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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We want to extend a very warm welcome to the six new arrivals at *GMS* in the last two weeks:

Dylan Mabry	Brooklyn Huata
Lochlan Shaw	Max Weekley
Amber Trevathan	Kalan Wedd.

You have all made a wonderful start to your school years at *GMS*. Keep it up! Great to have you all with us.

### STAFFING FOR TERM 2

We are pleased to be able to confirm changes in some staffing arrangements we have for teachers in Term 2.

We will be due to open Room 3 as a New Entrant class at the start of next term. Rooms 6 and 7 are getting close to the maximum numbers we try to limit our junior classes to. We have appointed Mrs Megan Smith as the teacher to take the Room 3 class through until the end of the 2014 year. Megan has taught for several years in the Whanganui area, as well as recently returning from teaching in an international school in Saudi Arabia.

To replace Mrs Starkey in Room 13 we have appointed Miss Toni Miles to join the Pohutukawa team from the start of Term 2 until the end of the 2014 school year. Toni is a familiar face at our school — she has been providing cover in Room 7 since the start of the year and has done a wonderful job getting this class established.

With Mr Bloor also departing at the end of this term, we have decided to release a teacher from their classroom for Term 2 to undertake a lot of the responsibilities Mr Bloor has had. The teacher in this role will be Mr Marty Gibbs. Mrs Aleece Jones will take on the teaching responsibilities for Room 16 for the second term.

Welcome to all new members of the *GMS* team. All are highly recommended, experienced teachers and are looking forward to meeting their new students at the start of the new term.

Finally ... and not a change in our staff for Term 2, it is neat to welcome back Mrs Wendy Currie to Room 7. Wendy has been recovering from surgery she had back in January, and she has started with us again this week.

### GMS PTA FOOD FAIR



What an amazing evening we had on the 21st March! It is during an evening like this that makes us all appreciate the wonderful support our school gets. This year's Food Fair was the most successful one yet.

Thanks to:

- our fantastic PTA led by Aaron Boyce
- the wonderful *GMS* staff who were manning the stalls and entry gates after a full day at work
- the many parents who came along to help on the night
- all the students and former *GMS* students who supported us and enjoyed all the activities
- everyone who spent money on the food, drink and games: we raised heaps!!

We also want to acknowledge:

- Unison: for the use of their generator and marquee
- ANZ Bank staff who came along for a second year to cook sausages
- ASB for their marquee
- 'Waggs' our superb MC
- Sasha Layton for her wonderful singing and entertainment.

Keep an eye out for the new additions to the library as a result of the profits from the Food Fair — all our students will benefit from this. Many thanks again!



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The formal introduction of the GMS school uniform is now little more than a month away. From the start of Term 2, all students in Years 1 to 4 are asked to come to school in the school uniform. Most children of these year groups have been doing so for much of Term 1.

Some reminders to be aware of:

- footwear is to be black and suitable for school i.e. no boots for girls please
- school hats are not compulsory in Terms 2 and 3
- no jewellery apart from single sleepers or studs
- Please make sure all items of clothing are NAMED!

The Warehouse is the place to purchase all uniforms from — our advice: get in quick!!!

## HB SCHOOLS DUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Friday twenty-six athletes from GMS will be competing in the Hawkes Bay Primary Schools Duathlon. The event will be held at Frimley Park in Hastings. It is great to see so many children involved in this sport — what is even more impressive is that all the entries from our school are individuals who are attempting the whole race by themselves. This is fantastic dedication from children ranging from Years 3 to 6. Many thanks to Mrs Martin and Mrs Dale for promoting this sport and organizing for this Friday.

Last Sunday was the third in a series of triathlons. Based at Ocean Spa these events are a great introduction for children into the sport of triathlon. Below is a photo of the Greenmeadows School children who participated in Sunday's event.



## ABSENCE TEXTS

A reminder of the mobile number for texting absences :  
**027 9264 452**

## GMS BULK TEXTING

New to GMS? Did you know you can get texts with information about school events directly to your mobile?

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).

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with medals at last week's school assembly:-

<b>Respect:</b>	<b>William Dine</b>	<b>Room 9</b>
<b>Perseverance:</b>	<b>Charlotte Field</b>	<b>Room 11</b>
<b>Excellence:</b>	<b>Hunter Piercy</b>	<b>Room 14</b>

Well done everyone — keep up the great work.

## FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR MR BLOOR AND MRS STARKEY

We always end our school terms with an assembly, and this term will not be any different. As our first term comes to an end (in a mere fifteen days time ...) we will also farewell two members of staff at the end of term assembly.

This will start with the bell ringing at 2.20pm and we will meet in the Hall. All parents are welcome to attend. Please note there will not be an assembly at 12.20pm that day.

