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NEWSLETTER NO.17

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

*Here we are with more than a quarter of the term gone already ...!!! So much is happening during our busiest time of the year. There will be lots of notices and messages coming home over the next few weeks: please keep checking those bags as they come home. We are right into our senior camp season — the Year 5 students have all departed for Omatua in the Rissington district. I visited the camp last night and they were having a fantastic time. Year 4s are heading to Stoney Creek and Year 6s are now less than three weeks off heading to Wellington. Optimist yachting for the Year 6 students next week and athletics coming up — November is a frantic, fun-filled month  
Busy times ...!!!*

## WELCOME TO GMS

We have had two new arrivals since the start of this week, Lukas Miles and Brianna Mahoney have started in Room 18. A warm welcome to you both and your families.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We will have a school assembly this Friday at the slightly earlier time of 11.20am, which is straight after interval. This will be held in the 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.

## SCHOOL CLOTHING

If your child has borrowed clothing from the school office could it please be returned ASAP, as our stock is non-existent now.

## GIVE IT UP FOR GMS!

We hope you are all ready to go for this fund raiser — we start next week on Monday!!!! Some children are prepared to make some very big sacrifices to raise money for their challenge of getting some iPad minis for the school: we are aiming for one per class.

## SUN HATS OUT IN FORCE

Neat to see so many children out in the playground wearing wide brimmed hats. Remember to bring them everyday.

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 1 of Term 4 at school assembly:

Respect	Lia Sefton-Zachan	Room 17
Perseverance	Hayley Gerken	Room 4
Excellence	Lily McDonald	Room 11

Well done to you three!

## NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

Congratulations to these students who earned maths badges over the last week: Maia Driver, Claire Meybaum, Cole Dallimore, Brooke Ells, Tayla David, Leila Weeks and Clayton Terry-Moore for earning their maths badges this term.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

The swimming programme has been very successful so far this term. So many children are remembering to bring their togs and towels and are making the most of the lessons. I got to see Room 11 in action on Tuesday and they were doing so well!!! It was also neat to see some of our wonderful parents coming along to the Greendale pool to see the progress their children are making. Keep it up you great swimmers!

Rooms 5, 6, 8 and 11 swim until Monday 4 November. Our last group of classes start on Tuesday 5 November — Rooms 7, 9, 10 and 18 start that day for their series of lessons.

Room 1	Alex Manning	Room 2	Eva MacKirdy
Room 3	Joshua Pyott	Room 4	Katie Fellowes
Room 5	Emily Hayes	Room 6	Caleb Hunt
Room 7	Tori Gibbs	Room 8	George Fellowes
Room 9	Riley Bright	Room 10	Rylin Glenny
Room 11	Jessica Rice	Room 12	Coby Price
Room 13	Tom Davies	Room 14	Abbey Hutchinson
Room 15	Ben Nicholls	Room 16	James Gerken
Room 17	Aston Hannah-Morris		

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 1 TERM 4



## ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Orders were distributed today Thursday 31st October. Book club orders will need to be returned to your child's teacher by **Friday 8th November**. Please note we are unable to accept late orders, as there are strict deadlines to meet with the Book Club at this time of year.

Please ensure you complete the form correctly as incorrect orders will have to be returned to you, and your family will probably miss the order being placed with the schools bulk order. Cheques need to be made out to "Scholastic Book Club". If paying by cash, please ensure the correct amount is included as we are unable to give change. This is the last Book Club order for 2013.

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

- 29 Oct Year 5 camps commence
- 1 Nov Ukelele festival Hastings Opera House
- 4 Nov Give It Up For GMS starts!!!!
- 4 Nov Year 6 Optimist Yachting week
- 5 Nov Swimming for Rooms 7,9,10 and 18 starts
- 8 Nov Ashton Scholastic book orders due back
- 12 Nov GMS Athletics day for Years 4 to 6
- 13 Nov GMS Athletics postponement
- 13 Nov PTA Meeting 7.30pm in Staff Room
- 13 Nov Athletics for Year 6 students TIS
- 18 Nov Year 6 camp starts
- 19 Nov Interschool Athletics
- 21 Nov Interschool Athletics Postponement
- 26 Nov Class Photographs
- 27 Nov Class Photographs postponement day
- 16 Dec School Reports sent home
- 17 Dec School Prize-giving and breakup
- 19 December End of Term 4 12.00pm finish

## GMS CRICKET TEAMS

Our cricket teams have the following draw for this week as their season starts:

Friday afternoon at GMS 3.15pm until 4.45pm  
Greenmeadows A v Greenmeadows B

Our Saturday morning team have a bye, so no game.

## PTA NEWS

The PTA are still seeking new members to replace several people who will be finishing at the end of this school term. Being a member of the PTA is a great way to stay in touch and keep in the loop with what is happening at school. All our fundraisers require minimal time and effort.

Please come along and/or bring a friend to our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 13 November. Start time is 7.30pm in the school staff room. See you

## ASB FUNDRAISER

The ASB bank will give our school \$500 cash for every home loan drawn down before the end of December 2013 that is linked to our school by staff member, parent or community member.

To find out more contact the local Taradale branch of the ASB or our school office to get a voucher — it is a great way to support GMS!!!

Have a great week. Remember those hats ....!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

