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Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

This will be the last school newsletter of Term 1. The last ten weeks have passed very quickly and here we are now into the middle of autumn. Now our first term is close to coming to an end – and twenty five percent of the year will have passed by the time next Friday rolls around. Your children have excelled themselves in so many ways over the past ten weeks and they can be proud of the way they have faced the challenges in their learning and persevered in meeting them. Thanks to our staff for their hard work and dedication this term as well. A special thanks also to all the wonderful parent helpers we have had this term – FANTASTIC!!

NEW ENROLMENTS AT GMS

We welcome the following three students to our school Kyla O'Keefe, Riley Bright and Khadynce Miringaorangi-Turua who have enrolled in the last fortnight. They have all made a very positive start! We wish them well as they begin their years of learning at Greenmeadows School.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

As the weather starts to get colder and wetter, we are about to have an even larger number of cars dropping children off at school. The high volume of vehicles can pose a number of safety issues for our children as they arrive and leave school. Our Deputy Principal who is often on crossing duty has these observations to offer:

Firstly, thanks to the 99% of you who make it safer for our children by observing road rules and using common sense during Road Patrol on Osier Road.

Unfortunately there are a small number of adults who are creating a hazard for our children and road patrolers. Frequent examples include:

- * Parking or dropping off children in the bus stop*
- * Parking or dropping off children in the disabled park*
- * Parking over driveways to let children out*
- * Dropping children off on yellow lines.*
- * Walking children across the road (rather than using the road patrol).*

The church car park is available for Greenmeadows School families to use. This is a much safer option than the examples above.

It would be appreciated if you can all help to keep our children safe on our road.

- Steve Bloor

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Last year our school took part in a ceremony to take a role of guardianship of Taradale Park. which we gladly accepted as a school To strengthen the link, the school has been gifted a sign by the Napier City Council which outlines some of the history of the park, so our children can learn about it. We will display this sign so all can use it for reference.

To acknowledge this link on the last day of this term, the classes from the Totara syndicate will walk to Taradale Park to enjoy a sports competition as well as have lunch. Children will be able to order lunch from the canteen on that day and have the orders delivered to the park. All are encouraged to wear clothing along the lines of their house groups. They also need appropriate footwear to walk the distance to Taradale Park.

We will depart from school at 11.20am and return by 2.00pm. This activity will only go ahead if the weather is fine and warm.

The assembly for Friday 19 April will be held from 2.20 to 3.00pm rather than in the morning as normal.

VARIETY – THE CHILD'S CHARITY

Our school has been contacted by the Variety Children's Charity. They are interested in receiving applications from families to assist sick, disabled and disadvantaged children. If families are interested in finding out about the criteria, or any further information about the eligibility to apply for possible sponsorship, please contact Ms Ross or Mr. Johnson.

APRIL HOLIDAY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The school has more details on these activities for those who are interested:

- Stoney Creek Ranch School Holiday Camp One 22/4—26/4 \$130.00. Camp Two 30/4—2/5 \$70.00
- Tennis Greendale Tennis Club programme: mornings 22/4, 23/4, 24/4 and the afternoon of 25th April. \$80.00 for all four sessions or \$25.00 per session Ph 8443732 evenings
- Central Football Programme at Napier Boys' High School 29 April to 2nd May 9am—3pm. Ph 021734379 or admin@centralfootball.co.nz

SCHOOL INVOICES

A huge thank you to families who have paid their school accounts on time. Invoices and receipts will be sent home next week by Tuesday 16 April. Please take note of all unpaid trips, swimming, sports fees etc. Payment as soon as possible for these would be appreciated.

Thanks to those who have also paid the school fee so far. Please note the rebate for early repayment of these fees finishes from the start of Term 2.

T-BALL AND MINI-PITCH REPORT

What a fantastic season we have had for T-ball and Minipitch. It is really encouraging to see so many children playing in the Saturday morning competition. This has not happened without the support and encouragement parents have given your children.

Congratulations to GMS 6 who were the winners in their age section. This is an opportune moment to thank all the parents and older siblings who coached or helped to manage teams. Thank you to: Mitchell Digby (GMS 8), Sandra Kirby (GMS 7), Grant Davies and Jo Exeter (GMS 6), Vicky Johansen (GMS 5), Dean Hepburn and Jay Tawera (GMS 4), Clint Hansen (GMS 3), Kelly Richards, Emma Taylor-Meynell and Craig Smith (GMS 2), and Andrew Dine (GMS 1).

Thank you so much for giving up your time to coach and encourage our children, we could not have done this without you. We look forward to another successful new season in Term 4.

A NOTICE FROM MRS KINSEY

Kia ora, my name is Paula Kinsey. I teach in Room 1 and I am also volunteer firefighter for the Taradale Fire Brigade. For the second year in a row I'm 'racing' up the Sky Tower in full firefighting kit to raise vital funds and awareness for Leukemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC). I don't think there is a single person out there who hasn't been affected in some way or another by cancer. Whether it's a loved one or not, cancer can change your outlook in life.

If I can make life easier in some way or form for someone who has cancer, I'm in. So in just over a month, I will be donning my firefighting gear and climbing Auckland's Sky Tower. It will be hot, exhausting and demanding on my body. But nothing compared with the fight cancer sufferers and their families undertake everyday. So please support this cause and donate. Donations can be dropped off to the school office, to myself in Room 1, or you can go to my fundraising page and donate online.

http://www.firefightersclimb.org.nz/view_event_profile/1874

Thank you for your support,

Paula Kinsey.

