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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 18

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Three new students have started at Greenmeadows School this week. Karmi van der Merwe, Jett O'Brien and Temple Hiko have all enrolled in our school. A special welcome to the three of you.

2012 TARADALE KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Those of us of lucky enough to be in the audience last night of the Kapa Haka festival were witness to a marvelous night's entertainment. Seven local Taradale schools took part in a wonderful display of Maori culture, waiata, poi and haka. We were all very proud of the Greenmeadows School Kapa Haka group — a fantastic effort from you all. From Joel Morrison's korero introduction, to the beautiful singing and accompaniment with ukuleles (especially Phoebe Heays in Poi E), it was a classy performance. Well done to you all.

Special thanks to the very hard-working and dedicated teachers who have helped prepare the students this year. Mrs. Millner, Mrs. Bryan, Mr. Morris and Mr. Gibbs have all contributed so much time and effort - but the rewards of their perseverance were there for all to see last night. All the best for the second per-

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL DUATHLON



Thursday 15 November is the day we hold the first Greenmeadows School Duathlon. The event will be held after school at Anderson Park, in the area close to where the school cross country was held last term. Pictured above is the major spot prize — a brand new 'Black Thunder' bicycle. Any child who enters any of the different races will be eligible to go in the draw for this bike. Our thanks to Pedal Power in Taradale for supplying this bike to our school for this. Entry forms are being sent home today.

Duathlon time — 15 November 5.30 to 7.00pm
Food and drink for sale. Bring the whole family!
Entry fee \$2 per participant. Teams of two can enter as well.

Duathlon—involves running and cycling or scootering!!!! Open to all age groups at school.

TERM 4 SUNHAT SEASON

Great to see so many children bringing wide brimmed sun hats to school and wearing them. But we don't have a hat on every head at the moment. The weather over the past two days definitely requires sun protection. Please make sure your children bring an appropriate sun hat to school.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

		Room 1	Ryder Moore		
Room 2	Tabitha Francis-Thickpenny	Room 3	Jessica Joe-Harrison		
Room 4	Jayden Cairns-Cheek	Room 5	Swimming		
Room 18	Tyler Scott	Room 7	Rose Jury		
Room 8	Alex Barra	Room 9	Seth Watts		
Room 10	Swimming	Room 11	Acacia Matangi-Huhu		
Room 12	Aaliyah Rodda	Room 13	Shania Jones		
Room 14	Marty Annas-Kopa	Room 15	Lauchlan Edwards-Wilkinson		
Room 16	Alister Goody	Room 17	Ben Coles		

WEEK 2 TERM 4 2012



GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the school core values last week. Congratulations to: .

Respect Blake Fryer Caitlyn Fisher **Perseverance** Calais Bell Ryan McNatty
Excellence Kamoe Fabish Juanita Bilton

GMS ATHLETIC SPORTS

This annual event will be held on Friday 9th November on our school field. The sports is a big undertaking, especially with our large numbers of 7 and 8 year olds. Children compete in a series of rotations through different track and field events. Championships and selection for the interschool athletics team are at stake, as is the chance to compete against friends and classmates.

Children from Years 2 to 6 are involved. The day ends with house relays which really raises noise levels for all the school neighbours. Children need to be prepared for a day in the sun — hat, drink bottles, sunscreen and appropriate clothing are essential. If the event is postponed it will be held on Monday 12 November. If this happens it will put some pressure on to us selecting an interschool athletics team, so we will be doing everything we can to go ahead on the 9th November.

The interschool athletics sports are to be held on Wednesday 14 November at the HB Regional Sports Park. The team is made up of thirty-two children — four each of boys and girls in the different year groups:

7 and 8 year olds 9 year olds
10 year olds 11 year olds

GMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SURVEY



Keep an eye out for the school survey that is coming home next week. The Board of Trustees are now planning for 2013. To help set future directions for the school we really want to

know what our community thinks about a whole range of issues. The survey will have a number of questions on a series of different topics. The list of questions will include:

- Do you think the school should have a school uniform?
- Should we have a class where each child has their own laptop or iPad?
- Would you like the opportunity to purchase a laptop for your family through a school hire purchase scheme?
- What are your thoughts on the school swimming programmes?
- What new facilities would you like to see at school?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

2 Nov	Ukulele festival at Hawkes Bay Opera House in Hastings (5.30pm assemble for 6.00pm start)
5 Nov	Optimist yachting week starts
9 Nov	GMS Athletic sports
14 Nov	Interschool Athletics Year 6 Mathletics
15 Nov	GMS Duathlon at Anderson Park 5.30 to 7.00pm
19 Nov	Start of Camp week Year 5 and 6
27 Nov	School Photographs taken
30 Nov	Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Day
3 Dec	Year 6 photograph taken
4 Dec	Kids For Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice
17 Dec	School Reports sent home
18 Dec	GMS Prize giving and breakup 6.30pm start
20 Dec	End of Term 4. 12.00pm finish
4 February	Start of 2013

KAPA HAKA PRESENTATIONS

Last Friday five children received presentations to acknowledge the four years they have dedicated as members of our school Kapa Haka group. The children were each presented a greenstone taonga.

The recipients were:

Charlotte Brown
Nikita Taylor-Chaffey
Juanita Bilton
Danika Brown
Mia Peninsula

Congratulations to you all. A small reward for all your perseverance over the years (... but we all know you had a lot fun being involved as well).

Joel Morrison celebrated his fifth year as a member of our school's Kapa Haka group with his involvement in the festival again this year.

ROOM 11 MOVIE STARS!!!!

Earlier this term a camera crew visited our school. They are make films telling stories about ways to get children using computers to help their learning. They wanted to make a movie about the wonderful animations made in Room 11. Mrs Martin and her class (as well as those in Room 11 in 2011) have turned making computer animations into an art form. People have heard about these clever animations and want to discover how children so young can make these great short films. That is why the film crew arrived in the first week of term. What an honour for Mrs Martin and her students!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



We get our school photographs taken towards the end of the year, and we now have a date set.

Tuesday 27 November is the day we have set for the class and individual photos to be taken this year. Soon families will be given an envelope to order the types of photos they require. Please

understand that this can be a very complicated and at times hectic process at the school end — so whanau can help by making sure:

- the correct money is included
- orders are placed on time (and not on the morning we are taking them!)
- Everyone is at school on the day!!!

Enjoy the weekend!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

