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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO.20

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

STAFFING AND CLASSES FOR 2014

At this stage of planning we can confirm these class arrangements and school structure for next year.

Principal — Mr. Mark Johnson
Deputy Principal — Mr. Steve Bloor
Assistant Principal— Ms. Allyson Ross
Assistant Principal (Junior school) - Mrs. Ali de Lange

Kowhai ('Junior') team

Room 1 Mrs. Ali de Lange (Year 1)
Room 2 Miss Jane McCosh (Year 2)
Room 4 Mrs. Monique Cowie (Year 2)
Room 5 Mrs. Paula Kinsey (Year 2)
Room 6 Mrs. Helen Harvey (NE/Year 1)
Room 7 Mrs. Wendy Currie (NE/Year 1)
Room 11 Mrs. Sue Martin (Year 1 and 2)

Pohutukawa ('Middle') team

Room 8 Mrs. Pixie Bryan (Year 4)
Room 9 Mr. Dan Ball (Year 3)
Room 10 Mrs. Shona Millner (Year 3/4)
Room 12 Mrs. Ceirwyn Ware (Year 3/4)
Room 13 Mrs. Lyndsey Starkey (Year 3/4)

Totara ('Senior') team

Room 14 Mrs. Jonette Dale (Year 5/6)
Room 15 Mrs. Linda Dallimore (Year 6) Team Leader
Room 16 Mr. Marty Gibbs (Year 5/6)
Room 17 Mr. Darren Holloway (Year 5)

Mrs. Christina Tareha will also be teaching alongside Mrs. de Lange in Room 1. Mrs. Catherine Webster will continue to deliver the Reading Recovery programme for next year.

There have been changes in our office staff as well. Mrs. Carolyn Thorburn has been appointed to replace Mrs. Gregory. Carolyn has been working in a similar role at St Mary's School in Hastings and she will start in the new school year.

In another announcement we can also inform the

community that Ms. Micky Garrett has also decided to retire and although she will commence working in Term 1. When Micky finishes at school, her replacement will be Mrs. Sara Anderson, who has been working in our office since August. We will have a farewell for Micky next year to recognize her twenty-five years of very dedicated service to our school.

FAREWELL TO MRS GREGORY AND MRS HOLST

Tomorrow (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. This promises to be a memorable event, with the children preparing a wonderful range of items. An extended morning tea of 30 minutes will follow this assembly.



GMS END OF YEAR BREAKUP & PRIZE-GIVING



The school breakup and prize-giving will be held next Tuesday 17 December in the 'Heart of the School' outdoor stage. The start time is 6.30pm and the ceremony expected to last for about an hour. All parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend. All children are expected to attend and need to be lined up in class groups on the school field by 6.20pm. If the weather is wet on Tuesday, the prize-giving will be postponed to Wednesday 19 December starting 6.30pm. If there is to be a postponement, this will be communicated by a text sent out once the decision is made, and a message on our school Facebook page.

Remember to follow our text feeds by simply texting 'follow gmsnapier' to '8987'.



ALL GIRLS CLASS 2013

In case you were not aware, we have actually had an all girls class in the Year 2 group this year to cope with greater number of female students of this age.

Over the past fortnight we have surveyed the parents of the all girls Year 2 class. We have received a lot of very positive comments about the year we had an all girls year 2 class. We have decided to revert to mixed gender classes for the Year 3 students in 2014, as there will be composite classes to blend the extra girls in. As this has gone successfully, we can relook at creating a similar group in a year or two.

Parents will be notified who the class teacher is for each child on the end of year reports that will be sent home next Monday.

GMS DUATHLON



We didn't let the rain deter us and we had a great evening at Anderson Park last Thursday. It was fantastic to see the support we got from our community and have so many children and their

families turn up to support it. Congratulations to Dillon Hepburn who won the major spot prize of the 'Black Thunder' bike, as well as all the other winners.

