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CHATTERBOX

NEWSLETTER NO.16



Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Term 4 is now well underway ... and there are plenty of new faces keen and eager to learn at GMS. We have had ten new arrivals since the start of this week at our school:

Max Li, Oscar Li, Finley Glentworth, Rosana Sayer, Olivia Meynell, Dexter Sharplin, Ellie Goodson, and Morgan Van den Munckhof have joined Room 18 (remember that is actually the Hall) with Mr. White-smith. Also we welcome Nicole Tidwell to Room 17 and Daniil Bailey to Room 1 who have enrolled from other schools. A warm welcome to you all and your families.

Mrs Webster has returned from her two terms away in Europe and is immediately back into delivering our Reading Recovery programme — it is neat to have her back.

Mrs Starkey has also completed her study and makes a full time return to Room 16. This timing is fortunate because the teacher working alongside Lyndsey, Mrs Kate Fuller had a serious cycling accident during the holidays. We wish Kate a speedy recovery, and the indications are very good.

SCHOOL SWIMMING RECOMMENCES

Swimming has started again for our classes who have not had lessons this year. Currently Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 are swimming at the Greendale pool. We were thrilled at how many children remembered to bring their togs and towels for the first day of term — and we are sure that the reminder Twitter text sent out on the last day of the holidays helped remind families.

Next classes swimming are Rooms 5, 6, 8 and 11 and they start swimming next Wednesday 23rd October. We will send you all a reminder as well ...!!!

SUMMER IS ON THE WAY—SUN HATS

What a lovely sunny day today ... just in time to remind us of the need for sunhats. Please ensure that your child brings to school a wide brimmed hat for sun protection. We want to see them being worn now — and will be strictly enforcing the 'no hat, play under the sun shade rule after Labour weekend.

TARADALE SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

After starring in the wonderful 'A Night at the Meadows' concert last term, our kapa haka group are getting ready for the Taradale schools festival next week. The festival is held over two nights in the Taradale Intermediate School hall. The evenings are Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October from 7.00 until 8.00pm.

The numbers of children involved from our school has grown dramatically over the last few years — which is fantastic and reflects all the hard work and effort that the teachers have put into preparation. There are still tickets available for next week.

DIGI-AWARDS

This evening in the Hastings Opera House the DigiAwards are being presented. The DigiAwards involve entries from nine schools and are based around a range of ICT uses. The entries reflect an incredible amount of work from our students creating them and teachers helping these ICT experts.

We have a large number of finalists for the awards which start at 6.00pm sharp, so all those attending need to be seated prior to this. All children nominated have assigned seats for them (just like the Oscars ...). Entry is by gold coin donation.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Now that Room 18 are busy learning in the hall — we no longer have space for indoor assemblies ...! We will still have a school assembly each Friday at the slightly earlier time of 11.20am, which is straight after interval. These will be held in outdoor stage area, obviously weather permitting.

Principal Awards, Welcome certificates and values medals will still be presented at the assembly of the whole school. Parents are most welcome.



SUMMER SPORTS

Cricket and Softball (T-ball as well) commence after Labour weekend. Now is the time to start talking with your child about whether they are able to play in some of the school teams.

Softball and T-ball

Children can be playing T-ball from the age of five and this is our most popular sport for junior students. All interested children received a notice today, but some of the younger children can miss the meetings(!). Contact Helen Harvey in Room 9 if your child has not brought home a notice and you want them to play. As we expect to have so many teams it also means that we require a lot of coaches and managers for the squads? Can you help? If so let Helen know on the return slip.

Cricket is also starting up after Labour weekend. There are a couple of options for children:

1. Milo Cricket 'Have a Go' for Year 3 and Year 4 boys and girls begins at Taradale Park on Monday 11 November from 5.00—6.00pm and will run for 6 weeks in Term 4 and 6 weeks in Term 1 2014. All enquiries to Baden Wilton 0224223360 or badenwilton@gmail.com
2. Play for one of the school teams - either Year 3 and 4 teams, that play on Friday afternoons, or Year 5 and 6 who play on Saturday mornings. A notice for the school teams was also sent home today to those interested.

