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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER NO.19

### Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

*The last few weeks of the school year are now approaching ... and so many exciting things are due to happen before we end the school year on Thursday 19 December. We are right in the midst of organising classes for next year, finishing off school reports and organising a whole host of events and activities to take us right up the last day of 2013. Yikes – that is only a mere sixteen days of school away ...!!!*

### STAFFING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014

Over the past few weeks we have been busily interviewing and making appointments for the school in preparation for the 2014 school year.

We can confirm the following new members of staff:

- the new Assistant Principal to head the Junior School in 2014 will be Mrs Alison de Lange. Ali has been leader of the junior team at Puketapu School for the past ten years. (Confusingly this now means we will have two APs called Ally/Ali, but we will cope ...!). Ali will take responsibility for one of the New Entrant classes in 2014.
- two new classroom teachers have been appointed as well. The new teachers starting next year are Mr Dan Ball and Mr Darren Holloway. Dan is from Napier and has worked previously at our school teaching football skills, while Darren has returned to New Zealand after a teaching career in England.
- Mrs Paula Kinsey and Mrs Christina Tareha will also be returning in 2014 having been employed in fixed term roles for 2013.

Two of our current staff are travelling overseas next year. Mr Chris Sullivan and Mrs Nicole Johnson are both heading to different parts of Europe for what should be very exciting OE for themselves and their partners. We will farewell them later in the year.

At the time of writing we are still working our way through the process of selecting a new office secretary. This appointment should be made within the next week.

In the next newsletter (due out on Wednesday 11 December) we will set out the class organization for 2014. Our large numbers of students, particularly in the Junior school, mean we will have a slightly different syndicate organization in 2014.

All children will have their assigned class for next year listed on the end of year reports that go home on Monday 16 December.

### GMS DUATHLON—POSTPONED!!!!

*We have just had instruction from the Napier City Council to change the date for our school duathlon to next Thursday 5 December due to water on the park.*

#### NEW DATE—THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

All children have been sent home an entry form and we have received plenty of entries — but it is not too late to enter now we are holding the event a week later. Special thanks to our sponsors Pedal Power in Taradale who have very generously sponsored a 'Black Thunder' bicycle as the major spot prize. We have other spot prizes of scooters and drink bottles on offer. Come for dinner as there will be plenty of food on sale kindly provided by the fantastic GMS PTA.

HELP REQUIRED!! The PTA need some more helpers to help cook and distribute food — if you can please text Saemone on 0276478140.

### GMS BULK TEXTING

With the changed arrangements for the GMS Duathlon it is timely to remind families about our bulk texting service, that most of our families have already accessed.

Simply text 'follow gmsnapier' to 8987 and you will receive the bulk texts from our school office. Please note that this feature does not always work for phones on the '2Degrees' network.

You can also follow our school's Facebook page for other information. Just search for 'Greenmeadows School' or go directly to [www.facebook.com/gmsnapier](http://www.facebook.com/gmsnapier).

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Rossi Gannon, our very obliging school photographer, was able to take more than three hundred individual portraits yesterday which made a very busy day for him. We have decided to take class photos when the weather gets drier and more favourable - so either





Thursday or but probably Friday this week.  
Remember those smiles!!!

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONE

The school has had an enrolment zone in place since early February this year due to the very high numbers of students we have enrolled with us presently.

We want make it clear that if you live inside the school's enrolment zone, your child qualifies for **automatic** enrolment at our school. If you live outside the zone but have children currently attending Greenmeadows School at the time of enrolment, then younger siblings are able to enroll.

At this stage it is not anticipated that there will not be spaces for any other children from new families from outside our zone

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Invoice statements were sent home earlier in the month. It is vital that we get as many of the accounts settled as quickly as possible before the end of the school year.

Please help us by getting these payments paid, in particular those relating to swimming, sporting activities and trips and productions. Payment can be made in cash or cheque at the Office or by internet banking as per the statement details. If you are unsure of what is owed, please ring the office.

## FAREWELL TO MRS GREGORY AND MRS HOLST

On Thursday 12 December we will be having an official farewell for Mrs Mary Gregory and Mrs Kay Holst. This will take place in the early morning to avoid the heat of the day – starting at 9.30am in our outdoor stage area. All parents are welcome to attend.

It seems quite a while since Mary retired in September, so it is important for our school community to get the opportunity to acknowledge all her years of dedicated service and involvement with Greenmeadows School for so many years. Kay started working at here in 1995, so it is also significant we take the opportunity to formally farewell her also. Kay will not be forever lost to Greenmeadows School however, as we will be seeing her working here for a couple of days per week next year.

## GMS UNIFORM DISCOUNT DAY



Postie in Napier (115 Emerson Street) is having a 25% off day for Greenmeadows School uniforms on the 7th and 8th December.

Please note that you have to spend over \$100 on Schooltex products to receive the 25% off. Plenty of families are making the school uniform Christmas presents!