Many thanks again to Mrs. Sue Martin for all her efforts in organization. Also our appreciation to the PTA who did a sensational job feeding all the athletes and their families. Simply delicious everyone—what a great effort.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

The end of year reports will be sent home on Monday 16 December. These are comprehensive summaries of your child's progress and achievements this year. I am nearing the end of reading through each of the 441 reports and there are a lot of wonderful comments to be found in these special documents. The children can be very proud of their achievements this year.

Please take time to read over the content that the teachers have prepared specifically about your child. A significant amount of thought and effort goes into these reports, which show progress over time as well as providing accurate summaries of where each child is currently in their learning. The reports include graphs that are designed to give an indication of where your child sits in relation to different aspects of reading, writing and mathematics. There is also an indication of how your child has been measured against national standards. Along with your child's own comments, we

hope the whole report builds a clear summary of the year for each learner.

MOVING DAY

As you can see by our class changes for next year a lot of teachers are moving class rooms and we need your help.

To put it another way ... only three class teachers are remaining where they are for the start of 2014!

Moving day is set to be on Monday 16th December.

If anyone could volunteer their time to help out this would be greatly appreciated. We will send out a text in the morning to confirm the time and whether we are going to proceed on Monday.



SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We are still owed amounts by some families on school account. Please settle these accounts before the end of the year.

GMS OSCAR

In another change to the GMS scene the OSCAR supervisor, Wendy McDonald, is due to retire at the end of this year from her leadership role. Wendy has been a wonderful coordinator of the OSCAR programme and will be sorely missed. We wish her well and hope she will not miss the sound of happy, contented children too greatly!

2014 STATIONERY ORDERS

During the morning of the last day of school, each child will get to spend some time in their new classroom and meet their teacher for 2014. When this visit takes place the children will receive a list of the stationery needed to start Term 1 2014. Stocks of the books and supplies can be purchased from the Taradale Paper Plus store as preorganised packs. As with last year, just go into the shop and tell the year group or room your child is in—that is all there is to it!

LOST PROPERTY

Same old thing folks ... there are plenty of abandoned clothing here at school. We do our best to get it back to the owner, but we don't have a lot of space to store items of clothing that get left here over the holidays. Please look through our rather large pile — before it is too late!

BOOK AMNESTY

Library books, school readers, School Journals ... we know there are plenty of them at home: under the bed, in the school bag, in the wardrobe! We want them back PLEASE!!!! Can you help get them back to where they belong, so we don't have to waste money buying more books to replace ones we know that are still around?



Room 1	Cohen Batterham	Room 2	Bella Crawshaw
Room 3		Room 4	Dana Hogg
Room 5	Blake Haines	Room 6	Rebekah Beaven
Room 7	Tyler Grant	Room 8	Micah Talo-Tyler
Room 9	Hannah Thompson	Room 10	Sophie Lydon
Room 11	Maddison Stoodley	Room 12	Kees MacKirdy Holly Ireland
Room 13	Maddi Harris Savana Peach	Room 14	Ben Ireland Kayley MacKirdy
Room 15	Rylee McIntyre	Room 16	Ethan Gilmour Luna Davoli
Room 17	Aleah Goody		

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 7 TERM 4 2013



GMS MATHS BADGES

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

Jayden Field, Alex Barra, Joshua Ratcliffe, Rebekah Beaven, Maddie Day, Jessie Tayler, Cooper Fox, Aleah Goody, Morgan Vincent, Noah Edwards-Wilkinson, Will Steadman, Hunter Harris, Maia Chernyshev, Lana Simes, Sarah Wedd, Clara Newman, Sean Moylan, Cohen Batterham, Olive Mudgway, Frankie Morrison, Kerry Olsen, Abbey Pascoe, Sara Petuha, Kalla Hays, Bella Crawshaw, Jesse Beals, Ricky Yau, Cadence Lene, Alexi Sewell, Ben Nicholls, Kevin Becker, Max Johns, Janelle Murphy, Sophia Gross, Arnah Paton, Luna Davoli, Jorja McIntyre, Noah Smith, Melissa Kinzett, Seth Watts, Tyla Joros, Jazzy McKenzie, Tyson David, Giana Weeks, Anthony Hatchard, Temple Hiko, Finn Exeter, Shamrock Huata, Jaimee Steed, Jakale Anderson, Riley Burke, Chris Whyte, Maia Bosman, Alexi Sewell, Bailey Greeks, Mila Wishnowsky, Joshua Parslow, Holly Kinzett, Zoe Ennor, and Blaze Huata.

