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NEWSLETTER 18

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Welcome back to everyone after the two week break. The final term is here — the busiest ten weeks of the school year for any primary school!

This week we have enrolled a number of new students here at GMS. A special welcome to the following new students and their families:

Ashley Thornicroft, Kiana Bowman, Sophia Tran and

Eddie and Samantha Lorrigan.

Natasha Sibley-Ireland also returns to our school. It is great to have you all here with us. These student enrolments bring our roll to 461.

SUN HATS!!

It is neat to see so many children remembering to bring their hats to school for protection against the sun. Encourage your child to pack their wide-brimmed school hat each day so they can enjoy the wide open spaces of our school!

DIGI AWARDS—NAPIER MUNICIPAL THEATRE

Congratulations to the children from our school who were selected as this year's finalists in the competition. The children received a notice yesterday telling them the arrangements for the ceremony tomorrow evening. All the best!

GMS SCHOOL SURVEY

Next week we will be sending out a school survey to get parent and whanau feedback on our school. We always get a high response rate for these surveys which are very helpful in making decisions moving ahead for the school.

SUMMER SPORTS

1. Cricket—all children in Years 3 to 6 interested in playing cricket received a notice outlining details of the season. All return slips need to be returned by Tuesday 20 October.
2. Tball/Minipitch— We urgently need volunteers to coach a Year 5/6 mini pitch team and a Year 3/4 t-ball team. If you are able to help please see Mrs Harvey in Room 3 as soon as possible.

GMS PTA

The next PTA meeting for our PTA is this evening Wednesday 14 October in the school staffroom. Start time is 7.30pm. Anyone wanting to come along is most welcome.

GMS OSCAR

The Greenmeadows OSCAR AGM will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 17 November in the OSCAR building.

KOWHAI SYNDICATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Kowhai Syndicate start their swimming lessons at Greendale Swimming Club on Thursday 15th October. The children will be transported to and from the pools by bus.

Rooms 4,5,6 & 7 start on Thursday 15th October and go through to Friday 30th October, 10 lessons in total.

Rooms 18,1,2 & 3 start on Monday 2nd November and swim every day until Friday 13th November.

Please remember your child's swimming togs and towel each day.

Please ensure that your child's swimming fee is paid for before they commence lessons.

TARADALE SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

The combined schools Kapa haka festival is being held next Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st in the Taradale Intermediate school hall from 7-8pm. Tickets are limited, \$2.00 per ticket, they are available at our school office.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PARENT MEETING

We are holding a Transition to School parent meeting on Wednesday 21st October in the school staffroom at 6.00pm for parents who have a new entrant starting in the next 6 months.

We will share information on:

- what happens in a typical day for our five year olds
- what happens within the classroom and playground
- what are the first steps in their learning
- how you can help at home.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

There will be a musical performance by the Kapa Haka, guitar group, Ukettes, choir and Jump Jam groups for all parents, caregivers and family members. This will take place this Friday 16th October, 1.30-2.30pm in the St Mary's Parish Hall, across the road from school.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Schools camps are only seven weeks away for our senior students. All camp fees need to be paid prior to departure. If you haven't already started making payments to your child's account—now's a great time to start! Kids are extremely excited as the time draws closer!

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is offering its Term Four Multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School (20th Oct - 8th Dec / 8 weeks). Our After School Sports Programs are designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can learn the fundamentals of a range of sports. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session.

To enroll please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or for further info contact Rachel Weeks at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15th Oct	Digi-Award finals — Municipal Theatre
15th Oct	Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7 Start swimming lessons at Greendale Pools (last day 30th Oct)
19th Oct	Year 6 Optimist yachting starts
23rd Oct	Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day (School closed)
26th Oct	Labour Day — School closed
2nd Nov	Rooms 1, 2, 3, 18 Start swimming lessons at Greendale pools (last day 13th Nov)
3rd Nov	School Photographs
5th Nov	School Athletics Day
18th Nov	Interschool Athletics Day
30th Nov	Year 5 and 6 camp week
15th Dec	School breakup and prize-giving
17th Dec	Last day for 2015
1 Feb	First day of 2016

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

*Mauri ora whanau
Nga mihi nui*



*Mark Johnson
Principal*

