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**NEWSLETTER NO. 17**

## Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

*Greetings to all on this beautiful spring day. The final quarter of the school year is upon us already. Our final term is always our busiest and always seems to go very quickly!! There are so many different activities due to take place, a number of which are outlined in this newsletter.*

### **WELCOME TO GMS!!!**

We warmly welcome the following twelve children to our school who started this term:

Ashton Plapp	Mikayla Wright
Lucy Angland	Emilee Jeffares
Lucy Duncan	Chloe Skilton
Nicholas Catley	Jake McNatty
Maia Chernyshev	Cadence Lene'
Nicole He	Makere Karaka

On behalf of all here at GMS we wish them well for their time at our school.

### **SWIMMING PROGRAMME—JUNIOR CLASSES**

This term the younger classes have started their swimming lessons, and this has been going well. Rooms 1 to 4 have their last lesson tomorrow (Thursday 25 October). On Friday children in Rooms 5, 6, 10 and 11 start their series of sessions. Please remember the swimming togs and towels if your child is in one of those rooms.

### **INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY**

In the last newsletter we omitted one of the names of one of our runners who performed very well in the interschool event at Park Island. Lia Sefton-Zachan competed in the Year 3 and 4 race, and came 11th out of a very large field of well over seventy runners. This is a great effort, especially considering that Lia is only a Year 3 student. A great effort Lia!

### **THANKS TO:**

Lana Symes and Ella Parnell took their musical skills to the streets in the holidays. They went busking with their ukuleles to raise money for the school's 'ukulele club'. Thanks girls for your wonderful generosity and the donation of \$56. Fantastic!!!!

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONE**

For several years now Greenmeadows School has not had an enrolment zone. This has meant new enrolments could live anywhere and enroll at our school.

Today our roll has risen to 429, which is the highest number of students for many years. Because of this growth in student numbers an enrolment zone is due to be put back in place, probably early in the 2013 school year. This means it is vital that we know about as many new enrolments in the school into next year and beyond. Having this information helps us plan with more surety. If you have a preschool child, friends, relatives or neighbours that know they intend to enroll their children at Greenmeadows School, please get them to make contact with the office as soon as possible

Out of zone families can apply for enrolment and when the school has an accurate count of children due to enroll for the remainder of the year, this can be easy to manage.

### **YEAR 4 TO 6 POOL PARTY**

This Friday we host the pool party at the Napier Aquatic Centre starting at 7.00pm. All children who ordered tickets will receive these by Friday 26 October. The pool party goes until 9.00pm, when all children need to be picked up from the pools at Onekawa. Unlimited access to waterslides for two hours — those children will sleep well on Friday night!



## SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER

The Napier City Council have developed a strategy to get people using and valuing our local parks and reserves. One idea is to get schools adopting a site and establishing a link with this area.

Our school has been linked to Taradale Park. This park has a whole lot of history in Maori and European times, and has had special significance to many people throughout the years.

On Sunday a ceremony will see our school formally accept the role of acting as guardians of the 'pou' and storyboard to be erected in Taradale Park. This ceremony will take place at 12.30pm this Sunday. We want as many children and parents to come along and be part of this occasion. The ceremony will not take long, and we want children to bring their singing voices and ukuleles if they have them to sing our school song as part of the proceedings. Children do not need to wear their school uniform, we want them bright and colourful (ukulele club shirts would be perfect).

If you and your children are able to attend we ask that you meet Mr Johnson between 12.15 and 12.25pm at a spot just to the north of the Taradale skateboard bowl. Six other schools will be part of the various ceremonies throughout the Taradale area. Let's make our wonderful school song be sung with pride and vigour on the day.

### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER

Greenmeadows School acts as an agent for the school uniform orders. Details available from the school office. Sizes Available 4,6,8,10,12,14,16. Please be aware it will take one month from the week ending of the Friday your order for uniforms to be ready. Uniforms will be sent home via your child on arrival.

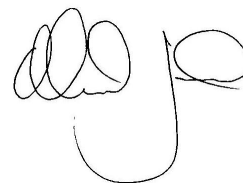
### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

24 Oct	Whanau meeting GMS Staffroom 5.15pm start
25 Oct	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
26 Oct	Music Extravaganza! Assembly 2.00pm Swimming starts for Rooms 5, 6, 10 & 11 Year 4 to 6 Pool Party—Napier Aquatic Centre
27 Oct	Summer Saturday sports begins
30 Oct	Stu Duval (artist) visits school Kapa Haka practise at Taradale Intermediate School
31 Oct	Kapa haka festival TIS 7.00pm
1 Nov	Kapa haka festival TIS 7.00pm
2 Nov	Ukulele festival at Hawkes Bay Opera House 5.30pm assemble for 6.00pm start
5 Nov	Optimist yachting week starts
9 Nov	GMS Athletic sports
14 Nov	Interschool Athletics
15 Nov	GMS Duathlon at Anderson Park 5.30 to 7.00pm (more details to follow)
19 Nov	Start of Camp week Year 5 and 6
4 Dec	Kids For Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice
18 Dec	GMS Prize giving and breakup 6.30pm start
20 Dec	End of Term 4. 12.00pm finish

Have a wonderful week — enjoy the sunshine (with a hat on of course ...!).

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER—To be returned to school by Wednesday a August				
ITEM	Size (Please circle)	No Req'd	Cost	Total Cost
Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		\$15.00	
Sports shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		\$15.00	
Size 16 - Shorts / Shirts (Indicate which)			\$19.00 each	
TOTAL				\$
Child's Name: _____ Room _____			Home phone: _____	