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NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

We welcome to the school these new students Sophia Hirt, Piper McKnight and Holly Stewart who have joined Room 8 and Isabella Knibb in Room 9. These children have made a very positive start! We wish them well as they commence their years of learning at school.

PARENT HELPERS WANTED!!!

A note from our Assistant Principal Ms Allyson Ross:
At Greenmeadows School we are fortunate to have a large number of parents who help within our classrooms. Their contributions are invaluable and we are seeking more parents who are willing to give 1-2 hours of their time on a regular basis to help classroom teachers. Some parents help in their own child's classroom, others feel more comfortable working in another classroom. Examples of things you can assist with are:

- listening to children read,
- helping children during writing time,
- testing students for spelling karate belts,
- testing students on the numeracy ladder and numerous other tasks.

If you are available to help please fill in the form on page 4 and return to school and I will contact you.

Thank you
Allyson Ross

TERM 1 REPORTS HOME ON FRIDAY

This Friday each child will receive their first report for the year. This sets out how well they have settled into learning and into the classroom environment after the past four weeks

Each child has also set some goals to work towards over the next two terms that will be reported on in the mid-year report. Please take to opportunity to talk to your child's teacher if there is anything you want to discuss.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONE

For the past two weeks our school has been operating with an enrolment zone, once the Ministry of Education gave approval of an agreed catchment area for Greenmeadows School.

We do not have the Oaklands area in our zone as originally planned. As our roll is high (we currently have 394 pupils) we are closed to out of zone enrolments for the rest of 2013, unless they are siblings of current pupils.

It is vital that we have as accurate an indication of the numbers of New Entrants to be enrolled for the remainder of the year. Please make sure enrolment forms are completed for all four year olds and the school office contacted well in advance. Many thanks.

TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING 20/3/2013

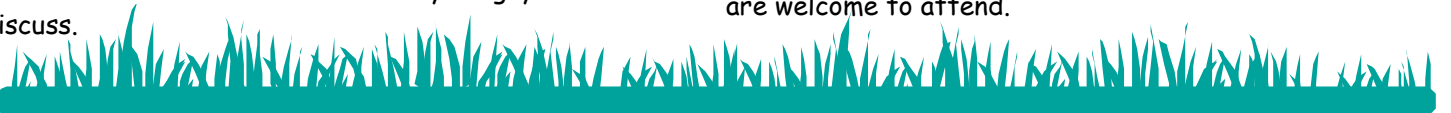
Our teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 March. When these meetings are usually held we provide cover for classes and continue school lessons for all without disruption. However this meeting is very important for teachers, especially as the Novopay issue is really beginning to cause more problems in our school, well as schools throughout the country.



For this reason we encourage all children to be picked up from school at 12.50pm on the day of the meeting. Supervision will be provided until 3.00pm for those unable to be collected. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

Room 16 are the class performing at our school assembly on Friday this week. Next week Room 10 are the featured class on stage. All parents and whanau are welcome to attend.



Room 1	Cooper Fox James Symon	Room 2	Millie Ford Courtney Becker Olive Mudgway
Room 3	Casey Prichard Ryder Moore	Room 4	Hayley Gerken Noah Symon Aimee Dodd
Room 5	William Dine Acacia Matangi-Huhu Liam Santo	Room 6	Tyson David Ava Humphrey ZhiHeng Zhou
Room 8	Tavian Roberts Thomas Anderson	Room 9	Mikayla Wright Lucy Duncan Jake McNatty
Room 10	Lucy Angland Katie Donnelly Sophie Martin	Room 11	Maddison Leipst Lachlan Richards Brylee Pugh
Room 12	Anna Durrant Hunter Piercy Isabella Davidson-Payne	Room 13	Holly Kinzett Sophie Dodd Levi David
Room 14	Jacob Driver Lochlan Collins Karmi van der Merwe	Room 15	Adam Barron Ella Walker Ivan Wu
Room 16	Jayden Cairns-Cheek Luke Tibbitts Ella Ford	Room 17	Tegan Knowles Liam Houlston Maninder Singh

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 1, 2 & 3 TERM 1 2013



GMS VALUES MEDALS

We have brand new medals to award to our children in 2013. The photograph on the right shows the new style of medal we have.

Congratulations to our first recipients for 2013:

Respect Lachlan Richards Room 11

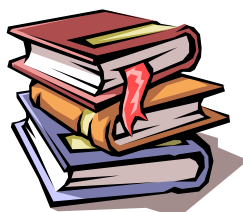
Perseverance Phoebe Heays Room 15

Excellence Kapri Phillips Room 4



ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book orders have been distributed today, Wednesday 27 February. Book Club orders will need to be returned to your child's teacher by **Wednesday 6 March**. Please note we are unable to accept late orders, as there are strict deadlines to meet with the Book Club.



Please ensure you complete the form correctly as incorrect orders will have to be returned to you, and your family will miss the order being placed with the school's bulk order. The responsibility is with the family placing the order to ensure it is handed in on time. Cheques need to be made out to 'Scholastic Book Club'. If paying with cash, please include the correct amount is included as we are unable to give change.

TEACHER STUDENTS AT GMS

Two teacher students have been posted to our school during this first term. Ms Peisi Zong has been in Room 9 for the past two weeks. Peisi is studying at University of Auckland, and has been a great addition to the busy Room 9 scene.

