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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 10

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Two new faces around Greenmeadows School are Calais Bell and Leila Weeks. These two girls have joined the children in Room 7, our New Entrant class. We welcome them to our school.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Following the school's centennial celebrations last year the committee who organised the events are looking to put the left over funding towards some projects at school. Last Friday the committee members attended our school assembly to present a commemorative plaque. This has been created as a memorial to the three young children who died at school during the 1931 Napier earthquake. This is now on permanent display in our school library.

HEARING TESTING COMMENCES



Thanks to all those of you who returned the permission form for your child/ren to be involved in the hearing research trial run by Matt Barker. A majority of our students are to be involved in this, and the testing commenced this week. It is not too late to be involved in this programme — just send along the permission form attached to the last newsletter.

PARENTS INFORMATION WORKSHOP — THURSDAY 28 JUNE

Before the end of the term we would like to run a workshop for all parents on:

1. How to help their children when reading at home. This applies to children of ages from 5 to 11 (and even older).
2. Our newly introduced 'Numeracy Ladder' as a way of motivating children to learn about maths. This can involve input and support from parents and will be set up as a challenge system across the school.

We have deliberately selected a time right after the mid-year interviews, when parents would have just talked about their child with teachers. We also wanted a time immediately before the holidays so these hints and tips can be put into practise right away!

The workshop will be on Thursday 28 June in the staff room. The same session will be delivered twice at 3.15pm and 5.15pm to allow working parents the chance to attend one of them. Children are able to come to the session too — if they do, they can bring their reading book. All are most welcome to attend.

MID-YEAR REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS



With the end of this term fast approaching the school is preparing for mid-year reports to be sent home, as well as the holding our Parent Interviews. Attached to this newsletter is an information page about the process for booking interviews. We are aiming for 100% attendance from families at interviews this year.

Interviews are set for:

Monday 25 June — school will finish at 2.00pm this day. Any children not able to be picked up at this time will be supervised until 3.00pm.

Tuesday 26 June — school will finish at 3.00pm this day

HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME

By last Friday we had close to sixty names interested in being part of the holiday reading programme. We will be selecting those children to be involved in the programme next week and notifying those families who will be involved. Thanks for your support in what is proving to be a very successful programme.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Logan Sharp Charlize Foote
Room 2	Alex Manning Katrina Rush
Room 3	Noah Smith Braxton Bell
Room 4	Jacob Fraser Sophia Gross
Room 5	Lia Sefton-Zachan Angelyn Zeng
Room 6	Devlin Petuha Katie Fellowes
Room 7	Liam Johns Zoe Ennor
Room 8	Jesse Beals Belle Taylor
Room 9	Brooke Ell Rowan O'Kane
Room 10	Calais Terry-Moore Maia Jones
Room 11	Clara Newman Abbey Pascoe
Room 12	Savana Peach Shannon Crawford
Room 13	Ivan Wu Nikita Taylor-Chaffey
Room 14	Jasmine Wynne
Room 15	Mia Peninsula Jess Glentworth
Room 16	Ben Ireland Zara McDonald
Room 17	Emily Hawkins Jayden Cairns-Cheek

WEEKS 6 AND 7 — TERM 2 2012



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

We know that winter tends to be a time when children are sick, and if this is the case, then they should stay at home. Some children have periods when they seem to suffer a number of illnesses and we understand this. At the same time we need to ensure that students are at school when they are well enough. The Ministry of Education sets a minimum of 90% attendance as 'satisfactory'. This equates to an average of one day's absence per fortnight, or a week per term.

To date I can share the following statistics about our school:

- 356 of our 405 children (88%) currently have attendance rates of 90% or better
- 164 of our students (40%) currently have attendance of 98% or better
- 45 students have currently 100% attendance

We also ask that all children are at school ready to start learning by **8.50 am**. This gives the child time to get organised for the day and be settled by the time the 9.00 am bell rings. It is important for your child and the class that they are ready for the start of the day.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL MEETING

Thursday 14 June 5.00pm in the staffroom will be a meeting for parents of children who will be turning five in the coming months.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the following values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence':

Perseverance	Bayley Sharp Room 4 Logan Sharp Room 1
Respect	Lance Dustow Room 14 Jackson Haines Room 17
Excellence	Ellie Meynell Room 9 Kapri Phillips Room 2

GMS GYMNASTICS TEAM'S BIG DAY!!!!



Our gymnastics team have been training all this term and their festival day has arrived ...TODAY! Thirty-two children will be involved in showing off their skills and coordination at Omni Gym in Onekawa.

We wish them all the best for the big day. Many thanks to Miss Trubshaw and Miss McCosh for the time they put in getting the children prepared for the event. Thanks too to the parents who provided the transport and the encouragement.

UKULELE SOUNDS SMOTHER SCHOOL



This ukulele craze is taking off across the school ... in all corners of GMS. The senior ukulele group performed at assembly last week and it was wonderful to hear. Children of all ages are playing and persevering with their practise through out the school during break times. To show learning is not limited to the children, the staff 'band' (also known as the 'Ele-ukes') played for the whole school on Friday after lunch. This was fresh from their gig at the Cabana the night before.

Awesome stuff everyone — ukuleles in practised hands make very sweet music!



GMS FACEBOOK PAGE

Our numbers of friends are growing on our Facebook page. Look us up at:
<http://www.facebook.com/gmsnapier>

SUPPORT STAFF DAY

Yesterday was 'Support Staff Day' which is held to recognise all the efforts and contributions our office staff and teacher aides make towards our school. Greenmeadows School is very appreciative of our dedicated and capable team of support staff. Many thanks to you all!!!

WANTED

Does any one have off cuts of timber, nails and old hammers? Our junior classes need some building materials for their 'discovery learning' times.

HOUSE FOR RENT

- Small house for rent with an enclosed back yard.
- Close to Greenmeadows School and the shopping centre
- \$250 per week plus bond and rent in advance
- References required

If interested email nzbakerman@gmail.co.nz or PBAutomotive@xtra.co.nz for more information or to view.

THANKS TO:

Rhian Baker from Sacred Heart College who has been at our school for the past three days on work experience placement. Great to have you here with us Rhian.!

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

A number of senior students have been preparing to be involved in an interschool technology challenge. This will take place next Thursday at Napier Intermediate starting at 6.00pm.

How do you prepare for a technology challenge? The children have been practising during their lunchtimes in a whole range of different activities. We wish them well as they show off their technical expertise.

Fun Day Dress Up Day

G.M.S is having a fun day on Friday the 22nd of June!

Dress up as anything beginning with the letters:

F, U, N, D, A or Y.

You don't have to go down to the dress up store and hire something, just make something at home.

For example:

'F' for Fireman, 'U' for Unicorn, 'N' for Nerd, 'D' for Dragon, 'A' for Angel, and 'Y' for Yoda
Just remember to have fun!

Organised by the GMS Student Council

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

21 June	BoT meeting 5.30pm
22 June	GMS Fun Day!!!! Reports sent home School Disco
25 June	Parent interviews (2.00pm finish)
26 June	Parent interviews (3.00pm finish)
28 June	Parent Sessions: Reading and Maths 3.15pm and repeated at 5.15pm (children welcome to attend)
29 June	Last day of Term 2
16 July	Start of Term 3

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal