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NEWSLETTER NO. 13

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

AT LAST ... SOME SUNSHINE!!!!

'Hello', 'Kia ora', 'Malo e lelei', 'Talofa lava', 'Ni hao', 'Goeie dag', and 'Sawatdee kraup' to all in our school community. Can you identify the languages of these greetings?

What a relief to actually get out into some decent weather during some days this week. Your children have been pretty amazing putting up with all the inside lunchtimes and missed PE sessions ... but enough inside time is enough!!

The term has started well. Our school got right behind Maori language week and were involved in a range of daily activities. Our aim is to keep using Maori language every day in our school, not simply for one week each year.

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Two new students have started at our school in the last two weeks. Kapree Tamai has started as a New Entrant in Room 7. From Thailand into Room 6 is Not Rattanaworametha. It is great to have both as members of our school and we wish them all the very best as they start their years at GMS.

TERM 3 — MID-TERM BREAK

Don't forget the four day weekend coming up for the children (... not the teachers though). The school will be closed on Friday 17 and Monday 20 August.

Term 3 finishes on Friday 28 September.

YEAR 6 CAMP RAFFLE

Our raffle selling has now finished and we need all raffle butts and unsold tickets returned for the draw to take place next week. This has been an excellent fundraiser for our Year 6 camp coming up in a few months time. Thank you to all who have supported this venture.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL MATHS



Earlier this week the first four students received their pins for successfully starting their climb up the GMS Maths Ladder. Special congratulations to Dare'im Johnson in Room 4 who became the first student to pass his assessment. Who will be the next learners to move up the Maths ladder?

SCHOOL ROLL CONTINUES TO GROW

The numbers of families wanting their children to come to Greenmeadows School continues to increase. We currently have 415 students, which is twenty-two more than we had this time last year. It is great that we have a growing school and that Greenmeadows School is highly regarded in the wider community. The downside of this growth in numbers is that it is now putting pressure on our available space. As all classrooms now have children in them, our options are limited where we locate new arrivals for the rest of the year. Contact has been made with Ministry of Education and they are aware of the situation.

The decision has been made to best meet the needs of our New Entrant to have two teachers in Room 7 and let that class continue to grow. We are currently advertising for a second teacher to work alongside Miss Withey in the coming weeks. We also thank the Greenmeadows OSCAR who are to allow us to use their rooms as a withdrawal space for groups to help us manage this as best we can.

To help us plan for 2013 and beyond it is vital that we get as accurate a number of all New Entrant students who are due to come to our school. Please fill in the form attached to this newsletter of any preschool children you know are due to enroll at our school next year or beyond. The more accurate a prediction count we have the better for our planning.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Dana Hogg Declan Norris	Room 2	Makayla Jack Ethan Sullivan-Christie	Room 3	Caleb Carlisle Evan Gray
Room 4	Kayla Glentworth Baylee Sharp	Room 5	Claire Meybaum Brianna Hansen	Room 6	Xavier Kirby Kyran Walls
Room 7	Myah Smith Maddison Leipst	Room 8	Amelia Burgess Brooke Hansen	Room 9	Hunter Harris
Room 10	Keeley Tibbitts	Room 11	Rylan O'Shea Elai Harrison	Room 12	Kaylee MacKirdy Rebecca Howey
Room 13	Charlotte Brown	Room 14	Ben Nichols Jake Truuts	Room 15	Justin Cheung Cedar Wairau
Room 16	Winter Francis-Thickpenny Awatea Winterburn	Room 17	Karlie Morrison Jackson Haines		

WEEKS 2 & 3 TERM 3



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



Our school cross country is coming up and scheduled for Tuesday 4 September. This year we want to involve the whole school at our venue at Anderson Park. By having all year groups competing we can turn this into a great event for our whole community. The

PTA will be running a Sausage sizzle on the day and we want as many parents as possible to attend and support the runners. More details will follow in a coming newsletter. Postponement date is Thursday 6 September. It will be like our Olympic Games!!!!

TARADALE SCHOOLS—DIGI AWARDS

The Teacher Only Day on Friday 17 August is for all the teachers from the seven local schools who work together to develop use of computers to support learning and teaching. Our staff are meeting at Taradale Intermediate School for the day. Part of the day's activities are the 'DigiAwards' for children who have entered from all the seven schools. There are two categories that a number of children from GMS were entered into: 'Digital Photography' And 'Animations'. A number of these entries have been shown at our assemblies over the past few weeks and they are very impressive. There have been some wonderful photographs taken, and some amazingly clever animations. Mrs Dale and Mrs Martin have been putting a considerable amount of time into teaching the children the techniques, but the final products are all the children's work. There is some wonderfully creative talent on show.

Out of the school entries finalists in each section have been selected, and a number are from our school have made the 'final cut!' Families of those children will receive an invitation to the award ceremony. These invitations will sent home on Monday 13 August. Keep an eye on the school's Facebook page for some of these amazing efforts, as well as on the school's website.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

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

Respect	Hunter Piercy Room 6 Abbey Hutchinson Room 17
Perseverance	Maddison Johns Room 7 Alex Barra Room 8
Excellence	Amber Single-Owens Room 12 Asha Penn Room 2

HELP—LOST!

Ashantae Hazel in Room 16 has lost her scooter. It is a Black Mad Gear pro scooter which is black with green writing on it. Has anyone spotted it around?

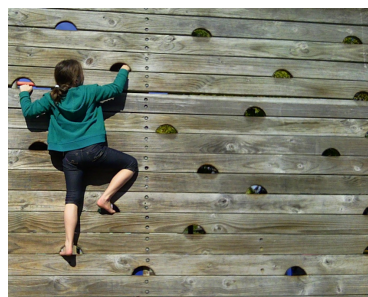
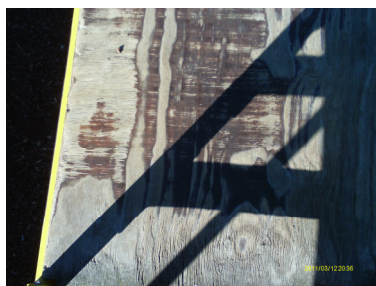
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Plenty coming up over the next few weeks:

- 15 August Approximately 50 Year 6 students taking part in activities at Taradale Intermediate School
Approximately 100 pupil from Totara team to go to Puketapu School to see their production
- 16 August Heinz Wattie 7 a side rugby—three teams are competing at Hastings Boys High School
Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 17 August No school — Teacher Only Day. Digi Awards part of the day
- 20 August No school — midterm break
- 22 August Spooner Shield tournament for Year 5 and 6 students selected in our school teams.
COME ON GMS!!!!
- 27 August Start of ERO visit. We will have an assembly at 2.00pm to officially welcome the reviewers
- 4 September GMS Cross Country event and PTA Sausage Sizzle at Anderson Park
- 6 September Postponement date Cross Country
- 18 September Interschool Cross-country at Park Island
- 28 September End of Term 3
- 15 October Start of Term 4
- 20 December End of Term 4

Below: Some DigiAward finalists: from left — Amelia Burgess 'Looking Through', Brylee Pugh 'Looking Down' and Luke Hawkins 'Next Step'. What great digital images!!!!



Have a great week.
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Johnson'. The signature is stylized and written over a white background.

NEW ENTRANT SURVEY — PRESCHOOLERS COMING TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL 2013 & 2014

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Ph: _____

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Any additional information for us?

Please return to the school office ASAP. Many thanks