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST VAN VISIT

The Life Education Trust mobile classroom will be at our school from 6 to 10th May — the first week of next term. The children from the Kowhai and Pohutukawa teams will be having lessons in the classroom.

GMS CRICKET REPORT

The school cricket season ended just prior to Easter. This season we had one team playing in a hard ball grade with a number of children who took up the game for the first time. Our team had a very successful run — winning all their games in the B grade competition. To end the season we took on the Reignier A grade side and suffered a close loss. All our players showed a lot of improvement and we will be entering the A grade when cricket starts again in October. Great effort team!!! We also had wonderful support from our team's parents who were great at cheering on the players.



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA NEWS

1. Easter Raffle—thanks to all who supported our Easter Raffle. This was another great success and we raised \$3300 as a result of this! What a total - thanks to all who bought tickets.
 2. FOUND after the Food Fair was a Napier Aquatic concession swimming card. If you know who it belongs to please contact our school office.
 3. AGM result—last evening the PTA held their AGM. The key office holders were retained and we sincerely thank the following for their willingness to be involved for another year:
Chairperson—Saemone Fraser
Secretary—Robynne Gross
Treasurer—Melanie McOnie
- Planning is underway for a Disco early next term—keep Friday 24 May free!

PRIMARY FITNESS PROGRAMME

Primary Fitness is a FUN fitness programme for primary school aged children. This experience combines basic athletic skills and drills with fun games and activities. It is designed for Year 3 to 6 students. Each session aims to improve a child's general fitness, sporting skills, coordination and tactical awareness. It complements existing sports commitments.

Primary Fitness at Greenmeadows School is starting on 10 May running from 3.15pm—4.00pm. The cost is \$50.00 per athlete per term or \$40.00 per additional family member.

For more information email athleticcoach@xtra.co.nz or visit www.sportsground.co.nz/track and field fitness.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS

The school house captains for this year were presented with their badges earlier this week and are now proudly wearing them as they perform their duties in a variety of ways. This includes organising house teams and running the lunchtime PALs programme.

The school house captains for 2013 are:

Ahi — Kamoe Fabish, Maddison Greeks, Seb Kettle, Lochlan Collins
Moana — Shylah Jury, Holly Kinzett, Adam Barron, Jacob Driver
Marama — Alexi Sewell, Courtney Roff, Ethan Wynne, Levi David
Ngahere—Rylee McIntyre, Ellie Watts, Jordan Peninsula, Josh Parslow

SUPPORT FOR CHILD DIABETES & CANTEEN

One of our school parents Rachel Sharp is in for a fun weekend ... she is entered as part of a team ('The Randoms') competing in the Fear Factor event this Saturday afternoon. The competition is being held from 1.00pm this Saturday on the southern side of the national Aquarium on Marine Parade. If you are interested in sponsoring Rachel you can do so online at www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/TheRandoms.

All the best Rachel—sounds like a great spectator sport ... participation might be more of a challenge!

HOME STAY PLACES TARADALE HIGH

Taradale High School is looking for Home Stay Parents for its International Students. If you are interested please phone Jan Dearing or Sheree Mason on 8442159 or email international@ths.school.nz.

GMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday 16 April starting at 5.30pm.

GMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The next Board of Trustees election is drawing closer. All eligible voters on our electoral roll will soon receive in the mail a nomination form and information for the coming election.

The voting roll can be viewed at the school office during open hours (8.30am to 3.20pm).



Room 1	Melissa Kinzett Jazmyne McKenzie Charlie Stewart	Room 2	Grace Hall Eva MacKirdy
Room 3	Ella-Rose McOnie Logan Finnimore	Room 4	Judge Jury Lydia Wilkins
Room 5	Dylan Simes Hunter Harris	Room 6	Rebekah Beaven Ezekiel Ferguson
Room 8	Lochlan Marshall Caitlyn Walls	Room 9	Riley Bright Amelia Weekley
Room 10	Lucy Angland Sophie Lyndon	Room 11	Liam Johns Lachlan Richards
Room 12	Jamie Evans	Room 13	Swimming
Room 14	Swimming	Room 15	Zara Morris Kamoe Fabish
Room 16	Morgan Wilkins Bianka Burke	Room 17	Jamie Kinder Baylee Sharp

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to our recipients in the past two weeks:

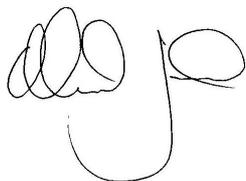
Respect	Ashton Plapp Room 10 Jessica Pyott Room 8
Perseverance	Liam Santo Room 5 Connor Le Quesne Room 4
Excellence	Charlotte Hatchard Room 16 Adam Barron Room 15

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week the wonderful students in Room 8 are going to be performing in our school assembly. All are welcome to attend. We can't wait to see our New Entrants in front of a crowd!

Have a safe and happy end to the term and a wonderfully relaxing holiday.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 8 AND 9 TERM 1 2013



NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

The following students have received Maths Ladder badges over the past two weeks:

Ethan Wynne	Shylah Jury
Zhiheng Zhou	Aimee Dodd
Asha Penn	Lucy Duncan
Noah Symon	Mikayla Wright
Erik Bloomfield	

Congratulations to you all!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

16 April	BOT meeting 5.30pm
19 April	Totara syndicate to Taradale Park End of Term 1 3.00pm
25 April	ANZAC Day parade where GMS is represented by School Council members and house captains

Term 2

6 May	Term 2 starts 9.00am
14 May	Swimming Trials (Totara team)
16 May	Swimming Finals
24 May	PTA Disco
3 June	Queen's Birthday
12 July	End of Term 2

