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Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

## 2013 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

We can confirm the school structure for next year. The following will be our organisation for the 2013 year:

Principal — Mr. Mark Johnson

Deputy Principal — Mr. Steve Bloor

Assistant Principal — Ms Allyson Ross

### Pohutukawa ('Middle') team Rooms 1 to 6

Room 1 Mrs. Paula Kinsey (Year 3)

Room 2 Miss Jane McCosh (Year 2—all girls class)

Room 3 Mrs. Monique Cowie (Year 3)

Room 4 Mrs. Shona Millner (Year 3) Team Leader

Room 5 Mrs. Nicole Johnson (Year 2)

Room 6 Mrs. Pixie Bryan (Year 2)

### Kowhai ('Junior') team Rooms 8 to 11

Room 8 Mrs. Wendy Currie (NE/Year 1)

Room 9 Mrs. Helen Harvey (NE/Year 1)

Room 10 Mrs. Kay Holst (Year 1) Team Leader

Room 11 Mrs. Sue Martin (Year 1)

### Totara ('Senior') team Rooms 12 to 17

Room 12 Mr. Chris Sullivan (Years 4 and 5)

Room 13 Mr. Marty Gibbs (Years 5 and 6)

Room 14 Mrs. Jonette Dale (Years 5 and 6)

Room 15 Mrs. Linda Dallimore (Year 6) Team Leader

Room 16 Mrs. Lyndsey Starkey (Years 4 and 5)

Room 17 Mrs. Ceirwyn Ware (Year 4)

Miss Christina Withey will be teaching in Room 8 until she starts up Room 7 for New Entrants later in the year. Mrs. Karlene O'Dowda will also be teaching in Room 16 while Mrs. Starkey has various times on study leave which will happen during the first three terms.

Mrs. Catherine Webster will be taking Reading Recovery and which will have four children involved throughout the year.

Parents will be notified who the class teacher is for next year on the end of year reports.

## WELCOME TO GMS!!!

The last two enrolments for the year are now with us — Kaylen Jones and Kruz Single are now pupils in our school. These two students have joined Room 7 and we wish them well as they commence their years of learning at school.

Our roll has peaked at 440 students for the year.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONE

The last two weeks have seen a lot of activity around the formal re-establishment of our school's enrolment scheme. We can not sustain growth the way it has been occurring over the course of this year. Predictions are we would have finished 2013 with a roll in excess of 450 and obviously not enough space to accommodate numbers of this size.

For this reason there will be an official enrolment scheme put in place for the school effective of Monday 11 February 2013. From this date onwards the school will not be able to accept any enrolments for pupils who live outside our enrolment area for the remainder of the 2013 year. The only exception to this will be out of zone children who currently have a sibling attending school. If this situation changes we will inform you. A map and description of the proposed zone is displayed on our school notice board.

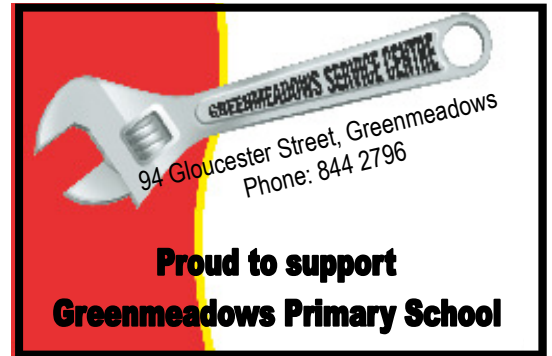
## END OF YEAR BREAKUP AND PRIZE-GIVING TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 6.30P.M.

The school breakup and prize-giving will be held next Tuesday in the Heart of the School outdoor stage. The start time is 6.30pm and the ceremony expected to last for about an hour. All parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend. All children are expected attend and need to be lined up in class groups on the school field by 6.20pm.

If wet on Tuesday, the prize-giving will be postponed to Wednesday 19 December starting 6.30pm. If there is be a postponement, this will be communicated by a notice sent home on Tuesday 18 December, on the school's website and on our school Facebook page.