Miss Terri-Ann Pay commences a placement in Room 13 with Mr. Gibbs next week at the start of a four week posting. She then has another four weeks later in Term 3 in the same room.

We hope both have a positive and educational experience from their time here with our wonderful students and staff.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

27 Feb	PTA meeting 7.30pm
1 Mar	School Reports sent home
12 Mar	Kowhai Syndicate Estuary Visit
19 Mar	Board of Trustees meeting
20 Mar	Paid Union Meeting
22 Mar	PTA Fair
25 Mar	Dogstar Show

SOFTBALL AND T-BALL AT GMS



Our players involved in tee ball and minipitch season continue for the second half of the season. We are very lucky to have a number of teams playing for GMS in the various age divisions, playing at Tareha Park on Saturday mornings. Our teams are coached and managed by

a group of wonderful parents — thanks for the role you play in developing this sport.

Tee ball/softball is a great team sport and provides the opportunity to practice skills at a social level. Children from five years of age and up are involved. As there have been a number of new children into the school this year, this could be their opportunity to join a team. There are a limited number of places available for all year levels. If your child is interested in joining a team please see Mrs Harvey in Room 9.

UPDATING PUPIL DETAIL INFORMATION

Today each child will bring home their 'Student Record Sheet'. The school needs you to check our database information to ensure it is correct, also because Parent Trustee Elections will be taking place in May. If your child's information needs updating please update in red pen (if possible) and return to the Office by Friday 1 March.

In the 'Contact Details' area the options are mother and/or stepmother, father and/or stepfather, guardian, grandmother, grandfather. Emergency contacts names and phone numbers e.g. work, home, mobile should be written in the emergency phone area.

This system is now standard for this area and fits in with both Intermediates and High Schools. It also complies with the Ministry of Education needs.

GMS STUDENT COUNCIL 2013

The Totara classes elect a new student council each year. The fourteen members of the group this working with Mrs. Dallimore are:

Karlie Morrison, Jackson Haines, Tom Davies, Amber Single-Owens, Jacob Driver, Shylah Jury, Seb Kettle, Chaz Heke, Kamoe Fabish, Jordan Peninsula, Ella Herekiuha, Luke Tibbitts, Molly King and Cody Johns.

They have already had a meeting to commence the year, and they have discussed things such as:

- school uniform
- Interhouse competitions
- More painting on the concrete areas around school
- More discos!!!
- New games for learning

In recognition of the role these children play within our school, they will be presented with badges at an

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GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL TRIATHLON CLUB

Our school has a triathlon club organised by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Dale. They train every Wednesday after school, walking down to Reignier School to swim in their pool, cycle around the block (2km training ride), then running the footpath for 1km to prepare for the distances of their actual races.

Practise is over by 3.45pm. A teacher leads the cycle and another adult acts as 'tail-end Charlie'. The events are safe as they are on our Hawkes Bay cycleways. Our competitors did well in last Sunday's event.

The next triathlon is to be held on Sunday March 10th starting at Ocean Spa at 9.00am. Children can enter as an individual or as part of a team. Entry forms can be completed online or posted early (to avoid a late fee). Contact either of the teachers in charge to find out more details.



GMS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION—MEETING TONIGHT!!!! 27/2/2013

The first meeting for the GMS PTA will be held this evening. We welcome all parents and family members to come along and be a part of this friendly and positive group. Our role is to organise events for the children of our school, raise funds and support our great school. This evening's meeting will be focusing mainly on organising our GMS Food Fair which will be held on the evening of Friday 22 March. This has been a great success for the last two years, and we want to top this in 2013!

Funds from the fundraising this year will go towards new sports uniforms for our children to use when representing Greenmeadows School. The meeting is this evening—Wednesday 27 February in the school staffroom starting at 7.30pm. We would love to see some new faces along!!!!

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2013

Term 1 — 4 February to 19 April

Term 2 — 6 May to 12 July

Term 3 — 29 July to 27 September

Term 4 — 14 October to 19 December

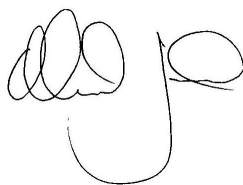
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- Happy Days Child Care Centre—Quality education and care for 0-6 year olds. Fully qualified ECE teachers. Open all year 7.30 to 5.30pm. Beautiful natural outdoor play space. Newly renovated interior space. 20 hours ECE for 3-5 year olds with no fees. Call on 845 0505 or pop in to 18 White Street, Taradale
- Information about Intercity JAB club weighins and club contacts is available from the school office
- NOBM Junior Rugby—A compulsory, official weigh in Thursday 7 March 5.30—7.30pm at the Club Rooms Park Island
- Marist Football—the first game for junior football is Saturday 4th May. Junior registrations are available online now at www.maristfc.co.nz. There will be a registration day at the Marist clubrooms on 2nd March from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Open grade trials will be on March 24th

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
— Principal



Parent Help Return Form - Return to Ms Ross or the School Office

Name _____ Ph. No. _____

Child's name _____ I would prefer to work in my child's class. Yes/No
Days I am available to assist in the classroom:

Most suitable time: _____