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## NEWSLETTER 20

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

*The halfway point of Term 4 is getting closer (it is tomorrow actually ...!). Lots of news in here, so enjoy your read.*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Our school has had two new enrolments over the last fortnight. A special GMS welcome to New Entrant children William Hogg and Ysabel Mackrill. William and Ysabel have settled in beautifully! We wish them well for the time ahead of them at our school. The roll currently stands at 472.

### GMS COMMUNITY SURVEY

It is fantastic to have so many surveys returned to date — we have already 130 survey forms to review. Many thanks to those who have taken the time to respond. Keep them coming! The first winner of a \$50 Greenmeadows New World voucher is Erin-Louise Kyle-Foulds.

One of the issues a number of people have raised relates to the fact we are without a Hall while we have classes of children learning in there. This is a situation that no one in our school wants, but we are limited with our options on where to house the extra students as the school roll grows each year. In the long term the Board of Trustees has a plan that we hope will see additional classrooms built at school. However, this is something that the Ministry of Education funds and we have to wait for them to provide a solution. There is a strong possibility this will happen—quite when, we are unsure. As soon as anything is confirmed we will let you know.

### SCHOOL JUNIOR JOURNALS AND READERS

It's that time of year again, when we would like all of our readers back (these are the books your children bring home each night to read). There are a lot missing so please check under the bed, in the drawers or in the bookcase. We would like them back by the end of November please so a stocktake can begin. Either return them to the class teacher or to the office.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books need to be returned to the Library before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Any outstanding books after this date will be charged to your school account.

### MATHLETICS COMPETITION

This evening nine of our senior students will take part in the annual maths problem-solving competition at Taradale Intermediate. They have been preparing intensely for the competition with questions like:

*'Freda earns money in the weekends by washing cars and mowing lawns. She gets \$5 for a mow and \$9 for a car wash. Last weekend she earned \$56. How many lawns did she mow, and how many cars did she wash?'*

### GIVE IT UP FOR GMS

Please keep the funds raised for this coming in: we already have exceeded \$5000! What a brilliant effort GMS ... We hope to award the prizes this Friday so please keep those envelopes coming back in.

### GMS OSCAR

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

### ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

If you, or anyone that you know (e.g. friends, neighbours, relatives) have children who will be starting Greenmeadows School next year - this is a message for you. Please make sure the school office knows about the arrival of the child or have filled in an enrolment form. We are now in the midst of planning for next year's classes and need to have as accurate a count of numbers as possible. Don't worry if you are unsure whether the school knows ... we don't mind getting the information twice (as opposed to not at all).

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Due to the increasing intensity of the sun (of course when it is not raining ...), we have moved Friday assembly times to 9.15am. These assemblies will be in the Heart of the School.



Room 1	Taraia Dickinson	Room 2	Paige Zhang
Room 3	Eila-Jay Beams	Room 4	
Room 5	Max Li	Room 6	Mason Rangiawha/Tori Gibbs
Room 7	Eli North	Room 8	Max Giddens
Room 9	Emma Gorringe	Room 10	Emma Gorringe
Room 11	Lily Bowers	Room 12	
Room 13	Tylah-Jay Foster	Room 14	Kyran Walls/Logan Gray
Room 15	Emily Watts/Isabella Davidson Payne	Room 16	Connor LeQuesne
Room 17	Sophie McLean	Room 18	Amelia Stewart

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 3 TERM 4



### GMS ATHLETIC SPORTS 2015

We enjoyed a wonderful day last Friday when the annual athletic sports were held. Congratulations to all who took part, came along to support and helped make the event such a neat day.

#### 7/8 Year Old Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Zoe Ennor 2<sup>nd</sup> Riley Burke

3<sup>rd</sup> Maia Chernyshev

#### 7/8 Year Old Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Luke Hawkins 2<sup>nd</sup> Phoenix Turner

3<sup>rd</sup> Jett O'Brien

#### 9 Year Old Boys

1<sup>st</sup> = Ryder Moore and Rylin O'Shea

3<sup>rd</sup> Judge Jury

#### 9 Year old Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Kalla Hays 2<sup>nd</sup> Kapri Phillips

3<sup>rd</sup> Giana Weeks

#### 10 Year Old Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Cohen Batterham 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Stewart

3<sup>rd</sup> = Kees MacKirdy and Nathan Stone

#### 10 Year Old Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Rylee Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Thornicroft

3<sup>rd</sup> Peyton Hays

#### 11 Year Old boys

1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Steed

2<sup>nd</sup> Tom O'Shea

3<sup>rd</sup> Ashton Hannah-Morris

#### 11 Year Old Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Ella Parnell

2<sup>nd</sup> Molly King

3<sup>rd</sup> Lily Cameron

Our interschool team has been named and will have received notices from Mr Gibbs. Their big day is next Wednesday at the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park. We wish them all the best for this day representing our school.

### GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL DUATHLON

On Thursday 26 November we will be holding our Annual Duathlon at Anderson Park. This event is held in the evening so whole families can come along and be part of this wonderful event. This is always a very enjoyable and successful night.

The PTA will be selling burgers, sausages, Drinks and Juicies and Moosies. To help make this a success we are looking for helpers to maybe give us a hand to cook or serve, even half an hour of your time would be much appreciated.

