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NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

An unexpected newsletter out of normal fortnightly cycle as we have plenty happening at the moment.

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to these new enrolments at our school:

Kody Bulled-Henry Nathan Bulled-Henry,
Zach Dalanon Zharina Dalanon

Dylan Steyn

They are all making a wonderful start to their time at our school and settling into learning fantastically. These student enrolments bring our roll to 442.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week is the final one at Greenmeadows School for Mr Dan Ball. In the short time Dan has been with us he has made a great contribution and had a positive influence on so many children with his constant encouragement. We will all miss his positive outlook and we wish him all the very best for his new class at Tamatea Intermediate. We will farewell Dan at assembly this Friday 11.30am.

Replacing Dan in Room 9 we have Mrs Sarah Groenveld. Sarah has previously taught at Tamatea Primary School, and she is really looking forward to starting with us next week.

As our New Entrant classes have grown in size lately we have Mrs Carole Pettersson starting with us. Initially she will support the programmes in Rooms 1 and 2, before establishing a class in the Hall. Carole has previously taught in Canterbury as well as in England and Qatar (her most recent teaching assignment). Carole also starts on Monday 18 May.

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Clear your diary for Thursday 11 June from 6.00pm. We will be having a matariki celebration at school that evening. All students and their families and whanau are most welcome to be involved here at school. More details will follow next week.

PRIDE IN OUR GMS SCHOOL UNIFORM

As winter approaches we are seeing a few variations in the school uniform appearing. Please remember to take pride in our school uniform and wear it correctly.

Shoes must be **ALL BLACK** (please: no different colours on the shoes).

Shoes must be either lace up or Velcro.

NO BOOTS are to be worn.

Navy socks or winter tights can be worn.

Black or Navy thermals can be worn under the polo shirt. Navy drill pants **NO** track pants.

All tops e.g. sweatshirts, polar fleece and polo's **MUST** have the school logo on it. No substitutes please.

Finally — hats being worn to school need to be wide brimmed school hats, or caps for Year 6 students. There seem to be a wide variety of head wear arriving at the moment.

FEED THE BUS CAMPAIGN

Less than one week to go until the food bus arrives. Please keep the non-perishable food items coming in. All food can be left at the school office. When we were last involved in this, Greenmeadows School donated an enormous amount of food and the pile is growing.

SUPPORTING NEPAL

Two years ago our school sent gifts and beanies to schools in Nepal — schools that have been decimated by the recent earthquake. To help the recovery efforts we are going to do the following:

1. A Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 19 May (the same day as the swimming heats for Years 4 to 6).
2. A Muftiday on Friday 29 May. Wear mufti and bring a gold coin to go towards the relief fund
3. Shoe box gifts—those families who want to be involved can fill a shoe box of gifts for a child in Nepal. The school will organize the shoe boxes to fill with non-perishable presents and treats e.g. toys, pens. More details will follow about this soon.

Room 1	Ryan Hansen	Room 2	Olivia Sinden
Room 3	Riley Teikamata	Room 4	Ellie Haines
Room 5	Finley Glentworth Arama Stephens	Room 6	Oscar Li
Room 7	Mitchell Simes	Room 8	Sara Petuha
Room 9		Room 10	Calais Bell
Room 11	Zahra Jury	Room 12	William Dine
Room 13	Andre Adlington	Room 14	Swimming
Room 15	Jakob Morris	Room 16	Peyton Hays
Room 17	Amelia Murphy		

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 3 TERM 2



GIVE IT UP FOR GMS 2014

We have finally allocated all the funding we received for the Give It Up for GMS form last year. You will have seen the four sports bins filled with different coloured balls and frisbees that the children love playing with during break times. Our sandpit now has a whole new range of toys to use and play with, and this week we have our outdoor construction sets.

This giant building set is going to bring hours of fun!



Thanks GMS PTA and everyone who supported this fundraiser that gives the GMS kids so many extra things to make sure they LOVE school!

SPORTS DRAWS FOR HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Hockey Saturday 16th May 2015

Greenmeadows Smashers v Porritt @
10am, Park Island HBD1.

Netball Thursday 14th May 2015

Year 5 GMS Mystics

Mystics v Porritt Red, Court 9 @ 3.30pm

Year 5/6 GMS Magic

GMS Magic v Nelson Park Tuis Court 1@ 4.25pm

Year 6 GMS Fever

Fever v Bledisloe Pulse Court 11 @ 3.30pm

GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

Respect: Summer Campbell
Georgina Hunuhunu

Perseverance: Brooke Hansen
Cohen Worsnop

Excellence: Amy Cairns
Chloe Fletcher

Well deserved everyone — congratulations on receiving these highly prized awards.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 19 May *Swimming Sports for Years 4 to 6 (Greendale Pools)*
- 19 May *Food Bus collecting food from GMS*
- 19 May *Sausage Sizzle for Nepal*
- 19 May *GMS Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm*
- 21 May *Swimming Finals Years 4 to 6 (Greendale Pools)*
- 29 May *Nepal fundraiser Muftiday (Gold coin donation)*
- 1 June *Queens Birthday Weekend (NO school)*
- 11 June *GMS Matariki celebration 6.00pm*
- 29 June *Student-led Conferences*
- 3 July *End of Term 2*

Look on our school website for additional dates and events: there are plenty!!!!

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

