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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 13

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We have had two new arrivals at our school over the past two weeks. Brooklyn Mullins and Nicolas Ratcliffe have joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey and Mr Whitesmith. A warm welcome to our school for you both! It has been great to have Mr Whitesmith at school as Room 7 keeps filling up with delightful young learners. Michael commenced with us on Monday 2 September.

In other not so positive news, we need to inform our community that Mrs Gregory is currently unwell. She has taken leave until the end of the term. To cover in the office area and help Ms Garrett, we have been fortunate to utilise the skills of Mrs Sara Anderson for the next four weeks. We wish Mary all the best for a quick and speedy recovery.

'A NIGHT AT THE MEADOWS' CONCERT

Our school is building towards a concert for the community to be held on the evening of **Wednesday 25 September**.

Initially we were going to hold this in our school hall to show of the range and variety of talents of our children. Once we started auditioning, we quickly realized the scope of this event was too large for our tiny hall. The kapa haka group is now the largest it has ever been and one hundred and fifty children performed at the RSA last week. As a result 'A Night At The Meadows' will now be held at Taradale Intermediate School in their hall. Start time will be 6.30pm. We are still auditioning children to be part of this wonderous night of culture and performance.

Performing will be our kapa haka group, school choir, ukulele and guitar groups, as well as a number of individual performers.

No tickets will be sold, rather a gold coin donation will gain entry on the night. Pencil it in the diaries now ... it will be sensational. More information will follow.

GMS CROSS-COUNTRY 2013

Yesterday dawned beautifully fine and clear ... but the running tracks on Anderson Park had not recovered from all the rain over the past few days. With all the surface water and wet underfoot conditions we decided to give the park a chance to recover. Initially we had Thursday 5 September as a our postponement date, but to increase our chances of getting dry conditions have been able to reschedule the Cross-country date to Tuesday 10 September. All times remain the same as set for the schedule for Tuesday:

*10.30 – 10.50am Early interval for the whole school
11.20am Kowhai classes (Rooms 7 to 11) get organised 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 school.

Children with their parents will be able to leave for home from event as long as their parents communicate this directly to the class teacher.

All orders for sausages and juicies will automatically be transferred to next week's event. Many thanks to those parents who offered to walk down to Anderson Park with the classes — hopefully your schedules will allow you to do next week as well.

The interschool team picked from students in Years 3 to 6 will be decided on results from the event.

NUMERACY LADDER BADGES AWARDED

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

Tori Gibbs, Lily McDonald, Charlotte Brown, Joseph McGovern, Maia Bosman, Caitlyn Walls, Maddison Leipst, Jessica Rice, Nathan Kinsey, Courtney Banks, Ella Parnell, Chloe Skilton, Lucy Angland, Jake McNatty, Brooke Hansen, Caitlyn Fisher, Sean Moylan, Hunter Harris and Leroy Corby.

Congratulations everyone!

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3 at school assembly:

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| Respect | Amy Cairns | Room 2 |
| | Janelle Swain | Room 5 |
| Perseverance | Aleah Goody | Room 17 |
| | Mitchell Simes | Room 7 |
| Excellence | Caleb Hunt | Room 6 |
| | Holly Kinzett | Room 13 |

These recipients can feel very proud of their awards. Well done all of you.

HENRY HILL SPORTS EXCHANGE



On Thursday 4 September GMS will host two rugby teams from Henry Hill School in the matches we had to re-schedule from last week when torren-

tial rain arrived right on lunchtime.

We welcome spectators to come and watch.

HOCKEY TEAM TRIUMPHS!!!

The GMS hockey team played their final last Saturday against Arthur Miller and had a great win by 11 goals to 3. Our team have gone through the season unbeaten and have really enjoyed their sport this year. Congratulations team!

We also want to thank the dedicated coaching of Louise and Richard Nicholson who have put so much time into hockey these past few seasons. The improvement shown by the players is an indication of the impact of their efforts.

Pictured left: GMS hard on defence with Arthur Miller attacking during their final.

LIBRARY NEWS

The renovations in the Library have been completed and the return to the normal library routine is not far off. Our new management computer programme is installed and Mrs Cook is rapidly getting our data base all correct and current.

The Library will be reopening in the mornings before school in the very near future.

MATHS EVENING FOR PARENTS

Following the very successful Maths evening we held last term we are going to hold a second session. This will be held on Thursday 19 September in the staffroom. We will start at 5.30pm.

The focus of this meeting will be on the numeracy ladder and ways in which you can help your child progress through the ladder. We will cover:

- tips in helping the children learn the different activities
- how the testing is done to pass a badge?
- what are some key terms and vocabulary that can help learn the concepts?
- fun activities to support the learning

There will also be the opportunity for you to ask any other questions about Maths. We look forward to seeing you there.

Feel free to contact Mr Bloor or Mr Johnson if you want anything specific answered in the evening.



