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NEWSLETTER NO. 14

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

A big newsletter today with plenty to mention and look forward to in the coming weeks. Enjoy your read ...!

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Yesterday our roll reached 420 students, with the arrival of Hunter Steadman as a New Entrant. Four other students have enrolled since our last school newsletter — Georgina Hunahuna, along with Stevie, Rose and Zahra Jury. We extend a warm welcome to you all. We wish your time at Greenmeadows School is successful and enjoyable.

NEW TEACHER — ROOM 7

We are pleased to announce that Ms Sarah Kelly will be starting teaching along side Miss Withey in the New Entrant class. Sarah has worked in our school previously setting up classes to deal with roll growth in the junior area, so she will be very familiar with our school structure and teaching approaches. Sarah will commence next week. Great news!!!!

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT

Our school is receiving its first visit from the Education Review Office since May 2009 during next week. These visits are a positive experience for a school as it allows the opportunity to get feedback about how well it is serving the students and its community. It also allows us the opportunity to share our achievements, goals and plans for the future.

We will be having a special short assembly to welcome the three reviewers on Monday at 2.00pm. Our students are going to sing the school song accompanied by the children in the ukulele group. They need to remember to bring their instruments on Monday — as 'air ukulele' is nowhere near as effective as the real thing ...

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



We are going to have a whole school cross country event on Tuesday 4 September. This will be held at Anderson Park. It is the first time we have included the junior pupils in the Kowhai team of classes (Rooms 7 to 11)

as part of the racing.

The following is the timetable for the day:

10:30 to 10:50am — Interval (earlier time than normal)

11:20am — Kowhai team get organised to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school

11:45am — Pohutukawa and Totara teams walk to Anderson Park via Guppy Road and Gloucester Street

12.10pm — Shared lunch at Anderson Park

12.30pm — Walk around the course

12.40 to 2.25pm — Cross Country races held for various ages

2.25pm approx.— Gather together to celebrate the winners and place getters

2.30pm—Walk back to GMS

Kowhai classes will start walking back to school after the Year 3 and 4 races to allow more time to get back to school. Parents of children in Totara attending the event will be able to take their children home at this time if they wish.

There will be a PTA Food Stall operating on the day. Sausages and Juicies will be on sale. Anyone available to help operate the stall for part of the day please contact Saemone from the PTA.

If wet, or ground conditions do not allow our event to go ahead, the postponement date is Thursday 6 September.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Acacia Cheer Sophie McLean	Room 3	Noah Symon Jessica Joe-Harrison
Room 2	Giana Weeks Zara Ferguson	Room 5	Madeline Sayer Ivy Wu
Room 4	Molly King Jaime Kinder	Room 7	Logan Hansen Tyler Scott
Room 6	Theppituk Rattana- worametha Typhanie Taylor	Room 9	Sachleen Bedi Maddison Stoodley
Room 8	Emma Gorringe	Room 11	X'phia Johnson Acacia Matangi-Huhu
Room 10	Sarah Wedd Grace Henriksen	Room 13	Paige Jeffares Ashleigh Sherriff
Room 12	Tom Davies Braden Gibb	Room 15	Daniel Baker Ewan Green-Searle
Room 14	Alex Exeter	Room 17	Jordan Simpson Kristina Wilson
Room 16	Erik Bloomfield Courtney Roff		

WEEKS 4 & 5 TERM 3



GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students (all female!) have won our medals for displaying the following values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence' over the past two week. Congratulations to you all.

Respect Ella Walker Room 13 Brooke Ells Room 9

Perseverance Abbey Pascoe Room 11 Jorja McIntyre Room 6

Excellence Ella Ford Room 4 Danika Brown Room 15

TARADALE SCHOOLS ICT CLUSTER – DIGI AWARDS

The initial Digi-Awards prize-giving held last Friday was a great success for all concerned. All the teachers had been involved in training all day and the ceremony was the end to a very valuable opportunity. What an enormous crowd assembled for the presentations with so many children and their parents coming along to hear the award winners of the three different categories.

Greenmeadows School were represented in two of the categories: Animation and Digital Photography. Our younger children in particular have done a lot of work with digital animations, especially with all the wonderful tutoring given by Mrs Sue Martin. Greenmeadows School students won all three animation awards for Year 1 and 2 students – an very impressive achievement!!!!

The results were: Year 1 and 2 Animation

1st – Clara Newman, Emily Hayes, Caitlin Fisher, Anthony Hatchard and Rylan O'Shea

2nd – William Dine and Zhiheng Zhou

3rd – Fletcher Burch and Tegan McKnight

Digital Photography awards were won by Abbey Pascoe in 3rd place in Years 1 and 2 and Adam Barron who finished 2nd in the Year 5 and 6 section. It is also worth noting the 'supreme Award' winner for all entries was won by Jade Chan of Taradale Intermediate, who previously attended Greenmeadows School.

Our thanks are extended to the very effective leadership and allocation of time given to ICT in our school by Mrs Dale and Mrs Martin. Their efforts have had a very positive impact on our school.