## OH NO!

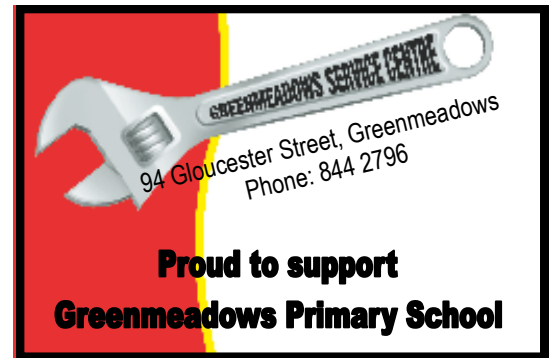
A message from Mrs Sue Martin:

*'My little red sports car has been hit and scraped twice in the last three weeks while parked outside the school on Osier Road. I believe it may have been done by someone doing a 'U-turn'. Obviously I'm very disappointed that this has happened ... but more disappointed that nobody has reported it.'*

If anyone knows anything please let us know.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 8 TERM 1

Room 1	Jaimee Stead	Room 2	Joanne Li
Room 3	<i>Opening in Term 2</i>	Room 4	Grace Lee
Room 5	Zoe Ennor	Room 6	Karn Johansen
Room 7	Brooklyn Mullins	Room 8	Ryan Catley
Room 9	Tayla David	Room 10	
Room 11	Nick Catley	Room 12	
Room 13		Room 14	Morgan Vincent
Room 15	Morgan Wilkins	Room 16	Sophia Gross
Room 17	Xavier Kirby		



### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We have sent out our first set of invoices by email—check your inboxes to see whether these have made it through.

Just a few things to remember when you are making your payment—please make sure your child's first and surname is correct and you state what the payment is for e.g. Donation, swimming, basketball.

Once again thank you for using internet payments it is our preferred method of payment.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons started on Wednesday 2nd April for Rooms 5,9 and 13. Please make sure these children are ready to bring their togs everyday for their seven lessons.

### GMS PTA

There will be a meeting this evening (Wednesday 2 April) in the staffroom starting 7.30pm. We will have a debrief of the Food Fair as well as commence planning for the Easter Raffle. All newly 'motivated' members are welcome to come along—surely you loved being part of the Food Fair

### EMERGENCY DRILLS

We have set aside times this week to train for emergencies. The earthquake on Monday afternoon helped set the tone ...

Fire drill today

'Earthquake drill tomorrow

Lock down drill on Friday.

The children are responding well to these drills in the event that one day we have to encounter an emergency.

### KOWHAI SHARING TIME

Kowhai Syndicate (Rooms 1,2,4,5,6,7 and 11) meet each week for a sharing assembly. During this time we enjoy watching items from different classes, learning new songs and celebrating student success. Parents are more than welcome to attend. You will find us in the hall each Thursday at 2.20pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

### FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

**TAEKWON-DO for beginners** (ITF) is being held at Greenmeadows School Hall, Napier, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holidays, **28 April - 2 May**. This package of 5 x 1 hour lessons introduces participants to a disciplined art for ages 3 to 6 years (kubz & mini kids), and 7-14 years. To pre-register go to [www.rtrtkd.co.nz/news.html](http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/news.html) For more information email [rtrtkd@gmail.com](mailto:rtrtkd@gmail.com) or phone 0210323289

### BASKETBALL CAMP

Basketball Hawkes Bay Holiday Programme  
Pettigrew-Green Arena 28th April to 2 May  
Fun Games, Awards, Free T-Shirts Competitions and Great Coaches. This camp is open to players of all abilities aged between 5 and 18 years  
For more information and to download registration form visit our website — [www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz](http://www.basketballhawkesbay.co.nz)



## LETTERS FROM ROOM 17

*Room 17 have been learning how to write 'persuasive letters'. Here are three examples from their efforts designed to convince people not to support the sale of eggs from battery hens. How convincing are the arguments of these Year 5 students?*

Tuesday 18 March

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today because I hope you will stop selling battery eggs.

I believe that the reasons that you should stop selling these eggs is because if nobody buys them, then people won't lock chickens in very small cages. Besides if you only sell free range you will get more money!

Imagine if you were locked in a cage? So stop selling battery eggs and start selling more free range. I highly recommend that you stop selling battery eggs so hopefully they stop putting chickens in cages.

I really hope that you will read my letter and make a change.

Yours faithfully,  
Brianna Hansen

18 March 2014

Dear Mr Key

I am writing to you today because I want you to make battery hens cages bigger.

I want you to make the cages way bigger so they're not crammed. Not a little bit bigger also it is cruel and miserable for them.

Don't leave the cages like that because some can die, they can't fly, stretch, breath, or run around and all they do is eat pellets.

So please make them bigger.

Yours faithfully,  
Peyton Hays

Tuesday 18 March,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today because I'd like you to stop stocking caged eggs.

To begin with you're selling caged eggs for a very cheap price, but the chickens that laid them are crammed in cages

for their whole life.

Another reason that you should stop stocking caged eggs, is it's unpleasant if you're at someone's house and eating eggs you don't know if the eggs were laid by happy chickens or sad chickens. So please only sell free range.

It is certain that chickens are made to be free chickens not to be working chickens. So I think that you just want money instead of happy chickens.

Finally please make one of your best and thoughtful decisions yet and stop selling caged eggs.

Yours Sincerely  
Anna Durrant

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

2 April	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
4 April	Duathlon at Frimley Park Hastings
17 April	End of Term 1
5 May	Term 2 Starts

*Have a great week  
Ka kite ano,*

*Mark Johnson*

*Principal*