GMS BULK TEXTING

Monday's forced postponement of the school cross-country scheduled for Tuesday highlighted the value of the bulk texting facility we have operating. Latest statistics indicate that an estimated 75% of the GMS school families are getting our texts giving updates and news. Having 100% of our families accessing this information is our aim!!

This is all you need to do:

text 'follow **GMSNapier**' to the number '8987' (make sure you put a space between 'follow' and 'GMSNapier').

Instant messaging — it is great!

PTA NEWS

Below is the flier from the photographer we have booked for this weekend. Spaces are filling up fast, so please make your booking quickly. You can select your photo session times at the office. There are times available throughout the day, but preferably after 2.00pm.

Greenmeadows School Fundraiser 

Reminder: we have booked a professional photographer for weekend of 07 September 2013

*Pay a \$10 sitting fee and receive a FREE 10"x13" photograph of your family or children**



Last Chance to Book Your Sitting

*A person may only be in one FREE photo

*ONE booking per family

*Additional photos will be taken during sitting and available at discount prices. (these can be either colour or black & white)

Please return this form with your \$10 payable to Greenmeadows School

Name (Adult): _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Childs Name: _____

Preferred Time: after 2pm

GMS WINTER SPORTS REPS

We need to congratulate a number of our winter sports competitors who have made the following rep teams:

Rugby:

Napier 'C' grade reps: Seb Kettle and Jacob Driver

Napier 'D' grade reps: Coby Price

Football:

Hawkes Bay Under 11s: Adam Barron

Hawkes Bay Under 11s: Jamie Evans

Hawkes Bay Under 10s: Tom O'Shea and Jackson Haines

Well done to you all!!!

GREENDALE TENNIS CLUB

Tennis is about to start again and Greendale Tennis Club are holding an open day Saturday 7 September (if wet following week). Junior times: Beginners 8.30—9.30am and all others 9.30—11.00am. For more details contact Ian Smith 8443732.

TAEKWON-DO

International Taekwon-Do is offering Taekwon-Do and life skills for 3 and 4 year olds.

For further information go to <http://www.rtrtd.co.nz/kubz.html> or phone 0210323233.

To register for the first class at GMS Hall

Wednesday 4 September 4.00—4.45pm:

email rtrtd@gmail.com.

Class time amendments:

Mon 6.00 — 7.30pm 7 years & above + adults

Wed 4.00 — 4.45pm 3 & 4 year olds

5.00 — 5.45pm 5 & 6 year olds

6.00 — 7.30pm 7 years & above + adults

RIVERSDALE KINDERGARTEN

Riversdale Kindergarten located at 11 Cooke Place Taradale provides high quality early childhood education. 20 hours free, 100% trained teachers and no charges for excursions etc, 'no fee' option and a free playgroup every Wednesday from 9.00—11.00am for children aged over two. Call in, phone 8448525 or find them on Facebook — 'Riversdale Kindergarten'.



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| Room 1 | Joshua Wright Asha Penn | Room 2 | Upashna Sundar Millie Ford |
| Room 3 | Janelle Murphy Caleb Carlisle | Room 4 | Blake Fryer Aimee Dodd |
| Room 5 | Dylan Simes Bailey Greeks | Room 6 | Tylah Foster Anthony Hatchard |
| Room 7 | Jamie Steed Cassidy Murphy | Room 8 | Macy Penn Jessica Pyott |
| Room 9 | Maia Moore Ernest Woolward | Room 10 | Rose Jury Lily Bowers |
| Room 11 | Casey Thompson Jospeh McGovern | Room 12 | Arnah Paton Chloe Narayan |
| Room 13 | Lucy Cairns Emily Hawkins | Room 14 | William Marsden Ethan Wynne |
| Room 15 | Jake Truuts Alexi Sewell | Room 16 | Rebecca Howey Jared Kinsey |
| Room 17 | Lia Sefton-Zachan Ella Parnell | | |

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 4 AND 5 TERM 3 2013



SICKNESS – NOROVIRUS

We have had a fair bit of illness in our school community at the moment – last week we were having large numbers of children off sick with upset stomachs and associated vomiting and diarrhoea. This week there have been more children with these symptoms. Headaches, influenza-like illness and abdominal pain are also characteristic of sufferers. Children should stay home until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped. Hand washing routines should be reinforced as well to help stop the spread of the virus.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Term 3

- 10 September School Cross Country – Anderson Park
- 17 September Interschool Cross Country (teams selected after the GMS cross country)
- 17 September GMS Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 17 September Combined Choir Festival 6.30–7.30 Taradale Intermediate School
- 18 September Combined Choir Festival 6.30–7.30 Taradale Intermediate School
- 19 September Parent Maths Session – Numeracy Ladder workshop. 5.30pm start
- 25 September 'A Night at the Meadows' - concert at TIS
- 27 September End of Term 3
- 14 October Start of Term 4

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



**Go the Mighty
Magpies!!!!**