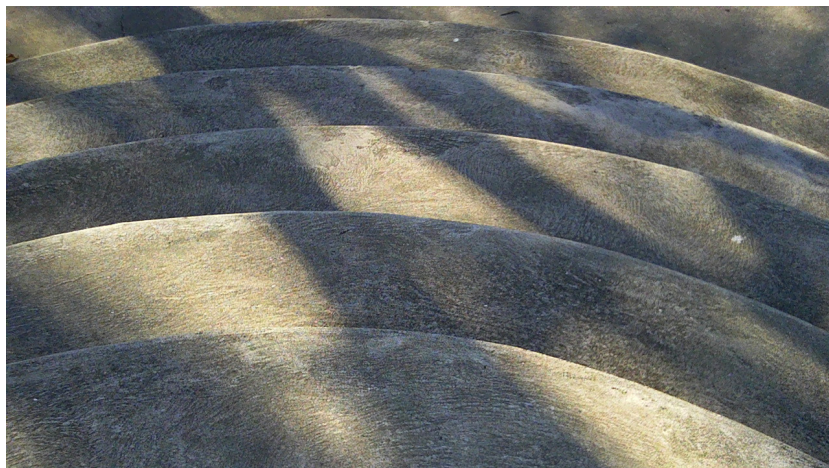
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Plenty coming up over the next few weeks:

- 27 August Start of ERO visit. We will have an assembly at 2.00pm to officially welcome the reviewers
- 30 August Unison Electrical Safety programme Rooms 1 to 6 and 12 to 17 held at GMS
- 31 August Spooner Shield tournament for Year 5 and 6 students selected in our school teams
(postponed from 24 August) **COME ON GMS!!!!**
- 3 September Science Roadshow for Totara team students
- 4 September GMS Cross Country event and PTA Sausage Sizzle at Anderson Park
- 6 September Postponement date Cross Country
- 18 September Interschool Cross-country at Park Island
- 28 September End of Term 3
- 15 October Start of Term 4
- 20 December End of Term 4

Below: Our DigiAward photography place-getters are: from left — Abbey Pascoe 'Shadows' (below) and Adam Barron's amazing shot on the right.



YEAR 6 CAMP RAFFLE

We would like to thank all the students and parents that helped to sell raffle tickets.

Without your support in this camp fundraising event we would not have sold the final amount which was close to 3000 tickets. The total amount raised after expenses is \$5163.00 which means that the cost of the school camp is now down to about \$200 per student instead of \$270.

We would also like to thank the businesses that donated prizes towards the raffles, some of them being families from our school. Without their support and generosity, the raffles would never have happened and been such a success.

We have two more camp fundraising events coming up which we hope you will support.

A 'SENIOR POOL PARTY' is planned for Friday 14th September at the Onekawa Aquatic Centre. We have access to the water-slides and pool for the evening!

A 'CAR WASH' is planned for a Saturday sometime in October at school. (Date to be confirmed). There will be more details on these two events coming home via the students in the next few weeks.

Once again thank you for your support.

Sandy, Ngaire, Dee & Vicki. (Year 6 School Camp Fundraising Committee)



GMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Greetings from the Board of Trustees:

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

At our July meeting the subject of school uniforms was raised. A number of parents are asking why don't we have a school uniform? The BOT has no fixed view on the issue of school uniforms but would like to gauge our community's view on the subject. We will prepare a separate notice and a small questionnaire which will be sent home in the near future and allow you to provide your feedback.

SANDPIT DAMAGE

The BOT were also saddened by the brainless act of vandalism that occurred in the school. We were relieved thought that no major damage was caused that could have disrupted the students and school community. It was a very near miss. The BOT appreciate the vigilance of our wider school community in monitoring the school particularly out of school hours. Our insurance claim has been approved and work on repairing the area should start in the next few days.

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We would also like to extend a big thank you and to the Year 6 Raffle team, in particularly Sandy Thorburn, for their efforts in organising and running the raffle to raise money for the Year 6 camp later in the year. Also many thanks to the people that supported the raffle by buying tickets from within the school and the wider community. An enormous effort and good reward for all concerned. Thank You

NEW CARPETS

Over the coming school term break we will be able to replace the old threadbare carpets in Rooms 1 through to 7. This has been long overdue and we have finally been able to access funding from the Ministry of Education to complete this task.

Naku noa

Boyd Gross
Chairperson — Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees

PUBLIC MEETING ON EDUCATION

*Organised by the local branch of the NZEI ...
Our Kids, Our Community, Our Future
What will the changes in education mean for your child,
your child's school, and our community?*

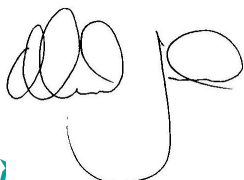
*7.30pm Thursday 30 August
Napier War Memorial Conference Centre*

*Please confirm your attendance by Monday 27 August
to 8704921 or email rebecca.rae@nzei.org.nz*

Have a great week every one. Go the Mighty
MAGPIES!!!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson — Principal



MAGPIES VISIT GMS!!!

Things were pretty exciting at school when three Magpies visited school on Tuesday lunchtime. Adrian Barone, Johan Schoonbee and Andrew Horrell all took time from their busy day to spend time with our students. We thought Mr. Mellon was tall. Look at him standing next to Johan who is lock for the Magpies!!!! He is 6 feet 8 inches tall or 2.03m.