Room 1	Sophie McLean	Room 2	Emily Carson
Room 3	Unique Tonihi Devyn Summersby (Week 5)	Room 4	Kayla Glentworth
Room 5	Lia Sefton-Zachan	Room 6	Joshua Wright Devlin Petuha
Room 18	Myah Smith	Room 7	Jake McNatty
Room 8	Luke Hawkins	Room 9	Nicole He
Room 10	Fletcher Burch	Room 11	Liam Santo
Room 12	Lucy Cairns	Room 13	Nikita Taylor-Chaffey
Room 14	Caleb Cameron	Room 15	Lachlan Edwards-Wilkinson
Room 16	Ben Ireland	Room 17	Kevin Becker

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 8 TERM 4 2012

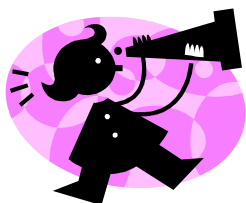


Our thanks are extended to Phil and Kathryn Simmons of Greenmeadows Service Centre for their continued support of the Principal Awards scheme.

### 2013 STATIONERY ORDERS

On the final day of the school year next Thursday each child returning to school in 2013 will get the chance to visit their new class teacher. During the visit they will receive a list of stationery needed for the start of Term 1. Stocks of books and other supplies can be purchased from Taradale Paper Plus as preorganised packs — you simply tell them which Year group or room your child is in for 2013.

### HELP - BOOK AMNESTY



Looking at the numbers of reading books we have here at school, we know there must be large numbers of books somewhere else! Could all families please check carefully at home (children's wardrobes

and under beds are a great place to start) for any books belonging to our school. We welcome them back — no questions asked. Can you help???

Please send any books you find back as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

### END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be sent home on Monday 17 December. These are comprehensive summaries of your child's progress and achievements this year. I am nearing the end of reading through each of the 440 reports and must say how impressed I am with the development, commitment and perseverance shown by your children over the course of this year.

Please take time to read over the comments the teachers have prepared specifically about your child. The reports include graphs that are designed to give an indication of where your child sits in relation to different aspects of reading, writing and mathematics. There is also an indication of how your child has been measured against national standards. Along with your child's own comments, we hope the whole report builds a clear summary of the year for each learner.

### HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME

There are still some spaces for the holiday reading programme run by the Napier Library over the holiday break. The Taradale Library programme is now full, but the opportunity is there to have your child involved in a whole range of fun activities related to reading. Contact the Napier Library if you are interested.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON [WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ))

14 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting
17 Dec	School Reports sent home
18 Dec	GMS Prize giving and Breakup 6.30pm start
19 Dec	Principal's Treat for Council, House Captains Postponement date for Breakup
20 Dec	End of Term 4. 12.00pm finish
4 February	Start of 2013

## GMS BUSKERS IN ACTION



This Saturday our famous ukulele players are busking outside the 2degrees on Emerson Street in the middle of Napier. They start performing at 1.00pm. Brighten up your day and go down town to listen to them if you have the chance!

## WALKING BUS — LAST DAY OF TERM

The walking bus will operate for the final time this year on the last day of term - Thursday 20 December. All are welcome to join us, especially all those children who are leaving Greenmeadows School on that day. What a neat way to remember your last day ... unless it rains!

*Here we are now with the year almost at its end. As I write this final newsletter one can't help but think about what an amazing year of learning we have all been involved in. We are all very fortunate to be part a wonderful school community that offers so much to the children we are all given the responsibility of care for. This year has been a year where the school has really moved ahead, and we continue to look forward to 2013 very positively. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year.*

*We wish all the very best to our school leavers and their families, especially those who end their formal ties to Greenmeadows School at the end of this year. May you all face the challenges ahead with confidence and perseverance. I wish all a very safe, happy and restful holiday in the weeks ahead.*

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
— Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Johnson'.

## HOLIDAY WORK AT SCHOOL

Two main projects are going to take place over the holiday break to improve the school. New carpet will be laid in Rooms 14 to 17. Also all roof surfaces will be painted throughout the school. See if you can spot the difference!

## MUSIC LESSONS FOR 2013

The growth in interest and involvement in music this year has been a real highlight for GMS this year.

If you would like to involve your child in formal lessons next year, the opportunity exists. Guitar and / or keyboard lessons are available next year during school hours. Enrolments are being taken now. Please phone David at Hawkes Bay Music School on 8769261 if you are interested in finding out more.

## SCHOOL CANTEN CLOSSES

The last day for the canteen is tomorrow Friday 14 December.

## LOST BELONGINGS!!!

Please take the time check the pile of clothing , shoes and other precious belongings we have collected here at school. Be warned, we can only store them for so long, and ultimately we have to dispose of these piles of lost property. We will show the collection to the children, but if parents take the time to have a quick look this really helps get most items reclaimed.