Remember we also want all children in Greenmeadows School wide-brimmed hats, even if they are senior children electing not to wear the full school uniform. These hats are also available for purchase from Postie.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES – CANTEEN

Last day for school lunches for 2013 will be Friday 13th December. It has been a very successful year for our canteen. Many thanks to Kim Batt, our wonderful canteen manager for all her excellent skills in her role.

## MATHLETICS RESULTS

Earlier this month nine of our older Mathematicians were involved with the Taradale schools Year 6 Mathletics competition. Greenmeadows School had a very successful night with two teams finishing in the top three places overall. The team of Ethan Yong, Adam Barron and Ivan Wu finished second, while another team of Maddison Greeks, Seb Kettle and Josh Parslow were third. Our third team of John Harrison, Jacob Driver and Tom Davies also performed credibly. A great result!!!

## GMS ATHLETICS RESULTS

The following were placegetters in our school sports:

### 7 and 8 Year olds:

Girls—1st Kalla Hays, 2nd Peyton Hays, 3rd equal Ella-Rose McOnie and Rylee Moore

Boys—1st equal Charlie Stewart and Cohen Batterham, 3rd equal Jonny Peninsula and Kees McKirdy

### 9 year olds

Girls—1st Kyra Dearnis, 2nd equal Emma Downey and Kiarah Mihingaorangi-Turua

Boys—1st Jacob Fraser, 2nd Cameron Steed, 3rd Andrew Brown

### 10 Year olds:

Girls—1st Rylee McIntrye, 2nd Savanah Peach, 3rd Karmi van der Merwe

Boys—1st Coby Price, 2nd Jordan Peninsula, 3rd Jackson Haines

### 11 Year olds:

Girls—1st Ella Nicholson and Kamoe Fabish 3rd Holly Kinzett

Boys—1st Adam Barron, 2nd equal Lochlan Collins and Jacob Driver



Room 1	Daniil Bailey Jessie Tayler	Room 2	Emma Bidlake Sara Petuha
Room 3	Tayla Tierney Unique Tonihi	Room 4	Lydia Wilkins Rylee Moore
Room 5	Mila Wishnowsky William Dine	Room 6	Elai Harrison William Rollings
Room 7	Jasper Peet Kaeden Duncan	Room 8	Kaden Johns Tavian Roberts
Room 9	Isabella Knibb Maia Moore	Room 10	Annabelle Wilson Joanne Li
Room 11	Summer Campbell Zoe Ennor	Room 12	Shae Watts Morgan Vicent
Room 13	Michaella Upston	Room 14	Jasmine Hawthorne-Grey Mia Barretto
Room 15	Phoebe Heays	Room 16	Dare'im Johnson James Gerken
Room 17	Nicole Tidwell Devlin Petuha		

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 5 AND 6 TERM 4



### GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 5 & 6 of Term 4 at school assembly:

<b>Respect</b>	Ella Nicholson	Room 13
	Grace Hall	Room 2
<b>Perseverance</b>	Tori Gibbs	Room 7
	Brooklyn Mullins	Room 18
<b>Excellence</b>	Emily Hayes	Room 5
	Charlie Mudgway	Room 16

Nicely done to you all — very deserved winners of the medals.

### GMS MATHS BADGES

Congratulations to these students who earned maths badges over the past two weeks:

Ivy Wu, Matthew Harrison, Casey Pritchard, Emily Carson, Unique Tonihi, Lucy Cairns, Maddie Day, Makaylah Jack, Sophie McLean, Devyn Summersby, Alex Manning, Devlin Petuha, Jady Field, Alex Barra, Joshua Ratcliffe, Rebecca Beaven, Keeley Tibbitts, Stella Watts, Micah Talo-Tyler, Sophie Hirt, Mikaela McSkimming, Shyla Heke, Bree Martin, Mason Rangiawha and Ena Huata.

Well done to you all — keep up the great work.

### THIS WEEK'S CRICKET DRAW

Friday afternoon:  
GMS A (Mrs Cowie's team) v St Pats Lions Nelson Park 8

GMS B (Mr Whitesmith) v Taradale 2 Nelson Park 6

Saturday morning:  
GMS v Porritt at Greenmeadows School

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 4 Dec PTA meeting at Duke of Gloucester 7.30pm
- 5 Dec Henry Hill sports visit
- 5 Dec NE Transition meeting 5.00pm
- 5 Dec School Duathlon
- 6 Dec BoT Strategic Planning Day
- 10 Dec Interschool Triathlon
- 11 Dec PALs trip
- 12 Dec Farewell for Mrs Gregory and Mrs Holst
- 12 Dec Year 6 Social
- 13 Dec Last day for lunches
- 16 Dec Thank you morning tea
- 16 Dec School Reports sent home
- 17 Dec School Prize-giving and breakup 6.30pm start
- 19 December End of Term 4 12.00pm finish

3 February 2014 Term 1 commences

Have a great end to November!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

