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NEWSLETTER NO. 12

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We have had four new arrivals at our school over the past two weeks. All are New Entrant students: Kayla Hooper, Lucia Murphy, Taneesha Driver and Ryley Wright who have joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey. A special welcome to you all. The school roll today – a healthy 422 students. In ten days time Mr Whitesmith will commence in Room 7 working alongside Miss Withey.

We also welcome Mrs Leanne Duncan who has commenced in a teacher aide role at school.

GMS CROSS-COUNTRY 2013

Cross-country season is upon us. We are starting to get ready for the event to be held in two weeks time on Tuesday 3 September.

The following information sets out the day:

10.30–10.50am Early interval for the whole school

11.20am Kowhai classes (Rooms 7 to 11) get organized to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school. They depart when ready.

11.45am Pohutukawa & Totara classes walk to Anderson Park

12.10 – 12.25pm Shared lunch/pre-race snacks

12.25–12.40pm Course walk through

12.45–2.30pm Races in order (and approx. lengths)

- New Entrants/Year 0 approx. 450m
- Year 1 girls, then Year 1 boys 490m
- Year 2 girls, then Year 2 boys 600m
- Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys 800m
- Year 4 girls, then Year 4 boys 800m
- Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys 1100m
- Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m

2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School

Sausages and Juicies that have been preordered will be available after each race.

Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 and 4 races.

Postponement date (if required) is set for Thursday 5 September. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents along to support. We could also do with help Marshalling, so if community members are available, please let Mr Gibbs know. Many thanks.

2013 SPOONER SHIELD

The wonderful tournament that is the Spooner Shield is over for another year. The weather was brilliant for the day on Thursday 15 August. Greenmeadows School teams competed extremely well in a range of sports over the course of the day against seven other schools – we are all very proud of the way our six teams gave their all. The teams who placed in their tournaments were:

Rugby – second overall

Boys soccer – third overall

Girls soccer – third overall

Our hockey team showed a tremendous improvement from last year's results. The two netball teams from our school also gave a great account of themselves.

Thanks to all the coaches and parents who did such a wonderful job supporting the GMS athletes.

Greenmeadows School finished fourth overall, behind winners Reignier, Arthur Miller and Taradale.

Below: Our rugby team who had a great day at Spooner Shield.



ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL NEW

If your child is not going to be at school by 8.45am, for any reason, it is important that you notify the Office. Either phone 8447024 and leave a message on the absence line or txt 0279264452 giving the reason for the absence or why the child will be late.

Trips away either in New Zealand or overseas should be notified in writing to the office giving the last day at school, first day of return and where travelling to.

PARENT HELP NEEDED!!!

We are desperately short of parents to help with our PMP programme which has only six weeks left to run. Could you spare a couple of hours in the morning – Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? This is an excellent programme that really helps children in so many ways, and is a lot of fun.

Contact either Kay Holst or Kirsten Martin if you could assist. Many thanks.

ROOM 1 FURNITURE EXCITEMENT!

Christmas came early for Mrs Kinsey and the children in Room 1 on Monday ... a whole room of new furniture arrived on the Furnware truck! Room 1 have been stuck with some of the oldest furniture in the school, and finally their turn arrived for them to look the part of a modern classroom. Have a look if you get the chance.



GMS BULK TEXTING

A number of families have taken up the opportunity to receive bulk texts from our school. To get these is very simple:

Text this message:

follow GMSNapier

To:

8987

You will get instant text messaging from our school. SIMPLE!!!!

In the case of emergency, this is the perfect way to get information out to all our school families. Please follow these very simple



GMS STARS PERFORM AT THE RSA!!!

The past few years our students have performed at the Taradale RSA. Our next performance there is next Wednesday. Children involved in Kapa haka, choir and ukulele will be showing off their skills to the very appreciative audience. The time for the concert is between 11.00 and 12.00pm.



LIBRARY NEWS

NUMERACY LADDER BADGES AWARDED

The following students have been successful in getting mathematics badges over the past two weeks:

Holly Stewart, Phoebe Hayes, Kayley Mackirdy, Ella Nicholson, Alister Goody, Winter Francis-Thickpenny, Olivia Rowley, Asha Penn, Aaliyah Rodda, Logan Truuts, Blaze Huata, Georgia Brown, Ryder Moore, Tayla David, Amelia Murphy, Jesse Beals, Maddison Johns, Jakob Morris Elai Harrison, Hannah Exton, Sophie Dodd, Tylar Foster, Sahara Glentworth, Dare'im Johnson, Noah Smith, Anthony Hatchard, Nathan Stone, and Bonnie Wedd.