What a list! The Maths badge system has really brought rewards — the children have shown a considerable increase in the knowledge of numbers this year. Thanks to all the parent (and grandparent) helpers who come to school to support, tutor and test the children and do such a valuable job. We really appreciate your support.

SCHOOL LUNCHES — CANTEEN

Last day for school lunches for 2013 will be Friday 13th December.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We are still waiting for these to be processed, but we can guarantee that they will be ready before the end of the school year.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 7 of Term 4 in their classrooms as it rained just before we were going to have school assembly:

Respect	Joshua Pyott	Room 3
Perseverance	Ellie Goodson	Room 18
Excellence	Ivy Wu	Room 12

These children are the last recipients of the medals for 2013. It was a wonderful feeling to have their classmates celebrate in their achievements.

THIS WEEK'S CRICKET DRAW

Year 3 and 4 Cricket has finished for the year.

Saturday morning cricket — our final game is to played on Friday afternoon at Greenmeadows School. This is the final match of the year and its against Reignier School. The game starts at 3.20pm.

PUKETAPU SCHOOL BAND ON TOUR

Each year the rock band from Puketapu School play a concert for our school. This year they perform on Friday 13 December in our outdoor stage.



THE SUMMER BEACH READ

The summer reading programme is held at Taradale and Napier Libraries starting from the 9th of December through till the 17th January. For children aged 4 to 11 years. Its free and great fun. Rewards, entertainers, activities. Enrolments start on the 7th December.

AUST VS. NZ SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Keep that summer reading up with the summer reading challenge — Australia vs. New Zealand.

Scholastic are offering a reading challenge where you can win weekly prizes by entering your reading.

www.scholastic.co.nz/schools/bookclub

Click on the link 'summer reading challenge'. Click 'register here' and register your name and our school. Then log in and enter your reading minutes, you will automatically be entered into the weekly prize draw.

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering it's multisport programme on Tuesday after school in Term 1 at GMS. This is designed for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. To enroll please visit

www.kellysports.co.nz. Also they have a summer holiday programme from the 20th-31st January 2014, offering a great mixture of sporting and craft activities. Please visit the above website for more information.

TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

All ages, all abilities catered for, Great coaches.

Venue - Greendale Tennis Club

Four Sessions Monday 23rd Dec (9-12 & 12.30—3.30)

Tuesday 24th Dec (9-12 & 12.30—3.30)

Phone Ian 8443732 Evening for more info.

OTHER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

There are a lot of children's holiday activities information available for parents to view. It is on the children's notice board which is found in the back entrance to the library and hall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 Dec PALs trip

12 Dec Farewell for Mrs Gregory and Mrs Holst 9.30am

12 Dec Year 6 Social

13 Dec Last day for lunches

16 Dec Thank you morning tea for parent helpers

16 Dec School Reports sent home

17 Dec School Prize-giving and breakup 6.30pm start

18 Dec Mr. J's School Leaders Lunch

18 Dec Postponement for School Prize-giving & breakup

19 Dec End of Term 4 **12.00pm** finish

3 February 2014 Term 1 commences

Another wonderful year is about to end. It has been an amazing last forty weeks of school with our fantastic 441 children, such talented and hardworking teachers and a very supportive community.

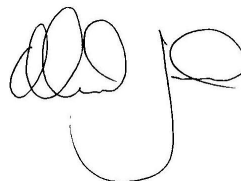
What a lot of combined might we have at GMS!

Thanks so much to all who have contributed to make GMS such a neat place and successful school in 2013.

To all our school leavers and their families and whanau — haere ra. I especially want to acknowledge those who are ending their formal ties with Greenmeadows School. I wish you well for the exciting challenges and learning that lies ahead for you all —I am sure your time at Greenmeadows School will have prepared you well.

I wish all a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday over the next few weeks.

Ka kite ano,



*Mark Johnson
Principal*

