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**NEWSLETTER NO. 5**

### Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to the final quarter of the first Term. We are just over a week away from our major fundraiser of the year – the **GMS PTA FOOD FAIR**. This is going to be bigger and better than last's year event. By popular demand we will be selling hangi meals, and this year the hangi will be on our school site which is going to be very exciting. All families are encouraged to have your dinner with us here at school next week. and join in the fun. Please note the event will go ahead in all weather conditions, so circle the date and be ready to bring along your friends and family to celebrate delightfully, delicious food.

### ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

We are required by the Ministry of Education to monitor the attendance of our students. If your child is well then they are required by law to attend school every day. As a school we are concerned when children are absent because it impacts on their learning and the progress they are making. Please think carefully before making the decision to allow your child to be absent from school for reasons other than sickness.

### GMS SWIMMING SPORTS

We had two very successful swimming events last week and some great competition resulted. You may have noticed photos of the children and parents in the Napier Courier this week capturing the mood of the day. The following are the place-getters in the 2012 Greenmeadows School swimming championships:

Year 4 boys	1st Bryce Lott	2nd Tom Davies	3rd Oliver Stewart
Year 4 girls	1st equal Kristina Wilson/Amber Single-Owens		3rd Elijah Renata
Year 5 boys	1st Seb Kettle	2nd Chaz Heke	3rd Adam Barron
Year 5 girls	1st Kamoe Fabish	2nd Ellie Watts	3rd Ella Nicholson
Year 6 boys	1st Jack Wilson-Bramwell	2nd Warner Dearn	3rd Finn Durrant
Year 6 girls	1st Emma Symons	2nd Jess Glentworth	3rd Shania Jones/Mia Peninsula

Well done to you all. Overall house points at the end of the swimming sports:

1<sup>st</sup> Marama 189      2<sup>nd</sup> Moana 122      3<sup>rd</sup> Ngahere 110.5      4<sup>th</sup> Ahi 110

### WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Four new students have started at school since the last newsletter was published. We give a special Greenmeadows School welcome to:

Janelle Swain      William Rollings  
Alex Barra      Riley Burke

We wish them well as begin their time at our school and start on their journey to 'learn, grow and achieve'.

### GMS 'VALUES' MEDALS

Our individual students each week that reflect and demonstrate our school values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence'.

The awards these past two weeks were given to:

Perseverance	Enosh Yong Room 3 Maddison Greeks Room 13
Respect	Molly King Room 4 Clayton Terry-Moore Room 3
Excellence	Cade Williams Room 14 Tegan McKnight Room 10



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Charlie Stewart Harley Taurima
Room 2	Ryan Catley Kapri Phillips
Room 3	Aleah Goody Rueben Davies
Room 4	Leroy Corby Chloe Narayan
Room 5	Will Steadman Shae Watts
Room 6	Jack Bowers Lydia Wikins
Room 8	Luke Hawkins Maddie Day
Room 9	Seth Watts Mila Wishnowsky
Room 10	Brooker Senior Matthew Harrison
Room 11	Grace Hall X'phia Johnson
Room 12	Max Johns James Gerken
Room 13	Warner Dearnis Maddison Greeks
Room 14	Lance Dustow Tiah Gibb
Room 15	Hannah Keating Joel Morrison Cory Evans
Room 16	Jade Anderson Maddison Harris
Room 17	Jack Eden

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON CRICKET

Our Year 3 and 4 team plays Porritt Black on Nelson Pitch 2. This will be our last game of the season..

## T-BALL AND MINIPITCH THANKS

A huge thank you to the fabulous parents we have who have given up their time to coach our T-ball/mini pitch teams for the season that has just finished. In particular we would like to thank the following people: Anna Murphy, Fiona Ide, Sara & Richard Anderson, Grant Davies, Jo Exeter, Saemone Fraser, Paula Kinsey and Ailsa Downey.

We really appreciate your efforts. Thanks for giving our children a great experience.

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

28 Mar	Rooms 15,16 and 17 swimming lessons start
29 Mar	BoT meeting 5.30pm
30 Mar	GMS PTA FOOD FAIR!!!!
4 April	End of Term 1
23 April	Start of Term 2
4 May	Teacher Only Day
29 June	End of Term 2

## WEEKS 6 AND 7 — TERM 1 2011



## PTA NEWS—FOOD FAIR

**The Food Fair is getting closer and we need your help!**

To make this evening a success we are seeking some donated items. Any of the following items would be gratefully received:

- *Ice-cream containers with lids*
- *Potatoes, pumpkin and kumara for our hangi*
- *Prizes suitable for the Winning Wheel*
- *E.g. bottles of wine, chocolates, vouchers etc*  
*(Sponsors will be acknowledged in our school news letter)*

Donated goods can be sent to the school office or to your child's classroom.

Many thanks from the Greenmeadows School PTA. Your child will receive a flyer today with more information about the FOOD FAIR. See you there!

Have a great week.  
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