If you can help please contact the school office or Ang on 027 6630245 or [ang.mcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:ang.mcintyre@gmail.com) by 23 November 2015.

A notice will come out next week to allow children to enter. The major spot prize will be a brand new bike from Pedal Power. The bike will be on display in the office foyer from today!

Thank you in advance.



(Above) Some senior boys getting very excited about the "we the People" bike that will be up for the 'spot prize' in the GMS Duathlon. Who will win this fantastic prize????





Scholastic Book Club issue 8 will be sent home in the near future. These could make fantastic Christmas presents ...? Any orders need to be returned to school before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL**

### **SPORTS NOTICES**

#### **FROM THE GMS SPORTS COORDINATOR:**

Hi to all pupils/parents/caregivers and whanau - I am delighted to have been appointed as your GMS School Sports Coordinator for the coming year. My role is to look after and administer all our after school and Saturday sports teams. We aim to give as many children as possible the chance to be involved in a huge range of team sports. I work alongside Sport HB and the many individual sports associations across Hawkes Bay. We also have an amazing team of staff here at GMS who give a huge amount of their time to sports within the school. For any queries on anything related to sports, I can be contacted any time at [nickis@gms.school.nz](mailto:nickis@gms.school.nz), or found within the school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

I look forward meeting many of you and being your link to sports at GMS.

#### **SCHOOL SPORTS NOTICE BOARD**

We have created a 'Sports Notices' section on our school notice board, located outside the school office. Please check out this space for all sports draws, team notices, and information on upcoming events. If you have something to share on the board, please contact Nicki at [nickis@gms.school.nz](mailto:nickis@gms.school.nz).

#### **HB PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON CHAMPS**

The McDonalds HB Primary School Triathlon Champs are on again this year at Frimley Park on Monday 7th December. This is a great event for all children in Years 5-6 who are keen to have a go, either as individuals or part of a team. All senior pupils have received notices home regarding this, with spare copies available at the office. Entrants last year

had a great day out, and we hope to again take a large team ready to give their best and have loads of fun, with awesome spot prizes available alongside place getters awards. For any further information please contact Nicki at [nickis@gms.school.nz](mailto:nickis@gms.school.nz).

#### **GMS JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAM 2016**

In Term 1 2016 we are pleased to be able to offer the NZ Superstars Junior Cricket program to our Year 0-2 children as an after school sports option on Friday afternoons. This is a fun, skills based introductory program for all boys and girls keen to have a go at cricket. The program is parent driven, with all parents encouraged to get involved, to help at station points, to join in games and to have fun alongside their children. All junior children received notices home asking for feedback regarding the program - please return these forms to the school office. For further information contact Nicki a [nickis@gms.school.nz](mailto:nickis@gms.school.nz).

#### **SPORTS PARK HB HAVE-A-GO DAY**

A two day holiday program is being hosted at the Regional Sports Park on 21st and 22nd December for children aged 8-13 years who are keen to have a go at a range of fun and new activities, such as Cyclocross, Crossfit, Orienteering, Karate, Golf Croquet and Athletics. Cost is \$35 per day or \$65 for both days. For full information and registration visit [www.sportspark.co.nz](http://www.sportspark.co.nz) or contact Emma Akeripa on 027 2418400 or email [emma@premiumfitness.co.nz](mailto:emma@premiumfitness.co.nz).

#### **HB NETBALL NETSTARS HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2016**

HB Netball are hosting their popular Netstars holiday program for Yr 3/4 children on 19th - 20th January, and for Year 5/6 children on 26th - 29th January, 9am - 3pm daily, at the Onekawa Courts. The cost is \$160 per child for each 4 day program, and with places limited early registration is recommended. This is a fantastic fun holiday program, including specialised coaching, netball games, a daily swim at the Onekawa Pools, fun activities and a netball tournament to finish. All participants also receive their own t-shirt and ball. For full information and registration go to [www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz](http://www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz) by 18th December 2015.



## MUSIC LESSONS

Give your child the gift of music. Guitar, baritone ukulele & keyboard lessons are available. Spaces currently open for this term. Contact David on 876 9261."

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please note the school canteen will be closed on **Wednesday 9th December** as a large number of children are away on school trips that day. The canteen will be open on Thursday and Friday of that week but **closed from Wednesday 16th December to the close of school.**

## JUMP JAMMERS OVERSEAS TRIP!!!

Pictured below is the GMS Jump Jam team before they departed for their trip to Christchurch last weekend. They had a fantastic time and gave a wonderful performance in



the national competition. Brilliant stuff everyone! A special thanks to Mrs Miles for all her training and leading of practises to get the group prepared. Also thanks for the support for the group from all the families and the wider community who got behind this group.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 18th Nov Interschool Athletics Day
- 26th Nov School Duathlon
- 30th Nov Year 5 and 6 camp week
- 7th Dec HB Schools Triathlon
- 10th Dec Kowhai day Out @ Onekawa Pools
- 10th Dec Year 6 Social
- 11th Dec Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- 15th Dec Reports sent home
- 15th Dec School breakup and prize-giving
- 17th Dec Last day for 2015 **School finishes 12pm**

1 Feb First day of 2016

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

*Have a great week everyone.*

*Ka kite ano,*

*Mark Johnson  
Principal*