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**Dear Parents and Caregivers :: *Tena koutou katoa***

Term 3 almost done ... we have little more than ten weeks of school left in 2010! Where has it all gone to? There has been plenty going on over the past few weeks. We hope you get the chance to enjoy your time with your children over the coming term break. The Readathon can keep plenty of children occupied, as well as practising those reading skills.

**WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL**

Room 12 is really starting to grow with the following students starting over the past couple of weeks: Charlie Stewart, Unique Tonihi, Sophie McLean, Blake Fryer, Logan Finnimore and Kyran Walls. We also welcome back Jayla Buckley to Greenmeadows School. It is great to see all your smiling faces around our school ready and eager to learn. Our current roll is 395 students.

At the end of this week Mrs Alicia Dearing finishes her posting in Room 14 with Mrs Dale and her class. We wish her all the very best for her future in teaching - the best job in the world.



**INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY - TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**

Greenmeadows School organised in the Napier Primary Schools Cross-country championships at Park Island last week. It was a very successful event, with Mr Gibbs leading a very dedicated team of teachers and parents in the preparation and planning of what was a beautifully fine day. Eighteen schools were involved in the event. Thank you all those who helped setting up the course, marshalling and recording results, as well as those who sold food and kept away hunger and thirst of the spectators and runners. We really appreciate the numbers of parent helpers who made themselves available to help run this event. Thank you everyone.



*Greenmeadows School runners relax before their races at the interschool cross-country.*

**Results - the following runners from Greenmeadows School finished in the top twenty in their races:**

Joshua Keating    2nd Year 5 boys  
 Callum Berriman    3rd Year 5 boys  
 Elliot Hendry    6th Year 5 boys  
 Tiaki Fabish    12th Year 5 boys  
 Molly Payne    16th Year 5 girls  
 Luke Johnson    19th Year 5 boys

Hannah McIntyre    2nd Year 6 girls  
 Ethan Martin    5th Year 6 boys  
 Danika Withell    7th Year 5 girls  
 Joel Morrison    13th Year 3/4 Boys  
 Tessa Cotter    18th Year 5 girls

These are great achievements in what were large fields of up to 85 runners.

Congratulations to our Year 5 boys team who won their team event (*you might notice that five of them finished in the top twenty!*) and the Year 5 girls who finished 3rd.

Greenmeadows School were fourth out of the competing schools - well done to you all!



## HALL STAGE UNITS

Over the past school term our Hall makeover has really been moving ahead. Recent arrivals in the Hall have been our new staging units. These are fantastic! Our thanks to Glenn Morrison who skilfully created the six stage units and two sets of steps. Your hard work is really appreciated by us all Glenn. We also must thank Hastings Building Society for providing the funding for the materials required for the stage units. A true community effort. Many thanks again.

Next on the list for the Hall makeover - replacing the rather ancient curtains with modern blinds.



*Room 1 students singing beautifully on the new stage units.*

## GREENMEADOWS GREENSTICKS HOCKEY TEAM -CHAMPIONS!!

What a successful season this team had. Only two members of the side had played hockey before 2010, yet they went through the season undefeated. In winning the Napier Smallsticks competition they scored an incredible 147 goals, and conceded only 9. What a memorable year this will be for these players. Congratulations and special thanks to coach Julie Herbert and manager Tracey Calder for their dedicated efforts this season.



## NEW ENTRANT NUMBERS 2011

With our roll increasing it is becoming more important for our school to have as accurate a number of New Entrant pupils as possible for the coming year. If you have a child (or know of a neighbour or relative with a four year old) due to start at Greenmeadows School in 2011 and they have not confirmed their enrolment with the school office, could the return slip attached to the newsletter be sent back by Wednesday 13 October.

This is especially important for any child starting before 10 October 2011. Many thanks for your help.

## PMP PROGRAMME COMING TO AN END FOR 2010

Our PMP programme is due to come to an end having been in operation for the last two terms. Children have really enjoyed being part of these activities and have made great progress as a result of being involved in the programme. Our thanks to Kirsten Martin for coordinating the programme, and to all the dedicated parents who have been able to help run the stations and provide all that wonderful encouragement to our learners.



*Students from Room 11 and parent Nicky Dustow showing how it's done at PMP!*

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORMS

With the summer sports fast approaching and a number of students joining teams for the first time there is the need for some families to purchase uniforms. Do you have any T-Ball, softball or cricket players in the house? We intend sending an order away at the end of this week, so we need in any orders to be in by Friday 24 September. Apologies for the rush, but to get the shirts and shorts returned in time for the start of summer sports we need to have the order sent by this date. An order form is attached to the newsletter. Many thanks.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL READATHON

Our school Readathon is now underway. Children were given Readathon tracking sheet and sponsorship forms on Monday. If any of these sheets are lost or damaged (... or even better filled up completely), then replacements are available from school. There are some fantastic books to read out there - what a great way to spend your holidays kids!