Wonderful efforts from you all.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

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these children who were presented with our medals in
Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3 at school assembly:

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| Respect | Lucy Angland Room 10 Kaylen Jones Room 8 |
| Perseverance | Emily Carson Room 3 Lydia Carson Room 12 |
| Excellence | Keryn Olsen Room 15 Emma Anderson Room 4 |

Fantastic effort everyone of you!

HENRY HILL SPORTS EXCHANGE



On Thursday 29 August GMS will host two rugby teams from Henry Hill School. We play around lunchtime with kick off for the first game at 1.30pm.

We will be making up teams to play them in barefoot, tackle, ten a side rugby. Our Spooner Shield rugby team will represent the school in the Year 4 to 6 group, and they will kick off at 2.00pm.

We have assembled a squad of Year 1 to 3 players to prepare for this game.

We welcome spectators to come and watch!!!



The changes in the Library keep coming ...

A builder is on site for the next ten days renovating the office space in the library. We will end up with a larger library area and an issuing desk that is more accessible to the children and teachers.

Hairy McLeary competition - we received a lot of fantastic entries in the competition.

The winners were:

1st Brooke Ells
2nd Kapri Phillips
3rd Mikayla Wright
Well done to you all!

We are in the process of changing the Library management system over the next few weeks. The new software we are getting is 'Access It' which is used by many schools throughout New Zealand. During this change over, we have stopped issuing or returning books to the children. This means that any books that are overdue can be kept a little longer until we have made this change.

WALKING BUS CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Sorry folks ... no walking bus this week. We start off again next Thursday. We would love some new faces to join us ...



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| Room 1 | Evan Gray Charlie Stewart | Room 2 | Brooke Hansen Sarah Wedd |
| Room 3 | Georgina Hunuhunu Casey Pritchard | Room 4 | Jonny Penisula Ethan Sullivan-Christie |
| Room 5 | Blake Haines Rosie Goody | Room 6 | Jadyn Field Belle Tayler |
| Room 7 | Tyler Parkinson | Room 8 | Mikaela McSkimming Aidan Solomann |
| Room 9 | Eshal Ali Kruz Single | Room 10 | Katie Donnelly Kylah Thompson |
| Room 11 | Emma Gorringe Jessica Rice | Room 12 | Emily Watts Noah Smith |
| Room 13 | Logan Truuts Jordan Simpson | Room 14 | Shylah Jury Kayley Mackirdy |
| Room 15 | Ashantae Hazel Ellie Watts | Room 16 | Sophia Gross Brooke Exeter |
| Room 17 | Will Steadman Lily Cameron | | |

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 2 AND 3 TERM 3 2013



PTA NEWS

The bookings are coming back quickly for the photographer we have booked for 7th and 8th September. Booking sheets are in the office foyer. Remember — *First In, First Served!*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Term 3

- 28 August Taradale RSA concert
- 29 August Henry Hill Exchange Rugby
- 30 August Science Roadshow Taradale Intermediate School 10.00—12.00pm
- 3 September School Cross Country
- 5 September School Cross Country Postponement Day
- 17 September Interschool Cross Country (teams selected after the GMS cross country)
- 17 September Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30 Taradale Intermediate School
- 18 September Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30 Taradale Intermediate School
- 25 September 'A Night at the Meadows' - a concert showcasing some of the talent at GMS

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



Cross Country Day Sausage Sizzle – Tuesday 3rd September 2013 (Postponement Day Thursday 5th September)

The PTA will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Cross Country Day at Anderson Park.

Children can order sausages in bread for \$1.50 each and Juicie Ice-blocks for \$1.00 each which they will receive immediately after their race.

Parents and whanau are invited to come along to Anderson Park to support our amazing cross country runners and enjoy a delicious BBQ sausage. **Please include sausages/ice-blocks required for parents and preschoolers on your child's order form below.**

Please write your child's name, room number, and number of sausages/ice-blocks required on the order form below and send it back to school with your sausage and ice-block money by **9am Monday 2nd of September**. No late orders can be accepted.

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Please fill out a separate order slip for each Greenmeadows School Student as children will be running in year groups and will receive their sausages at different times.

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Room number: _____

I would like to order _____ sausages @ \$1.50 each.
each

I would like to order _____ ice-blocks @ \$1.00

I have enclosed _____ for sausages/ice-blocks.

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Room number: _____

I would like to order _____ sausages @ \$1.50 each.
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I would like to order _____ ice-blocks @ \$1.00

I have enclosed _____ for sausages/ice-blocks.

We will require parent helpers from 11.30am - 2pm to cook and distribute sausages and ice-blocks on the day. If you are able to assist with this, please fill out the additional portion of the form below. Thank you in advance for your support!

.. Yes, I am available to help cook/distribute sausages and ice-blocks on Cross Country Day at Anderson Park.

Name: _____ Ph: _____

