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NEWSLETTER NO. 14

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We have had five new arrivals at our school over the past two weeks. Hazel Cullen, Connor Blunsdon and Nicole Carlisle have joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey and Mr. Whitesmith. Daryn and Christopher Whyte are now members of Room 5 and Room 8. A warm welcome to our school to all of you!

OSIER ROAD CROSSING

The following notice has been written by two of our road patrol wardens as an open letter to parents:

We are very worried that our school patrol on Osier Road is not as safe as it could be. Kamoe and Seb spoke to the children in assembly two weeks ago, but the School Council would like to remind the parents of some safety rules. It is really important that parents set a good example to all the children please.

We would like to remind you of some safety rules:

- *Please don't park on the yellow lines. This is a 'no parking' zone and the patrol is having trouble seeing past the cars even when you stop for a couple of minutes.*
- *Please don't stop in the middle of the car park. Please park because double parking can hold up all the traffic and it comes out onto Osier Road which makes it hard to see.*
- *Please indicate early so the children on patrol can see where you are trying to go*
- *If you are walking with your child across the road please use the school crossing and wait until the patrollers say "Cross now". Please don't cross at other parts of the road because this is not teaching your child, or other children, good road safety.*

Please obey these rules and help keep everyone at GMS safe.

Thank you

Karlie Morrison and Ella Herekiuha

'A NIGHT AT THE MEADOWS' CONCERT

A concert to celebrate the many and varied talents of our pupils is being held on **Wednesday 25 September** at the Taradale Intermediate Hall at 6.30pm. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Come and appreciate performances by our Kapa Haka, Choir, Guitar and Ukulele Groups along with some very talented individuals singing, dancing and playing instruments.

A notice will be sent home with details for students who are performing on the night. We hope to see you all there.

MATHS EVENING FOR PARENTS

A reminder about the Maths evening to be held this evening in the staffroom starting 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

We look forward to seeing you there.

MRS GREGORY RETIRES

The last newsletter informed that Mrs. Gregory was on leave until the end of the term. We can now confirm that Mary has made the decision to retire and will not be returning to school. Mrs. Gregory has been a longstanding member of our school staff, having worked in the office since 1989 and was previously a teacher aide before that date. Mary has made a significant contribution to our school and has always given us total commitment and dedication to her role. We wish her well for her retirement and look forward to the opportunity in the new term to formally farewell her. We will keep you posted with details.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY 2013

On Tuesday the Napier Schools Cross-country was held at Park Island in chilly and damp conditions—just perfect for a cross country event! Greenmeadows School were represented by 36 runners all determined to persevere and give their best in the races. We had some great performance from our runners, especially since the races had up to eighty runners in them. Congratulations to our top twenty place getters who were:

Tom O'Shea	Year 3 and 4 Boys	1st
Kees Mackirdy	Year 3 and 4 Boys	2nd
Adam Barron	Year 6 Boys	2nd
Shae Watts	Year 3 and 4 Boys	5th
Jacob Driver	Year 6 Boys	5th
Jamie Evans	Year 3 and 4 Girls	8th
Coby Price	Year 5 Boys	10th
Courtney Banks	Year 3 and 4 Girls	16th
Ella Nicholson	Year 6 Girls	17th



Pictured are: Tom ringing through news of his first place in the Year 3 and 4 boys race (left) and the Year 6 girls prepare for their event by stretching and smiling ...

Greenmeadows School finished fourth out of all the competing schools—a great effort!!! Sensational stuff!

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL – CROSS COUNTRY 2013

What an amazing day we had last Tuesday at the school cross-country held at Anderson Park. It really is a great event to have with the whole school in attendance and children supporting and encouraging each other. For the younger children experiencing the atmosphere and encouragement of the older students as well as the enormous crowd of parents gave them a memorable experience. Congratulations to Mr. Gibbs and his team of staff and parent helpers for organizing such an outstanding event.

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came to make such a large crowd to support the athletes. There must have been well in excess of two hundred adults watching. A tremendous expression of thanks to our PTA parents who operated the sausage sizzle stand. Wow! What an effort. We also need to acknowledge Hirequip for very generously providing their mobile barbecue again for the PTA to use on the day. Many thanks to all.

All those watching would be so proud of the runners who competed. So much commitment and perseverance was on show. Well done to all the children. Overall result: 1st Moana (485 points) 2nd Ahi (365) 3rd Marama (350) 4th Ngahere (284)

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Year 6 Boys	Jacob Driver	Adam Barron	Jack Lawson
Year 6 Girls	Ella Nicholson	Alexi Sewell	Ellie Watts
Year 5 Boys	Coby price	Jackson Haines	Tom Davies
Year 5 Girls	Tayla Wilkinson	Savana Peach	Lydia Carson
Year 4 Boys	Tom O'Shea	Kees Mackirdy	Shae Watts
Year 4 Girls	Jamie Evans	Claire Meybaum	Courtney Banks
Year 3 Boys	Cohen Batterham	Jonny Penisula	Judge Jury
Year 3 Girls	Rylee Moore	Melissa Kinzett	Dana Hogg
Year 2 Boys	Rylan O'Shea	Jadyn Field	Blake Haines
Year 2 Girls	Kalla hays	X'phia Johnson	Emily Hayes
Year 1 Boys	Rylin Glenny	Dante Delamere	Jett O'Brien
Year 1 Girls	Zoe Ennor	Brylee Pugh	Maddison Leipst
NE Boys	Luca Greville-Jones	Mitchell Simes	Carlos Bell
NE Girls	Jaimee Steed	Teneesha Driver	Xzylia Hita-Duval



TERM 4 SPORTS

It is time to start thinking about sports for next term as summer approaches. HB Cricket are wanting to support our school next term and are looking at turning Greenmeadows School back into one of the major cricketing schools in Napier. Training for cricket next term will be Wednesday after school if that helps with planning ahead.