## WALKING BUS

The final walking bus for the term will be operating tomorrow (Thursday 23 October) from Park Road starting at 8.05am. With the road works in Park Road, we will detour along Avondale Road, then go down Auckland Road before following our normal route along Bowling Road. Come along and join us for the exercise.

## SWIMMING LESSONS - TERM 4

The swimming has been going very well, and as the weather has got warmer over the past few weeks, swimming seems more seasonal too! The classes who have not been involved in the aquatics programme this term will be involved in lessons early next term. Each class will receive a notice prior to their block of swimming.

## SENIOR CAMPS - WEEK 7 TERM 4

The Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in two separate camps during Week 7 next term. The dates for this week are 22nd to 26th November. Details of the camps will be available from the first week of Term 4, with parent meetings to follow before the end of October.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

The school is only one year and ten days away from its one hundredth birthday. The next meeting for the GMS Centennial committee is being held on Thursday 23 September at 5.30pm at school in the staffroom. All interested people are invited to attend.

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

For more details look under 'School Events' on [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz)

### SEPTEMBER

- 22 September Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm start
- 23 GMS Centennial committee meeting 5.30pm start in the school staffroom
- 24 End of Term 3

### OCTOBER

- 11 Term 4 starts
- 13 PTA meeting 7.30pm
- 22 HB Anniversary Day (School Closed)
- 25 Labour Day (School closed)
- 29 PTA Disco

## RELIEF CLEANERS

There are occasions when we need to call on relieving cleaners when our normal cleaners are unavailable. If anyone in our school community is interested in going on our school's relief cleaners list please let the office know. Many thanks.

## PTA NEWS

### SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN A GREAT MONTH!

1. **Domino's Pizza fundraiser** - thank you to all who supported this PTA event. Domino's had a massive evening and sold 310 pizzas between 4.30 and 6.30pm on 1st September - which meant the PTA raised \$310! Thanks to all who got behind this venture.
2. **Napier Interschool Cross-country** - the school that organises the cross-country can also sell the food on the day ... and it was our turn to do this in 2010. Even better - we raised nearly \$700. Thanks to the team of hardworking PTA parents who helped with the food stall selling drinks and sausages.
3. **School Disco** - the next school disco will be held on Friday 29 October. More details will follow early next term.
4. **Next PTA Meeting** - Wednesday 13 October 7.30pm (the first week of Term 4).



Have a great term break.  
Ka kite ano

*Mark Johnson*

### NOVEMBER

- 22 Camps for Year 5 and 6 students

★ **PRINCIPAL AWARDS** ★ **TERM 3 - WEEKS 7,8 & 9**

**Room 1**  
Aron Freeman- Pointon  
Savarnah Johns

**Room 2**  
Taylah Exton  
Daniel Baker

**Room 3**  
Brianna Davies  
Tane Thomas  
Alice Downey

**Room 4**  
Ashleigh Sherriff  
Chaz Heke  
Abbey Hutchison

**Room 5**  
Aaliyah Rodda  
Michaella Upston

**Room 6**  
Holly Lawrence  
Isobel Harris  
Lydia Carson

**Room 7**  
Lauren Wells  
Emma Downey

**Room 8**  
Michaela Pistorius  
Ireland Kelly

**Room 9**  
Kayla Glentworth  
Emily Watts  
Ivy Wu

**Room 10**  
Brianna Hansen  
Brooke Exeter  
Ryan McNatty

**Room 11**  
Aimee Dodd  
Tasman Wallace  
Logan Ide

**Room 13**  
Sapphire Te Pou  
Casey Yarrell  
Jack King

**Room 14**  
Madszin Gliddon  
Mithius Te Pou

**Room 15**  
Megan McPherson  
Claire Downey

**Room 16**  
Emily Llewellyn  
Aellerie Konia

**Room 17**  
Joshua Smith  
Mia Penisula  
Charlotte Brown



**NEW ENTRANT CHILDREN 2011**

\_\_\_\_\_ will be enrolling at Greenmeadows School in 2011.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Greenmeadows School by Wednesday 13 October.



**GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM ORDER**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room : \_\_\_\_\_

Shirts \$13.50 each - Number required: \_\_\_\_\_

Shorts \$12.50 each - Number required: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MONEY: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

