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NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

The Kowhai team had a wonderful outing yesterday to Spriggs Park on Hardinge Road at Ahuriri. Their visit to the rocky shore there was a great success and some amazing scientific discoveries were part of the day. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped make such a quality educational experience for our younger children.

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Four new students have started at school since the last newsletter was published. We give a special Greenmeadows School welcome to:

Kevin Francis
Sean Moylan
Rowan O'Kane
Jessica Rice

We wish them well as begin their time at our school and start on their journey to 'learn, grow and achieve'.

GMS SWIMMING SPORTS

The time is drawing closer to when we hold our swimming sports. Our children will be travelling to the Napier Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 13 March for a practice swim and also to select children who will compete in the championship races at the swimming sports. Buses will provide the transport at no cost.

On both days (the practise day and the event day) we depart from school at 12.20pm. The swimming sports will be a great opportunity for children to display the skills they learned during last year's swimming lessons. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend the swimming sports on Thursday 15 March. The first race will start at 12.50pm with the last race finishing before 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL SIGN

Check out our new school signage as you walk into the school. On the back of the notice board inside the main gate is school 'map' and we now have signs showing the Office and Hall. Thanks to the PTA for their support in providing funding for this project

SCHOOL FEES AND ACCOUNTS

Many thanks to those who have been paying their fees. Please keep them rolling in — either by payment to the office or by internet banking. Invoices were sent out last week — please check these carefully to make sure we have the correct details for your family.

MATHEMATICS DEVELOPMENT DAY

Next Wednesday 14 March we will be having a large number of relievers in the school releasing all our teachers for the day. All staff will be on site and focussing on the teaching of maths for the day with a specialist Maths advisor. The staffroom will certainly be a busy place that day ...!

GMS 'VALUES' MEDALS

Each week three medals were presented at our school assembly. They recognise efforts of three individual students each week that reflect and demonstrate our school values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence'.

The awards these past two weeks were given to:

Perseverance	Cedar Wairau Room 15
	Upashna Sundar Room 11
Respect	Courtney Becker Room 10
	John Harrison Room 12
Excellence	Isabella Davidson-Payne Room 5
	Cameron Steed Room 6

The children get to keep the medals for a week before they are awarded to new recipients.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Declan Norris Georgia Brown
Room 2	Amelia Murphy Makaylah Jack
Room 3	Enosh Yong Clayton Terry-Moore
Room 4	Emily Watts Oliver Stewart
Room 5	Jamie Evans Anna Durrant
Room 6	Maia Driver Connor Le Quesne
Room 8	Rebekah Beaven Rosie Goody
Room 9	Zhiheng Zhou Cade Erickson
Room 10	Keeley Tibbitts Liam Tane-Foulds
Room 11	Eva MacKirdy Clara Newman
Room 12	Morgan Wilkins Jobe Kirby
Room 13	Ellie Watts Matthew Hyde
Room 14	Shylah Jury Kaytie Owen
Room 15	Finn Durrant Desirae Wilkinson
Room 16	Kamoe Fabish Ashantae Hazel
Room 17	Abbey Hutchinson Jayden Cairns-Cheek

WEEKS 4 AND 5 — TERM 1 2011



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

GMS FOOD FAIR— this favourite returns ... on Friday 30 March from 4.30 to 6.30pm on our school field. We want to make this event bigger and more successful than last year's great night out. Mark it on your calendar — and parents let us know if you can help on the night. This fundraiser created a grant in excess \$5000 last year and we are aiming to exceed this amount in 2012.

PTA AGM — 14 March 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along and be part of this enthusiastic group who contribute so much to our school.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ)

13 Mar	Year 4 to 6 swimming trials
14 Mar	PTA AGM and Food Fair planning meeting
15 Mar	Year 4 to 6 swimming events
19 Mar	Rooms 12, 13 and 14 swimming lessons start
28 Mar	Rooms 15,16 and 17 swimming lessons start
29 Mar	BoT meeting 5.30pm
30 Mar	GMS PTA FOOD FAIR!!!!
4 April	End of Term 1
23 April	Start of Term 2
4 May	Teacher Only Day
29 June	End of Term 2

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CRICKET

Our Year 3 and 4 team plays St Patrick's Green this Friday on Pitch 7 at Nelson Park (weather permitting).

And finally ... how about this great piece of descriptive writing from Aaliyah Rodda in Room 12:

*I'm going to go **crazy** in my amazing bright rock'n'roll shirt*

*I'm going to **rock hard out** in my cool, bright rock'n'roll shirt*

*I'm going to **rock it like it will never end** in my dark rock'n'roll shirt*

*I'm going to **rock out like a rock star** in my cool shirt*

I'm going to party like I'm cool!!!

That sounds like a pretty impressive shirt indeed!

Have a great week.
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

