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**NEWSLETTER NO. 15**

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

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Five new students have started at our school over the past two weeks. Lily Bowers, Lucas Feagai-Kingi, Joanne Li, Beau Makea and Kyla Thompson have enrolled with us. They have settled in positively and have made a great start to their schooling. A special welcome to you all.

We also welcome Miss Penny Larkins to our school. Penny is here on placement as a training teacher and will be working with Room 8 for the next six weeks. We wish her well and know she will get to experience plenty of valuable learning in her time with us.

## SPOONER SHIELD COMPETITION

The Spooner Shield tournament held on Friday 31 August was a fantastic day of competition held amongst the eight local primary schools. Our competitors gave a wonderful account of themselves and approached the sports with the attitude of giving it their all. Although we didn't retain the Spooner Shield for an unprecedented fourth time in a row, we were still very proud of the achievements of our teams. Special mention needs to be made of both our football teams — boys and girls. These teams both ended up second in their respective tournaments, against very strong opposition. Well done! Thanks to all the team coaches who gave so much time preparing the teams, and the great number of supporters who turned out to encourage our teams. Thanks also to Bledisloe School for a wonderful day.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Last Monday evening we felt the need to make the decision to postpone the GMS Cross-country due to strong winds being forecast. The quickest way we could get that information out to a lot of families was on our school's Facebook page which you can find on [www.facebook.com/gmsnapier](http://www.facebook.com/gmsnapier). We urge those of you with Facebook accounts to 'like' our school — it is the perfect way for us to communicate quickly.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

What an amazing day we had last Thursday at the school cross-country held at Anderson Park. It was a wonderful event made even more special by being able to have the whole school involved. For the younger children experiencing the atmosphere and encouragement of the older students as well as the enormous crowd of parents gave them a memorable experience. Congratulations to Mr Gibbs and his team of staff and parent helpers for organising such an efficiently run event.

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came to make such a large crowd to support the athletes. There must have been well in excess of two hundred adults watching. A tremendous expression of thanks to our PTA parents who operated the sausage sizzle stand. Wow! What an effort. We also need to acknowledge Hirequip for very generously providing their mobile barbeque for the PTA to use on the day. Many thanks.

All those watching would be so proud of the runners who competed. So much commitment and perseverance was on show. Well done to all the children, including the Year 2 girls getting ready for their race below.



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Ryder Moore Nathan Kinsey Kaitlyn Barra	Room 3	Aleah Goody Caitlin Gorringer Logan Ide
Room 2	Blake Fryer Hayley Gerken Casey Prichard	Room 5	Sophie Freeman-Pointon Brianna Hansen
Room 4	Phoebe Johnson Dylan Baker Tristram Fryer	Room 7	Calais Bell Shiloh Johansen Hunter Steadman
Room 6	Typhanie Taylor Katie Fellowes Joshua Wright	Room 9	Bailey Greeks William Dine Riley Burke
Room 8	Brylee Pugh Millie Burne Jesse Beals	Room 11	Nicole Upston Liam Santo
Room 10	Kevin Francis Brooker Senior Jadyn Field	Room 13	Stevie Jury Ella Walker
Room 12	Finn Exeter	Room 15	Emma Symons Desirae Wilkinson Micheal Pistorius
Room 14	Sam Thorburn Jack Wilson-Bramwell	Room 17	Bryce Lott Olivia Rowley
Room 16	Savannah Johns Alister Goody		

## WEEKS 6 & TERM 3



## GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the school core values over the past two weeks. Congratulations to you all.

**Respect** Millie Ford, Sophie McLean **Perseverance** Evan Gray, Riley Johnston  
**Excellence** Shylah Jury, Maddison Leipst

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL — CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2012

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	Jack Digby	Joel Morrison	Warner Dearn
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>	Nikita Taylor-Chaffey	Danika Brown	Jess Glentworth
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	Jacob Driver	Adam Barron	Seb Kettle
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	Shacacia Wiggins	Ella Nicholson	Holly Kinzett
<b>Year 4 Boys</b>	Coby Price	Tom Davies	Jackson Haines
<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	Chloe Narayan	Savana Peach	Michaela Upston Lydia Carson
<b>Year 3 Boys</b>	Thomas O'Shea	Ben Fanning	Shae Watts
<b>Year 3 Girls</b>	Claire Meybaum Courtney Banks (1st equal)		Ella Parnell
<b>Year 2 Boys</b>	Cohen Batterham	Jonny Peninsula	Riley English
<b>Year 2 Girls</b>	Olivia McKay	Ella-Rose McOnie	Kapri Phillips
<b>Year 1 Boys</b>	Rylan O'Shea	Caleb Hunt	Jayden Field
<b>Year 1 Girls</b>	Kalla Hays	X'phia Johnson	Clara Newman
<b>NE Boys</b>	Rylin Glenny	Liam Johns	Cole Dallimore
<b>NE Girls</b>	Zoe Ennor	Myah Smith	Lily Bowers

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON [WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ))**

- 18 September Interschool Cross-country
- 28 September End of Term 3
- 15 October Start of Term 4
- 19 October Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day
- 22 October Labour Day
- 26 October Year 6 camp Pool Party
- 27 October Saturday summer sport commences
- 20 December End of Term 4

## **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT**

Our school review that was completed ten days ago was very successful. The reviewers had plenty of positive feedback and comments about so many aspects of our school. These included:

- a strong curriculum plan and programme of learning
- clear promotion of school values throughout the school
- hardworking and capable teachers
- effective programmes to support children with wide ranging needs and skills
- friendly, happy, motivated and enthusiastic children

It was reassuring that the review team identified so many of the positive things about our school that we value. We await the final report to be created in the next few weeks.

## **WALKING BUS—THURSDAY MORNINGS**

The numbers have been increasing lately for the Walking Bus with a number of new faces joining us. There will be another walking bus this week, but not one next week. The final walking bus for the Term will be on Thursday 27 September.

## **NEW ENTRANT NUMBERS KEEP RISING**

The New Entrant enrolments continue to keep rising so we have to change our planning to cater for these numbers. As we are starting to run out of space with more unexpected arrivals enrolling, we are going to have to use the school library from the start of Term 4 to be a room for the older children currently in Room 7. A separate notice will be sent out to families of these children before the end of the term to explain these changes in more detail.

## **YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER**

The 'Pool Party' scheduled originally advertised for later this month has been postponed until Friday 26 October. Any children who have purchased tickets for the earlier date who are unable to attend will have their entry fee refunded.

## **SATURDAY MORNING SPORT—TERM 4**

**T-Ball/Mini Pitch:** the season will soon be upon us, starting Saturday 27 October at Tareha Park. We are keen to have as many participants as possible. Please think about being a coach or a manager to help things run smoothly as well as having a fun way of being involved in children's sport.

A separate notice will be issued this week for those interested. Teams need to be confirmed by October 16th.

**Junior Cricket:** This also starts at the end of the second week of Term 4, either on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. A notice about cricket will go home in the last week of Term 4.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

The following children were the winners of the Margaret Mahy character drawing competition:

Room 11	Sara Petuha
Room 11	Elai Harrison
Room 5	Luke Tibbitts
Room 6	Luke Marshall
Room 15	Alice Downey
Room 12	Amber Single-Owens

Have a great week every one. Next week I travel to Melbourne to attend the New Zealand and Australian Principal's conference. This promises to be a great experience. I will be back at school on Tuesday 25 September.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson — Principal