POLICY REVIEW - SUN PROTECTION

This term we are going to review our policy on 'sun protection'. If any parents or caregivers would to be involved in this review follow these steps:

1. Visit the website gms.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
2. Enter the user name ('gms') and the password ('osier')
3. Follow the link to the 'sun protection policy'.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type 'Parent'.
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have internet access, the school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

NUMERACY LADDER BADGES AWARDED

The following students have been successful in earning mathematics badges up to the end of Term 3:

Grace Hall, Luke Hawkins, Brianna Hansen, Ivan Wu, Bailey Greeks, Ethan Sullivan-Christie, Braxton Bell, Brylee Pugh, Jaydn Field, Seth Watts, William Rollings, Chris Whyte, Thomas Anderson, Kaden Heke, Luke Tibbets Joshua Pyott, Lily McDonald, Leila Burder, Isabel Harris, Casey Thompson, Luke Johnston, Rieley Jackson, Aimee Dodd, Tom O'Shea, Ashton Hannah-Morris, Ellie Harding, and Rylee McIntyre.

Well done to everyone.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 8 of Term 3 at school assembly:

Respect	Jamie Evans	Room 12
Perseverance	Cooper Fox	Room 1
Excellence	Emma Blake	Room 8

Well done to you three! The medals will be awarded next at assembly tomorrow.

GIVE IT UP FOR GMS!

Next week your child will receive a notice promoting an exciting fundraiser. Children pledge to give up something for five consecutive days and seek sponsorship for this. We want every class to end up with a new iPad mini and are creating the opportunity where children can help be part of this project. Look for the information coming home in this unique fundraiser in Week 4.

PTA NEWS

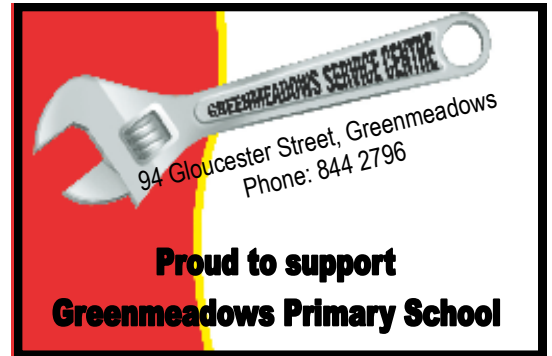


The PTA has several outgoing members this term and is in need of some new parents to join our PTA team. We understand that this first meeting can be a bit daunting however

joining the PTA is a great way to get involved with what's going on within your school organisation. GMS relies on money generated through PTA fundraisers for many of the extras we all want our children to have access to. So if you think you could spare approximately one hour a month then please come along to our next PTA meeting on the 13th November at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 9 TERM 3

Room 1	Logan Sharp	Room 2	Olive Mudgway
Room 3	Logan Finnimore	Room 4	Noah Symon
Room 5	Luke Hawkins	Room 6	Rebekah Beaven
Room 7	Xzylia Hita-Duval	Room 8	Tavian Roberts
Room 9	Cohen Worsnop	Room 10	Shiloh Johansen
Room 11	Nicole He	Room 12	Jackson Haines
Room 13	Max Johns	Room 14	Olivia Rowley
Room 15	Sean Kearney	Room 16	Isabel Harris
Room 17	Theppituk Rattanaworametha		



KELLY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School. Sporty Spring is designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enrol please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or for further info Contact Alex Jones at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

GREENMEADOWS KINDY TURNS 40

Greenmeadows Kindergarten celebrates 40 years. If you have a connection with the kindergarten, we would be delighted if you could join us.

November 9th 1pm — 3.30pm

Entertainment for the children and refreshments available.

RSVP : Ph 8449182, or Facebook

Email, greenmeadowskgtn@napierkindergartens.co.nz

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (JUST SOME OF THEM ...!)

17 Oct Digi Awards Hastings Opera House 6.00pm start

21 Oct Kapa Haka practise TIS

22 Oct Kapa Haka festival Performance 1

Swimming for Rooms 5, 6 8 and 11 starts

25 Oct Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day (no school)

28 Oct Labour Day (school closed)

29 Oct Year 5 camps commence

1 Nov Ukelele festival Hastings Opera House

4 Nov Year 6 Optimist Yachting week

5 Nov Swimming for Rooms 7,9,10 and 18 starts

13 Nov GMS Athletics day for Years 4 to 6

13 Nov GMS Athletics postponement

Mathletics for Year 6 students TIS

18 Nov Year 6 camp

19 Nov Interschool Athletics

21 Nov Interschool Athletics Postponement

17 Dec School Prize-giving and breakup

19 December End of Term 4

FITNESS PROGRAMME

PRIMARY FITNESS @ GMS improves a child's fitness through FUN games and basic athletics skills and drills. 3pm-4pm Wednesday, Term 4. **FREE** trial next Wednesday 23rd. Sessions supervised by Paul Webb an experienced Primary School and Athletics NZ Coach. For more info please visit: www.sportsground.co.nz/trackandfieldfitness.



Left: Room 18 in full flight!!!! Look at all those delightful faces.

Have a great week. Remember those hats!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

