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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The latest arrivals at our school are New Entrant students Luca Goreville-Jones, Max Fisher and Mitchell Simes. A special welcome to all of you. They have joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey. The school roll today – 408 students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR GMS?



Last year the school sent out a survey asking questions on a variety of topics. We got a great response to this survey (more than 220 returned). One of the questions that was asked was whether families would support the introduction of a compulsory school uniform for our school.

As a majority of responses supported this, our Board of Trustees have been looking at this matter and where to do go to next. The Board decided to prepare a uniform scheme to present to the school families and then ask for an indication whether this would be supported by our community. Any decisions made regarding an introduction of a uniform will only be made as a result of a survey to be sent out early in Term 3. To get families thinking about the concept of a uniform, later this term a mock up of a proposed uniform will be available for our community to view.

Hopefully the sample uniforms will be on show for the week of school interviews as well as indication of any relevant pricing.

Early in Term 3 a full school community survey will be held. This survey will set out all the information related to the possible adoption a compulsory school uniform, and any time lines for the introduction of a uniform if it was decided to by our community. The Board's proposal if the idea is accepted by a significant majority of the school community that the introduction of any uniform would be compulsory for Year 1 to 4 students and optional for Year 5 and 6 children.

MIDYEAR INTERVIEWS AND REPORTS JULY 2013

The end of Term 2 sees our school sending home mid-year reports and holding Parent Interviews.

i) Mid-year Reports: - these will be sent home on Friday 5 July. This will allow time for families to read the reports and discuss them at the school interviews the following week. A sheet explaining a lot of the 'technical' stuff will be included.

ii) A notice has gone home outlining the procedure for booking a school interview. Interviews can be booked either by returning the slip on the notice or online via the school's website (www.gms.school.nz). If you missed that notice refer to the link on the website or request another notice from the office.

It is great to see that we already have 280 interviews booked. We want all families to have an interview, so teachers will be contacting families who have not booked an interview next week to set a time.

We hold interviews on Monday 8 July and Tuesday 9 July. On Monday 8th July the school day will finish early at 2.00pm. Children who are not able to be collected until 3.00p.m. will be supervised.

School will finish at 3.00p.m. on Tuesday 9 July.

TOTARA SYNDICATE TRIP – OTATARA PA

The classes in the Totara syndicate will now visit Otatara Pa on Thursday 27 June. The weather has not been kind to us on the previous dates that have been organised and this is the last time we will set a date for this trip. Children need to come prepared for the various weather conditions as we definitely want to get to the pa.

This links into the theme they have been studying linked to 'early settlers in New Zealand'. Rooms 13, 14 and 15 will go in the morning from 10.30 to 12.00pm, while the classes from Rooms 12, 16 and 17 will be there from 1.00pm until 2.30pm.



MATHS EVENING FOR PARENTS

We had a wonderful turn out of parents for this session last Thursday evening. Thanks to all those of you who attended—we certainly hope it was worthwhile and informative. We will look to have another session later this year.

NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

The numbers of students receiving maths badges continue to grow. Below is the list of mathematicians who have received a badge over the past fortnight:

Jordan Peninsula, Shae Watts, Jared Kinsey, Lauren Wells, Ashley Bayley, Zara McDonald, Jacob Driver, Josh Parslow, Jazmine Wynne, Isabella Davidson-Payne, Anna Durrant, Ivy Wu, Charlie Mudgway, Ella Herekiuha, Reuben Davies, Ashton Hannah-Morris, Ashton Plapp, Olivia Rowley, Jake Truuts, Logan Ide, Maia Chernyshev, Tyson David, Devyn Summersby, Ella-Rose McOnie, Kyla O'Keefe, Holly Lawrence, Typhanie Taylor, Maddison Stoodley, Adam Barron, Clayton Terry-Moore, Maddie Johns, Leah McKay, Max Johns, Kamoe Fabish, Courtney Roff, Rylee McIntyre, Ivan Wu, Savannah Johns, Lucy Cairns, Jaime Kinder, Savana Peach and Ryan McNatty.

More than 200 badges have been awarded so far this year!

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

TAEKWON-DO for beginners (ITF) is being held at Greenmeadows School Hall, Napier, during the second week of the school holidays, 22-25 July, 10.00–11.00am and 11.00-12.00 noon. This package of 5 x 1 hour sessions introduces participants to a disciplined art of self defence. For ages 7–14 years. To register and choose your times go to rtrtkd@gmail.com. Run by experienced, ITF qualified International Instructors. For more information check www.rtrtkd.co.nz/news.html or phone 0210323289.

NEW PARENTS MORNING TEA



There will be a morning tea for all those new families who have had children start at Greenmeadows School this year. This is for parents of children of all ages, whether they are in Year 1 or Year 6. The morning tea will held on Thursday 4 July starting at 9.10am in the staffroom. We would love to have all come along and find out more about the school, ask any questions you may have and give you the chance put names to faces if need be.

SOCCER FIELD DAY

The weather is bound to come right for the soccer field day that is scheduled for next week on Tuesday 2 July. The event is held during the afternoon. The soccer field day is for Year 5 and 6 students and is held at Park Island. Postponement date is Thursday 4 July.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Weeks 6 and 7 Term 2 at school assembly

Respect	Amelia Murphy Room 1 Emily Davidson-Payne Room 9
Perseverance	Maddison Stoodley Room 11 William Rollings Room 6
Excellence	Jasmine Wynne Room 13 Kayley Mackirdy Room 14

Well done all. These are some very worthy recipients of the medals.



Room 1	Luke Johnston Georgia Brown Alex Manning	Room 2	Frankie Morrison Brooke Ells Sara Petuha
Room 3	Tayla Tierney Katrina Rush Ryan Catley	Room 4	Kapri Phillips Connor LeQuese Emma Anderson
Room 5	Tegan McKnight Rosie Goody Matthew Harrison	Room 6	Anthony Hatchard Brooker Senior Rieley Jackson
Room 7	Lachlan Marshall Makenzie Moore	Room 8	Piper McKnight Bree Martin Jett O'Brien
Room 9	Charlotte Field Temple Hiko Mason Rangiawha	Room 10	Sophie Martin Ashton Plapp Grace Lee
Room 11	Amy Cairns Chloe Wilson	Room 12	Lana Simes Ben Coles Holly Lawrence
Room 13	Awatea Winterburn Ella Nicholson Andrew Brown	Room 14	Emma Downey Hannah Exton Leah McKay
Room 15	Cadence Lene Emmanuel Thomas Jack Lawson	Room 16	Ella Herekiuha Charlie Mudgway Braden Gibb Luke Marshall
Room 17	Peyton Hays Molly King Logan Gray		

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 5 TO 7 TERM 2 2013



Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Term 2

27 June	Junior Gymnastics Festival
27 June	Otatara Pa Visit Rooms 13, 14, 15 10.30—12.00pm and Rooms 12, 16, 17 1.00—2.30pm
2 July	Soccer Field Day 1.00 — 2.45pm Years 5 and 6
4 July	Kapa Haka Group to Footsteps 11.00am
4 July	New Parents Morning Tea 9.00am
4 July	Soccer Field Day Postponement Day
5 July	Reports Home
8 July	Technology Challenge Napier Intermediate School
8 July	Parent Interviews 2.00pm finish
9 July	Parent Interviews 3.00pm finish
12 July	End of Term 2

Term 3

29 July	Term Starts
17 September	Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30
18 September	Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30

