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Wednesday 25th November 2015



NEWSLETTER 21

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Tena koutou nga whanau, mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

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 and drinks. Remember to bring **cash**, as there will not be EFT-POS available at the park.

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 Ange on 027 6630245 or angk.mcintyre@gmail.com by 23 November 2015.

If you are coming:

Assemble at Anderson Park from 5.00pm onwards.

Races will start at 5.30pm.

All children competing need to have:

- a bike with working brakes (if cycling)
- a helmet that fits to give proper protection
- All competitors must have footwear when running and cycling

The prize-giving will be held at the conclusion of the races. You need to be there to win the major spot prize of the bike provided to us by Taradale Pedal Power.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

With the end of the school year fast approaching we will be sending out the student statements on a weekly basis. Please ensure all your child's outstanding sports and activity fees are paid in full over the next few weeks.

SCHOOL JUNIOR JOURNALS AND READERS

Please keep hunting for all those school books and readers that are at home. We need them all back!! By Friday please.

LIBRARY BOOKS

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

GIVE IT UP FOR GMS!!!

What an excellent fundraiser this was!!! Our grand total was \$5137.68!!!! Thanks to all who supported this.

The prize-winners were:

Most Money Raised

1st Taylor Tierney \$210 2nd Maia Jones \$200
3rd Luke and Makena Howkins (\$160 each)

Also worth mentioning:

Kalan, Sarah and Bonnie Wedd \$120 each, as well as
Chloe Fletcher \$120

Most Creative Thing To Go Without

Abbey Pascoe — Not sleeping inside, slept outside in a tent

Baylee Sharp — Day clothes, wore pyjamas everywhere all week

Class Prizes

Most funds raised—Room 17 (\$622.10)

Highest percentage of participants— Rooms 1 & 13 (61%)

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The final two winners of the \$50 New World vouchers are the O'Shea family and Lauren Townend. These can be collected from the office. Thanks to all who took the time to send back the survey forms—there is so much valuable information in these returns.

One issue we were very keen to get a response on is whether parents support us allowing children to climb the trees at school. I am pleased to report that 99% of respondents supported the school's position on this matter.



Room 1	Harrison Campbell	Room 2	Paige Zhang Camryn Jack
Room 3	Ava Moylan	Room 4	Aaron Newman Sithumi Ellgala
Room 5	Eden Raikes Tyla Motley	Room 6	Tori Gibbs Ellie Goodson
Room 7	Luca Greville-Jones	Room 8	Lucy Angland
Room 9	Kaylen Jones	Room 10	Rose Jury
Room 11	Cole Dallimore	Room 12	Maia Jones
Room 13	Olivia Black	Room 14	Melissa Kinzett Harley Taurima Aleah Goody
Room 15	Jamie Evans Jakob Morris Jack Bowers	Room 16	Jaxon David
Room 17	Aaron Jones	Room 18	

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 6 TERM 4



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.**

GMS VALUES MEDALS

These three students received a medal at the assembly last week:

Kruz Single	Perseverance
Joanne Li	Respect
Brylee Jones	Excellence

A wonderful achievement for you all! Congratulations—enjoy having those medals at home for the week.

FANTASTIC STUFF GMS!!!

Yesterday we held a 'surprise' fire drill during break time. Your children were brilliant! As soon as they recognised the longer bell signal, they immediately moved quickly to the evacuation area on the school field.

Cool, calm and very organised — great mahi shown by the whole school.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

26th Nov	School Duathlon 5.30pm First race
30th Nov	Year 5 and 6 camp week
7th Dec	HB Schools Triathlon
9th Dec	Kowhai day Out @ Onekawa Pools
10th Dec	Year 6 Social
11th Dec	Parent Help Morning Tea
15th Dec	Reports sent home
15th Dec	School breakup and prize-giving
17th Dec	Last day for 2015 <u>School finishes 12pm</u>
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*



SPORTS NOTICES -25TH NOVEMBER 2015

From Nicky Sunley, our school sports coordinator:

HB PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON CHAMPS – 7th December

All children who have entered the HB Primary Schools Triathlon Champs will have brought notices home regarding our final preparations for the day. We have a large team of enthusiastic children entered, so to ensure the day runs smoothly please read your information notices carefully. On the day we will be meeting at 8:20am in front of the school hall to receive school sports shirts then travel on to the event. Payment for all teams and individuals should now have been made at the office. Please contact Nicki at nickis@gms.school.nz with any queries.

SCHOOL SPORTS NOTICE BOARD and WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our new Sports Notices section on our school notice board, located outside the school office. Here you will find 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. Notices and draws are also updated each week on the school website, under the 'Sports' tab.

2016 WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

Entries are now open for the 2016 Sanitarium Weetbix Kids TRYathlon, set for Thursday 18th February at Frimley Park, Hastings. This event is part of the biggest series of its kind in the world, and encourages Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities aged between 7 and 15 to get out and *Give it a TRY!* Entries for this event close during the school holidays, so all children keen on entering must do so on-line from home with a parent/guardian. Go to try.weetbix.co.nz and use our GMS school group discount code of GREE0618 to link to our school and receive your discounted entry fee. Earlybird entries at the discounted price of \$35 close on Monday 18th January, and further school discounted entries of \$39 close on Wednesday 27th January. Payment is made online at the time of your entry. Visit the website for full information on the event - we encourage as many children as possible to *Give it a Try!* We will have our GMS gazebo set up there on the day as a meeting point, however participants must organise their own travel to and from the venue. For any further enquires please contact Nicki at nickis@gms.school.nz

2015 WAIPUKURAU JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Waipukurau Tennis and Squash Club are hosting the 2015 Thump Sports Junior Tennis Tournament on Saturday 5th December. This includes grades for 10yrs and under, and 12yrs and under, playing singles and doubles. For full information contact Jane Wynn-Harris on 06 8558265, or Jon Kilmister on 06 8587535 or 027 2906800.

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

YMCA Hawkes Bay are providing a range of holiday programs throughout the long Christmas break in sites across HB. There is something for everyone, from art and crafts, to outdoor experiences, sports programs and more. For full information visit www.ymca.org.nz, or ph 8783027 or 027 2048909.

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 yrs 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 or contact Emma Akeripa on 027 2418400 or email 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 Yr 5/6 children on 26th - 29th January, 9am - 3pm daily, at the Onekawa Courts. Cost is \$160 per child for each 4 day program, and with places limited early registration is recommended. This is 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 by 18th December 2015.

See you all at the GMS Duathlon tomorrow night ...!

