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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 19

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Three new students have started at Greenmeadows School over the past ten days. Rylee McCallum, Tavian Roberts and Emma Blake have enrolled and have now settled into their respective classes. Nicole Prak has also returned to our school. We welcome you all to Greenmeadows School.

GMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SURVEY

What an amazing response we have had to date. We presently have more than 150 survey forms returned! Please keep them coming — it is very important to us that we know what our families and whanau are thinking about in regards to your children and our school. The first round of lollypops were given away today to those children in families who have returned a survey form so far. The first prize draw winner of a \$50 Greenmeadows New World voucher is Marlena Bayley. Two more draws will be held so it is not too late to respond and be eligible for the draw.

GMS ATHLETIC SPORTS 2012

Last Friday was a wonderful day for the school — the sun shone, lots of spectators were in attendance and our children showed what determined athletes they can be. All our students gave their best and made the most of the opportunity to be in a competitive situation. Well done everyone! It was a memorable event, well organised and was a great success.

The following are our school championship results for 2012:

11 year old boys — 1st Joel Morrison, 2nd Jack Digby, 3rd equal Caleb Dingle and Finn Durrant

11 year old girls — 1st Jess Glentworth, 2nd equal Sophie Towler, Shania Jones and Jorja Fryer

10 year old boys — 1st Seb Kettle, 2nd Adam Barron, 3rd equal Lochlan Collins and Warner Dearn

10 year old girls — 1st Nikita Taylor-Chaffey, 2nd Holly Kinzett, 3rd Ella Nicholson

9 year old boys — 1st equal Jordan Peninsula and Tom Davies, 3rd Coby Price

9 year old girls — 1st equal Leah McKay, Savana Peach and Rylee McIntyre

7 & 8 year old boys — 1st Andrew Brown, 2nd equal Oliver Stewart, Jonny Peninsula and Jacob Fraser

7 & 8 year old girls — 1st Chloe Narayan,

2nd equal Emma Downey, Kiarah Miringaorangi-Turua, Kyra Dearn and Sophia Gross

Congratulations to all our children who were placed in our championships. Congratulations to other students who were selected for the interschool team. Unfortunately the weather ended up causing the organisers of the interschool championships to cancel this year's event. A true shame indeed as we had assembled a very competitive team.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL DUATHLON



Today is the day for our Duathlon which is being held at Anderson Park starting at 5.30pm. All children from school from New Entrant to Year 6 are welcome to enter. Who will win the fantastic 'Black Thunder' bicycle (worth \$650 if you were to buy it from the shop!)? All children who enter the duathlon, either in a team or as an individual, will be eligible to win the major spot prize.

In addition, our suppliers of the bike, Taradale Pedal Power, will happily swap the bike for another size if the winner is too small or too tall for the bike we currently have.

We will accept entries up until the races commence. Remember there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale this evening. The weather report is encouraging. It will take snow or torrential rain to put the event off — we will definitely keep going in showers. See you all there!!!!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

15 Nov	GMS Duathlon at Anderson Park 5.30 to 7.00pm
19 Nov	Start of Camp week Year 5 and 6
27 Nov	School Photographs taken
30 Nov	Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Day
3 Dec	Year 6 photograph taken
4 Dec	Kids For Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice
17 Dec	School Reports sent home
18 Dec	GMS Prize giving and breakup 6.30pm start
20 Dec	End of Term 4. 12.00pm finish
4 February	Start of 2013

SCHOOL LEAVERS 2013

As the roll continues to grow (we currently have 435 students) the enrolment zone looks very likely to in place by the beginning of the 2013 school year. We need to get as accurate a count as possible of the numbers of students we are expecting next year. If your child is not in Year 6 this year, and they will not be returning to Greenmeadows School in 2013, could you please let the office know as soon as possible. A short note is all that is needed, even if you may have had discussions earlier in the year with staff. Many thanks.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

An assembly will be held tomorrow at 12.20pm. Athletic certificates will be presented, as will certificates for the successful teams who took part as a large contingent of GMS students in the Hawkes Bay Triathlon championships last week. Exciting!!!!

SENIOR CAMPS

School will be lot quieter next week with Year 5 and 6 students away on camp for most, if not all of the five days of school. We wish all safe and very enjoyable camp weeks. They are always memorable ... and the weather is always perfect as well!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Today the envelopes for the school photograph orders have been sent home.

Tuesday 27 November is the day we have set for the class and individual photos to be taken this year. Please understand that this can be a very complicated process at the school end — so whanau can help by making sure:

- the correct money is included
- orders are placed on time (and not on the morning we are taking them!)
- Everyone is at school on the day!!!

Please ensure your child takes their orders in the envelopes to their class teacher



ROOM 6 TEACHER UPDATE

A couple of weeks ago Mrs Bryan suffered a relatively serious Achilles tendon injury while out doing PE with the children. She originally intended returning within a couple of weeks, but medical experts have determined that recovery will take longer than earlier hoped. We have been fortunate to gain the services of Mrs Belinda Hanlon to provide relief teaching cover for the Room 6 class for the next few weeks. We wish Pixie a speedy and full recovery.

MATHLETICS 2012

Last night three teams of students from the Totara team competed in the annual Mathletics competition at Taradale Intermediate along with other local schools. Our teams finished with Bronze and Silver Awards for their efforts. Well done to all our competitors — Warner, Finn and Jayden (Silver winners), along with Mia, Danika, Charlotte, Tane, Ethan and Cory. Thanks to Mrs Kinsey for all preparation and coaching she has given these teams. Great stuff!!!

Have a great week.
Ka kite ano,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Johnson'.

Mark Johnson
— Principal