NUMERACY LADDER BADGES AWARDED

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

Kyran Walls, Brianna Boyce, Luka Jones, Ava Humphrey, Jackson Haines, Jaxon David, Bianka Burke, Sharn Gliddon, Joshua Wright, Janelle Swain, Cameron Steed, Aron Freeman-Pointon, Ava Webber, Makenzie Moore, Riley Burke, Charlotte Hatchard, Brooker Senior, Kyla O'Keefe, Ezekial Ferguson, William Rollings, Liam Tane-Foulds, Rylan O'Shea, Katie Fellows, Dana Hogg, Ethan Sullivan-Christie, William Dine, Belle Tayler, Sophie Freeman-Pointon, Brad Single-Owens, Jonny Peninsula, Dylan Simes, Daryn Whyte, Tabitha Francis-Thickpenny, Macy Penn, Tyler Parkinson, Max Fisher, Ben Ireland, Logan Finimore, ZhiHeng Zhou, Grace Lee, Jett O'Brien and Liam Johns.

Well done Maths Whizzes!!!

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 3 at school assembly:

Respect	Dylan Simes	Room 5
	Rebecca Howey	Room 16
Perseverance	Ashley Bayley	Room 14
	Luka Jones	Room 9
Excellence	Charlotte Brown	Room 7
	Logan Ide	Room 3

These recipients can feel very proud of their awards.

SCHOOL INVOICES

Last Friday invoices went home for outstanding payments. Please take note of all unpaid trips, swimming, sports fees and end of year activities like camps. Payment may be made via the internet to the account as shown on the statement or by cheque or cash at the Office.

TWO FOLD OPPORTUNITY SHOP

We have received a generous donation from the Two Fold Opportunity Shop at St Columba's Presbyterian Church. The shop is happy to receive any items they can sell to assist in their fundraising.

GMS BULK TEXTING

If you didn't get a text this morning about the Parents Maths workshop later you are not receiving our bulk texts. Be in the loop ... and stay current:

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!

KOWHAI TEAM CONCERT

Not to be outdone by the 'A Night At The meadows' concert, the Kowhai classes will be performing dances and music learnt in their current unit. The performance will be on Thursday 26 September starting at 2.00pm in the Hall. All interested parents and caregivers are invited to attend to see more of the wonderful talent at our school. See you there!!!!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

School holiday sporting and other programmes are rolling in. They are posted on the Children's Notice board in the back entrance lobby to the Library and Hall. There are plenty there to look at too ...!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

All Saints Church Taradale 6 October 9.30—3.00pm. Adults and children over 5 years welcome. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. Beading, paint a pot, Christmas table decoration, card making all \$10.00 each; beaded bell \$16.00; framed folded kimono \$18.00 and selection of children's crafts \$5.00. There will be a demonstration of wrapping Christmas gifts. To register phone Joyce 8446 401 or Elaine 8452 530.



Room 1	Leila Burder Cooper Fox	Room 2	Maia Chernyshev X'phia Johnson
Room 3	Braxton Bell Ella-Rose McOnie	Room 4	Tyler Hadabora Makaylah Jack
Room 5	Grace Henriksen Liam Tane-Foulds	Room 6	Ava Humphrey Belle Taylor
Room 7	Ena Huata Max Fisher	Room 8	Bree Martin Micah Talo-Tyler
Room 9	Jake McNatty Temple Hiko	Room 10	Lucas Feagai-Kingi Annabelle Wilson
Room 11	Brylee Pugh Summer Campbell	Room 12	Arnah Paton Tom O'Shea Noah Smith
Room 13	Nil Kevin Becker	Room 14	Wendy Hiko Oliver Stewart
Room 15	Emmanuel Thomas Joshua Parslow	Room 16	Luke Marshall Arnah Paton
Room 17	Rylee Ashton Mandy Sayer		

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 6 AND 7 TERM 3 2013



FRIDAY ASSEMBLY — DIGI-AWARDS 2013

This Friday at assembly the school's entries into the Digi-Awards will be on presented to the whole school. The bell will ring for a start time that will be slightly earlier than normal 12.10pm. All are welcome to view these gems! The Digi-Awards are presented early next term in this event between the local Taradale schools. More details will follow to inform you about this ceremony on Thursday 17 October.

GMS SPORTS SHIRTS

We appear to be missing a number of the school's dark blue with green sleeved shirts. Could all these be returned by the end of next week before the term break, once soccer has finished. Many thanks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

- 19 September Parent Maths Session — 5.30pm start
- 20 September **ASSEMBLY — DIGI AWARDS NOMINATIONS**
- 25 September 'A Night at the Meadows' - concert at TIS 6.30pm
- 26 September PMP Demonstration 9.30am
- 26 September Kowhai Concert 2.00p.m.
- 27 September End of Term 3
- 14 October Start of Term 4
- 19 December End of Term 4

PMP DEMONSTRATION

Next week PMP comes to an end for the 2013 year. A number of parents have been asking about this programme and what it involves. All those interested in seeing the programme in action are invited to come along next Thursday 26 September at 9.30am. It is a wonderful activity for junior children to be involved in—and brings so many benefits. We look forward to seeing you in the Hall.

GMS LIBRARY

This is a first ... during the coming holiday break our school Library will be open on Thursday 10 October from 10.00 until 11.30am. Books will be able to be exchanged and new books issued.

Have a great week. We will have a newsletter next week as well.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

