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NEWSLETTER NO. 10

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Another term has simply raced by — what a great term is has been too! Your fantastic children, their wonderful teachers and our dedicated support staff have achieved so much over the past ten weeks. The next fortnight will give a chance for all to rest up a little before we start the second half of the year on 29 July.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

There have been a number of arrivals at our school since the last newsletter. Recently enrolled we now have New Entrant students Jakale Anderson, Tyler Parkinson, Charlotte Brown and Tori Gibbs who have joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey. Blaze Huata has joined Room 15. A special welcome to you all.

UNIFORM SURVEY FOR GMS

Many of you would have seen the sample uniform displayed in the office. The Board of Trustees will be sending out a survey early in Term 3 so the feelings of our school community on the question of a uniform can be determined.

The presence of the sample uniform is certainly generating a lot of discussion both with adults and children alike. The sample will remain in the office area for the next few weeks for parents to look at.



MIDYEAR INTERVIEWS AND REPORTS JULY 2013

We have just had the best turn out for parent interviews in the five years that I have been Principal of Greenmeadows School — the fact that almost every teacher was able to talk to the parents of all children in the class was appreciated. Thanks to all those parents who found the time to meet with your child's teacher. We hope you found the opportunity to talk as valuable as we did here at school.

CROSSING OSIER ROAD

Parents—we need your help!!!

We are trying to keep children as safe as possible when crossing Osier Road. Our trained road wardens take their duties very seriously and do an outstanding job. What makes things difficult is when parents and visitors to school walk over Osier Road without using the controlled crossing. Taking your child across the crossing patrol helps prepare them for the time when they can do this independently. Crossing somewhere else can confuse children and has the effect of undermining the safety standards that we are trying to achieve. Thanks to all those who diligently use the crossing, even if it requires walking a few extra metres along the road.

BP TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

On Monday evening the annual technology challenge was held for Napier schools at Napier Intermediate School. Five teams represented GMS in a field of twenty-five teams. All thoroughly enjoyed the task which was to make a flying fox that would transport a Moro bar and drop it into an ice cream container. Sounds simple enough ...?!

Two of our teams were placed in the competition. The team of Joshua Parslow, Jack Lawson and Chaz Heke were third, while Ellie Watts, Keryn Olsen and Rylee McIntyre ended up fifth. Well done! Many thanks too to Mrs Dallimore for the time she spent training our junior technologists prior to the contest.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

We end the term with a school assembly at 2.30pm. This moves from the normal time of 12.20pm just for this week.

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:

Hannah Exton, Levi David, Kyra Dearn Oliver Stewart
Bryce Lott, Jasmine Hawthorn Grey, Rebecca Howey
Cadence Lene, Mia Barretto, Tayla Tierney, Charlotte Field
Emma Blake, Ashantae Hazel, Riley Johnston
Unique Tonihi, Cooper Fox, Kapri Phillips, Alex Barra
Jessica Joe-Harrison, Garrett Chan, Maia Jones
Kalla Hays, Calais Terry-Moore, Ellie Meynell
Upashna Sundar, Emily Hayes, Alex Exeter
Noah Symon, Rosie Goody, Alexi Neville, Ryan Catley
Janelle Swain, Tom Davies, Dylan Simes, Grace Hall
Lydia Carson, Tegan McKnight, Wendy Hiko
Emma Downey, Enosh Yong, Emily Hawkins
Dante Delamere, Liam Johns, Maninder Singh
Baile Smith, Jessie Tayler, Sean Kearney
William Dine, Logan Hansen, Amelia Burgess
Olivia Harding, Zoe Ennor, :Logan Finnimore.

Close to 260 badges have now been awarded this so far this year.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 2 at school assembly

Respect	Joanne Li Room 10 Jared Kinsey Room 12
Perseverance	Tegan Knowles Room 17 Caitlyn Walls Room 8
Excellence	X'phia Johnson Room 2 Clara Newman Room

Great efforts from you all! The medals will have a break for the holidays – they might fly off to Rarotonga and return ready for the winners at the end of the first week in Term 3.

PTA NEWS

There will be a PTA meeting this evening in the staffroom starting at 7.30pm. All new parents interested in find out about the PTA are most welcome to come along. The meeting only takes 45 minutes (it is due to be cold tonight ...).

From the school: *Thanks to the PTA for organising the wonderful pizza treat lunch a couple of weeks ago!!! That day made lunchtime even more exciting than normal. It was an outstanding effort from so many of our parents and thoroughly enjoyed by all.*

GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

During the end of term assembly certificates from the gymnastics festival will be handed out to members of our school gymnastics team. They recently took part in the annual festival.



Room 1	Leila Burton Kyran Walls	Room 2	Ellie Meynell Emma Bidlake
Room 3	Devyn Summersby Maia Driver	Room 4	Tyla Joros Rylee Moore
Room 5	Liam Tane-Foulds Maia Jones	Room 6	Riley Burke Jessie Beals
Room 7	Ava Webber Stella Watts	Room 8	Kaden Johns Kaden Heke
Room 9	Jake McNatty Isabella Knibb	Room 10	Myah Smith Shiloh Johansen
Room 11	Brylee Pugh Logan Hansen	Room 12	Chloe Narayan Ella Harding
Room 13	Lydia Carson	Room 14	Finn Exeter Mia Barretto
Room 15	Ricky Yau Ethan Yong	Room 16	Tristram Fryer Sharn Gliddon
Room 17	Ryan McNatty Typhanie Taylor		

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 8 AND 9 TERM 2 2013



FAREWELL TO:

The end of this term sees the official departure of Mrs Catherine Dark from her part-time teaching role at our school. Catherine has worked at Greenmeadows School for several years and has been a highly valued junior class release teacher. Other work interests have brought time pressures on for Catherine and unfortunately she is now unable to juggle both in her busy schedule. We wish her all the best, but certainly hope will see her around school in the future.

Miss Ruby Gannon also finishes with us this week. Ruby has won a fulltime position at Port Ahuriri School and this starts at the beginning of next term. Ruby has made a wonderful contribution to the school this year, especially in her very popular science sessions throughout the school, as well as release work in a number of rooms. These two wonderful teachers will be farewelled with a morning fancy morning tea on Friday.

Have a great holiday break everyone. See you all back safely on Monday 29 July.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Term 2

12 July End of Term 2 3.00pm

Term 3

29 July Term Starts
15 August Spooner Shield
17 September Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30
18 September Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30

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.

