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**NEWSLETTER NO. 20**

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

## **WELCOME TO GMS!!!**

We have another four students who have enrolled with us here at GMS since our last newsletter. Rylee McCallum, Eshal Ali, Bree Martin and Caitlyn Walls are our latest enrolments as members of our junior classes. A warm welcome to these four girls.

## **2012 YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP WEEK**

The three senior student camps that headed off to Rissington or Wellington last week were amazing times away for all involved. We were very fortunate to have a week when the weather was very kind to us and it allowed the children to make the most of their time outdoors, and away from home. The children were wonderful to take away and were all determined to make the most of the opportunities that the camps provided.

School camps do not function without the input of the parents who readily give up their time away from work and home to accompany our school groups. All three camps were very fortunate to have wonderful parents join our ventures. Thank you to all for your independence, toil, initiative and readiness to get involved.

## **GMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SURVEY**

An amazing response to our survey — we have more than 230 returned forms to help the Board of Trustees in their planning and be very clear on the thoughts and feedback from so many in our community. Thanks to all who took the time to let us know how you see the variety of issues around the school. The winners of the last two Greenmeadows New World vouchers are the Sharp family and Rebecca Taylor.

A number of responses in the survey have asked for the school newsletter to be emailed, rather than sent home in a paper copy. We can accommodate this. Please send an email to admin@gms.school.nz if you like to receive emailed copies of the newsletters.

## **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL DUATHLON**

It seems a long time ago now, but what a great event our school duathlon turned out to be! The weather was kind to us. After black clouds loomed for a while before the start of the event, the races were held in perfect conditions by the time we got started. It was very impressive to see so many of our tamariki giving their all as they competed as either individuals or as members of a team. Well done to all of you who took part.

Our PTA again excelled themselves with an outstanding food stall, which was so successful that we ran out of supplies due to the demand. Thanks too are extended to Hirequip for providing their barbeque for us to use to help meet the challenge of feeding the hungry masses. Thanks to Scott Hadabora for arranging this. Mrs. Martin's great idea has created something neat that we will definitely be repeating in 2013. Finally congratulations to Cade Williams from Room 14, the lucky winner of the brand new Black Thunder bike.

## **GMS CANTEEN LAST DAY FOR 2012**

The last day for trading by our school canteen is Friday 14 December. We are very fortunate to have such a well run canteen — many thanks Kim! Thanks too are extended to the families who continue to support our canteen.

## **YEAR 6 PHOTOGRAPH**

Each year the PTA organises a keepsake photograph for our Year 6 children to take home. This will be taken on Monday 2 December at 9.00am.

## **NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

We will not have a school assembly this week. From next week we will commence preparing for our end of year breakup by having assemblies out side.



Room 1	Acacia Cheer Logan Finnimore Nathan Stone	Room 2	Alex Manning Cohen Batterham Kapri Phillips
Room 3	Braxton Bell Peyton Hays	Room 4	Dare'im Johnson Noah Edwards-Wilkinson Leroy Corby
Room 5	Jamie Evans Liam Houliston Isabella Davidson-Payne	Room 6	Xavier Kirby
Room 18	Tayah King Lily McDonald Joanne Li	Room 7	Katie Donnelly Lucas Feagai-Kingi Kylah Thompson
Room 8	Joseph McGovern Emma Gorringe	Room 9	Zhiheng Zhou Mila Wishnowsky Rowan O'Kane
Room 10	Calais Terry-Moore Bonnie Wedd	Room 11	Olivia Harding Anthony Hatchard Elai Harrison
Room 12	Kaylee McKirdy Simran Bedi Emilie Robb	Room 13	Jorja Fryer Jack Digby Stevie-Ray Jury
Room 14	Brianna Davis Sophie Towler Alexi Sewell	Room 15	Michael Pistorius Taylah Exton Desirae Wilkinson Tyler Payne
Room 16	Ashantae Hazel Ricky Yau	Room 17	Jared Kinsey Lily McDonald Jackson Haines

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 5 & 6 TERM 4 2012



## GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the school core values recently. Congratulations to: **Respect** Luke Marshall  
**Perseverance** Maia Jones **Excellence** Kristina Wilson

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

30 Nov	Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Day
3 Dec	Year 6 photograph taken
4 Dec	Kids For Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice (and a practise during the day)
5 Dec	PTA meeting 7.30pm
6 Dec	Transition meeting for New Entrant pupils
10 Dec	Puketapu School band on tour
12 Dec	Year 6 Social dance
13 Dec	Parent helpers Morning tea
14 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting
17 Dec	School Reports sent home
18 Dec	GMS Prize giving and Breakup 6.30pm start
19 Dec	Postponement date for Breakup
20 Dec	End of Term 4. 12.00pm finish
4 February	Start of 2013

## END OF YEAR HECTIC TIME!!!

School finishes in exactly three weeks, so there are plenty of things on the go and that we want to get tidied by the end of the year. Families can help us by getting all outstanding accounts settled and regularly checking the lost property box for mislaid clothing — your assistance with these matters will be appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend! There will be one more newsletter this year.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
— Principal

