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NEWSLETTER NO. 16

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Our school roll currently is 425 students. Starting with us over the past few weeks have been the following students:

Katie Donnelly	Teagan Jackson
Grace Lee	Kyren Patuwai
Saviour Patuwai	

A big GMS welcome to you all — we hope you all thrive in your time here as you all learn, grow and achieve.

NAPIER INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The interschool cross-country was held last week at Park Island, with teams of children from Years 3 to 6 representing our school in a competition with twenty other Napier schools. There were some great performances from our runners, including:

Coby Price	3rd Year 3 and 4 Boys
Jacob Driver	5th Year 5 Boys
Adam Barron	7th Year 5 Boys
Tayla Wilkinson	11th Year 3 and 4 Girls
Jordan Peninsula	20th Year 5 Boys
Shea Watts	20th Year 3 and 4 Boys

These runners also helped our two team competition placings where the Year 5 Boys team finished second, and the Year 3 and 4 Boys team finished third! A tremendous effort from you all.

ROOM 18 NEW ENTRANT TO START TERM 4

Next term begins with our temporary eighteenth classroom starting in the school Library due to the continual growth in our numbers. Ms Kelly and her class of twenty-two learners have been practicing for their new classroom with some visits this week. We will still ensure that all children get the opportunity to get books out of the Library next term by rescheduling class times for visits. Miss Withey will stay in Room 7 with the most recent enrolments. This room will also have the preschool visits for children starting later this year or early 2013.

SHAKEOUT DRILL — DROP, COVER AND HOLD



Greenmeadows School joined more than one million other New Zealanders yesterday to participate in the 'Shakeout' drill which took place at exactly 9.26am. The activity generated a lot of discussion in classes throughout the school about the need to be prepared to deal with the event of an earthquake. You might want to use this activity to start a conversation your child about how you would deal with an earthquake if you were at home.

GMS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROJECTS

The re-flooring project gets underway next week. Classes and teachers in Rooms 1 through to 7 have been so patient waiting for new carpets. Getting ready for this means that a lot of shifting of furniture and reorganization of our resources to get this work completed. We will be putting some equipment and furniture in the Hall, so this means there will not be an Assembly this Friday.

TERM 4 SUNHAT SEASON

Spring is in the air, especially this week. This obviously means more exposure to the sun. Please remember that children need a wide brimmed hat to wear at school from the start of next term.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

		Room 1	Melissa Kinzett Nathan Stone
Room 2	Ryan Catley Jag Carney	Room 3	Unique Tonihi Reuben Davies
Room 4	Ben Fanning Chloe Narayan	Room 5	Will Steadman
Room 6	Tasman Wallace Kyren Patuwai	Room 7	Chloe Wilson Tayah King
Room 8	Maddie Day Dantae Delamere	Room 9	Kalla Hays Ellie Meynell
Room 10	Dylan Simes Millie Ford	Room 11	Sara Petuha Upashna Sundar
Room 12	Kiarah Miringaorangi- Turua	Room 13	Nigel-Lee Caldwell Caleb Dingle
Room 14	Cade Williams Holly Kinzett	Room 15	Max Johns
Room 16	Aron Freeman-Pointon Jake Towler	Room 17	Keryn Olsen Leah McKay

WEEKS 9 & 10 TERM 3



GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the school core values over the past two weeks. Congratulations to you all.

Respect Connor Morris, Aleah Goody **Perseverance** Sharn Gliddon, Brylee Pugh
Excellence Isabel Harris, Jayden Cairns

GMS NATIONAL STANDARDS RESULTS 2012

A number of newspapers have been publishing charts of national standard summaries from some schools throughout the country. The figures are those that have been included in each school's annual report on the 2012 year, and have been sent to the Ministry of Education.

The following are the statistics for Greenmeadows School from last year:

Reading: 84% Above or within expectation	National Average: 71% Above or within expectation
Writing: 79% Above or within expectation	National average: 68% Above or within expectation
Mathematics: 74% Above or within expectation	National average: 72% Above or within expectation

GMS ARTISTS ON TOUR



What an outstanding day yesterday was!! One hundred and eighty of our students performed a concert at the Taradale RSA for a very large gathering. The children were our involved in at least one of the three performing groups:

* Kapa Haka * Choir * Ukulele

An enormous crowd assembled to watch these children. The parents of our children and the members of the RSA were also treated to a performance by our staff ukulele group 'The Eleukes', particularly their stunning version of 'Wipeout'!

The school took a call this morning from the RSA congratulating the children and their teachers for being wonderful representatives of Greenmeadows School. Pictured on the left is the group about to commence their hikoi down Gloucester Street to the concert. Tino pail!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

27 September Board of Trustees meeting

28 September Last day of Term 3

15 October Start of Term 4

19 October Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day

22 October Labour Day

26 October Year 6 camp Pool Party

27 October Saturday summer sport commences

31 October Kapa haka festival Day 1

1 November Kapa haka Festival Day 2

2 November HB Ukulele Festival

9 November GMS Athletic Sports

14 November Interschool Athletic Sports

19 November School Camp week years 5 and 6

17 December School Reports sent home

18 December School Breakup and Prize-giving

20 December End of Term 4

4 February Start of 2013

SWIMMING RECOMMENCES TERM 4

Here is something vital for the students in Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 - remember to bring your swimming togs on the first day of Term 4. Your swimming lessons start that day. Mark your calendars, tell as many as you need who remind you, or even pack your togs and towel now!!! All children in these classes should have received a notice regarding the swimming and the payment needed for the buses. Summer is not that far away now ...

MATHEMATICS LADDER PROGRESS

Stuck for something to do in the holidays? Keep learning the mathematics number skills to make progress with our numeracy ladder. This week we have given out our eightieth badge for reaching a level — which student will be the one who receives the school's one hundredth numeracy ladder badge? Remember there are practise activities on our school website.

THANKS TO:

PMP finished today after starting in Term 3. Our thanks are extended to Kirsten Martin and her wonderful team of parent helpers who readily gave their time to help support this excellent programme. PMP can not happen without the input from our community, and those helpers have certainly made a very valuable contribution to the success of the programme and the progress that the children have made. Thanks to you all!!!

CANTEEN CLOSED FRIDAY

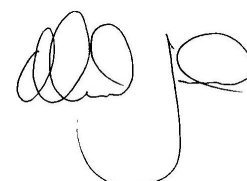
Hopefully all have heard the message that the school canteen will not be open Friday 28 September. You will be able to buy food again from Wednesday 17 October.

GOODBYE MISS TRUBSHAW, HELLO MRS JOHNSON

This Saturday our Miss Trubshaw gets married to Ashton Johnson. Everyone at school has their fingers crossed that weather will be perfect for the big day. Bound to cause some confusion upon her return will be change of name to 'Mrs Johnson', but all will cope ... We wish Nicole and Ashton all the very best for the coming days, and we all forward to seeing her back at school next term

Another term comes to an end — it is so hard to think that three quarters of the 2012 school year has passed already. There is still so much to do and achieve before the end of Term 4 ... but let's leave that until after the holiday break. Have a safe, enjoyable time over the next two weeks and we see you all in the middle of October.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
— Principal

