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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 11

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Room 7 has four new students who have started in the last two weeks. Billie Millar-Reeves, Logan Hansen, Maddison Leipst and Myah Smith have all arrived at school willing to learn and enjoying school life. We know you are all going to enjoy and thrive in your time here at GMS. Welcome to you all!

HEARING RESEARCH TESTING ENDS

The hearing testing for the research study run by audiologist Matt Barker has now been completed. Matthew extends his thanks to all families who supported this project.

PARENTS INFORMATION WORKSHOPS



A reminder about the workshops being run this afternoon in the staff room. The same session will be delivered twice at 3.15pm and

5.15pm to allow working parents the chance to attend one of them. Children are able to come to the session too – if they do, they can bring their reading book. All are most welcome to attend.

MID-YEAR REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all those who braved the chilly weather to come and meet the teachers for the mid-year interviews. We were pleased with the turnout of 82% of families. The mid-year reports are designed to complement a meeting between the parents and teacher. Please remember if there is anything you are unsure of, or wish to clarify with your child's teacher, please get in touch with them to make additional time to talk.

END OF TERM—WHERE DO THE WEEKS GO?

So Term 2 is about to come to an end ...! There are some tired children and the break is timely for all. The teachers will be busy during their non-contact time, as the school prepares for a visit from the Education Review Office in late August. The teachers also have a gymnastics session planned for them on last Friday of the break, so children can look forward to a Term 3 of forward rolls, round-offs and cartwheels in the Physical Education programmes.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Zoe Zealand. Zoe came to help us out at very short notice at the end of Term 1 when we urgently needed a teacher to cover in Room 17 for the whole of Term 2. Zoe has been very dedicated to her role and has created some wonderful learning opportunities for the children in her class. Her commitment and hard work are greatly appreciated.

END OF TERM SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

With tomorrow being the last day of term we are going to have two separate assemblies.

1. Performance — at 12.00pm there will be a concert at school performed by the Kapa Haka, Choir and Ukulele groups. The children in these groups (some are members of all three!) had a concert tour yesterday with two 'gigs': one at the Greenmeadows Kindergarten and the other at Reignier School. They performed magnificently as well. SO it is the turn for the rest of the school to see their skills on show.
2. End of Term Assembly—to finish the term we will return to the Hall at 2.30pm to conclude the term. Halfway through the year already ...



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Sophie McLean Leila Burder	Room 3	Morgan Vincent Jessie Tayler
Room 2	Asha Penn Brad Single-Owen	Room 5	Ellie Harding Ashton Hannah-Morris
Room 4	Ella Ford Isobel Harris	Room 7	Lily McDonald Cole Dallimore
Room 6	Rylee Ashton	Room 9	Lauchlan Richards Taylah Foster
Room 8	Amy Cairns William Rollings	Room 11	Eva MacKirdy Upashna Sundar
Room 10	Sarah Wedd Millie Ford	Room 13	Kayla Heath Jayden Cairns
Room 12	Michaella Upston John Harrison	Room 15	Taylah Exton Cassidy Konia
Room 14	Ben Nicholls Mia Pemberton	Room 17	Luna Davoli Abbey Hutchinson
Room 16	Courtney Roff Jake Towler		

WEEKS 8 AND 9 — TERM 2 2012



GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the following values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence':

Perseverance	Janelle Swain Room 8 Makayla Jack Room 2
Respect	Ethan Wynne Room 16 Bonnie Wedd Room 10
Excellence	Luke Tibbitts Room 4 Warner Dearnis Room 13

NETBALL SEASON ENDS

The netball season is about to come to an end. It always seems to finish so quickly, as it only going for the duration of Term 2. There is still the Spooner Shield competition to come in Term 3, but the regular season is now over. Our thanks are extended to the excellent and dedicated coaches our teams have had this season. You have all been so positive and contributed a lot to the sporting development of these children.

REMINDER—CHECK LOST PROPERTY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

29 June	Last day of Term 2
16 July	Start of Term 3

Remember Kowhai classes will be visiting the Faraday centre in Week 1 Term 3

17 August	No school—Teacher Only Day
20 August	No school—midterm break

27 August	Start of ERO visit
28 September	End of Term 3



GMS FACEBOOK PAGE

We are closing in on 100 friends already! Look us up at:
<http://www.facebook.com/gmsnapier>

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our students who competed last week in the Technology challenge. Special mention to the team of Max Johns, Ethan Yong and Charlie Mudgway who finished fifth out of twenty-four teams. They had to build a tower with an arm strong enough to hold up three Moro bars. Great stuff!!!

We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday. Keep reading, especially the twenty-four children on the holiday reading programme. We will see you all bright and bubbly on 16th July.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

