide-brimmed hat to school to wear when the sun comes through.

SYNDICATE MEETINGS

A little bit of confusion caused by last week's newsletter (okay — a typo!)...

The team meetings are due to be held next week.

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY.

Meeting times are:

- 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. We aim to keep lines of communication open at Greenmeadows School, so always take the opportunity to approach your child's teacher.



PTA MEETING

The first meeting of the PTA will be held next Wednesday 15 February starting at 7.30pm. In the school staffroom All parents are most welcome to come along and join this organisation which does a fantastic job supporting so many extra projects around the school..

GMS SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first school assembly will be this Friday 11 February starting 12.20pm. We will aim to squeeze our 374 students, all the teachers and any interested parents into our Hall. All visitors are most welcome.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS 2012

Last Friday each of the four house groups at school selected their house leaders for the year.

Those chosen were:

Moana:	Finn Durrant, Warner Dearnas Sophie Towler, Kayla Heath
Ahi:	Seb Kettle, Jayden Cairns Juanita Bilton, Brianna Davis
Marama	Cade Williams, Bailey Wiig Nikita Taylor-Chaffey, Cedar Wairau
Ngahere	Joel Morrison, Andrew Meybaum Mia Peninsula, Kaytie Owen

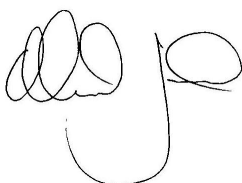
Congratulations to these senior students being elected to these important leadership roles within our school.

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

- 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 syndicates
- 15 Feb PTA meeting 7.30pm

Have a great week.
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



ROAD PATROL PARENT HELP

Our school has responsibility for **two** busy streets that have road warden patrols on the crossings. The children taking on this responsibility do a great job and treat their roles very seriously. The children require adult supervision to perform their duties. We ask for parents to go on a roster to help the school.

We could use teachers ... but we prefer them to be getting ready for their class and meeting parents in the morning or afternoons. We could use teacher aides, ... but then we would be using funding given to us to provide special programmes for learners to pay for their time. Currently Mr Bloor and Mr Mellon are spending up to three hours per week covering these duties, and they have other commitments to meet within the school.

This is why we ask for parent helpers to help share this responsibility. This is a great way to help the school — would you consider volunteering to take a morning or afternoon slot in our roster? Can you help?

Please let the office or Steve Bloor know if you are interested. Our aim is to keep all students safe—this is a way parents can assist. Many thanks.

NAPIER LITERACY PROGRAMME—SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

The Resource Teachers of Literacy are running a Literacy Assistance Course during 2012. Modules 1 and 2 are especially relevant to parents and caregivers, as they have a strong focus on ways to support children with reading and writing.

These are held at Onekawa School.
Module 1—Friday 17 February 9.00 to 12.30pm
Module 2—Friday 9 March 9.00 to 12.30pm

Phone 8431373 to register, or collect registration forms from our school office. Cost is \$38 per module.

KEYBOARD OR GUITAR LESSONS

These are available at Greenmeadows School.
Please phone Sandra for details on 876 9261.

