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Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Term 2 has commenced - and two wet lunch times to welcome us back ... The break appears to invigorated the children as they have arrived ready and eager to learn. A great start to the week everyone!

NEW ENROLMENTS AT GMS

We welcome the following students to our school:

- Mason Rangiawha and Luka Jones joined Room 9
- Chevron Kotuhi in Room 16
- And the Goody children have returned from Turkey — Alister in Room 13, Aleah in Room 17 and Rosie in Room 5.

We wish them well as they begin the second term of 2013.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVATION

This Thursday 9 May we will hold our own ANZAC ceremony. Observing ANZAC Day has become a tradition at Greenmeadows School. As part of the format for the ceremony we ask that all children bring:

- a flower to lay beside the flagpole as each class goes into the Hall for the assembly
- a coin to go towards a collection we give to the RSA.

A representative from the Taradale RSA will attend our school observation. This starts at 12.30pm.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORT EVENTS

Winter is on its way, but we are very fortunate that we have access to a heated and indoor pool ... and all the senior students have recently had their series of swimming lessons. This all means that now is the perfect time to have the Totara syndicate swimming sports at the Greendale Pool at Taradale Primary School. We hope all children in these classes are able to participate in a whole range of activities.

We will have a practise and trials on Tuesday 14 May from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The finals will be on Thursday 16 May from 9.30 to 12.00pm. Please remember togs and towels on the days concerned! Transport will be provided by bus.

STAFF CHANGES AND UPDATES

We have a couple of changes to staff from the start of this term.

Reading Recovery - Mrs. Maureen Frew will work with the children on the Reading Recovery programme for the next two terms during Mrs. Catherine Webster's leave. We welcome Maureen to our school.

Miss Ruby Gannon - Ruby will be taking on the release teaching component for Terms 2 and 3 that Catherine Webster has been providing in Rooms 4 and 10. It is great to be able to utilise Ruby's skills and knowledge of our school.

Mrs. Nicole Johnson - Nicole has decided to take leave for the first half of this term to help her recovery as she faces her last series of treatments. Ms Mel Davis has been organised as full-time cover in Room 5 for Mrs. Johnson for this time. We are very fortunate to have Mel available to take on this additional responsibility.

Mrs. Karen Goodgame - our long serving employee Karen Goodgame has resigned from her position effective of Thursday 9 May. Karen has been on our staff for more than sixteen years and has made a great contribution to our school in so many different ways. Whether running the Library, organising the staff room, helping in classrooms or undertaking administrative tasks, Karen has given her total commitment. We wish her well in her new job.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

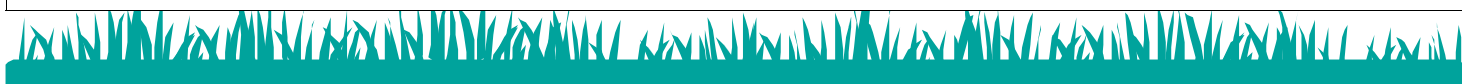
Many thanks to those families who have been paying their school accounts — we do appreciate your efforts. We ask those with outstanding accounts, especially for swimming costs settle these as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.



WINTER TERM ACTIVITIES – WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN TO DO?

Terms 2 and 3 are the terms when plenty of activity goes on throughout the school. We are often asked about the different types of things children could be involved in so have generated the following list to give an idea of what is on offer, as well as the commitment required. As you can see there are a great number of opportunities that we have available for students. One can also get an idea of the type of commitment a number of our wonderful staff members make towards extra-curricular activities for the GMS children.

| Activity and coordinator | Age Groups Involved | Times for Competition/Event | Commitment Needed |
|---|---|--|---|
| Netball Y6 Ferns Sue Martin/Jonette Dale All teams coordinator Pixie Bryan | Year 6 | Games on Thursday after school Hastings Pak'n'Save courts Term 2 | Practices: Mondays lunchtimes Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am |
| Netball Year 6 Tigers Mark Johnson | Year 6 | Games on Thursday after school Hastings Pak'n'Save courts Term 2 | Practices: Tuesday 8.00 to 8.30am and Wednesdays lunchtimes |
| Netball Y5 Mystics Salina Avery | Year 5 | Games on Thursday after school Hastings Pak'n'Save courts Term 2 | Practices Monday after school 3.15 to 4.15pm |
| Netball Y5 Magic Tanya Dearn/Paula Kinsey | Year 5 | Games on Thursdays after school Term 2 | Practice Tuesday lunchtime |
| Netball Y4 Christina Withey | Year 4 and Year 3 | Games on Thursdays after school Term 2 at various schools | Wednesday lunchtimes |
| 'Digital Dazzlebees' Sue Martin | Y1, Y2 and Y3 (selected by class teacher) | Terms 2 and 3 Digi-Awards later in Term 3 | Tuesday to Friday lunchtimes 12.50 to 1.30pm |
| Hockey Louise Nicholson/Kay Holst | Mainly Year 5 and 6 | Games on Saturday mornings Terms 2 and 3 Park Island | Practices Friday lunch time |
| Soccer Steve Bloor/Marty Gibbs | Year 5 and 6 (boys and girls) Year 3 and 4 (boys and girls) | Thursday after schools Term 3 | Practices Thursday lunchtimes |
| Rippa Rugby Steve Bloor | Year 5 and 6 | Wednesdays after school Term 2 at various schools | Practices Wednesday lunchtime |
| Rugby Barefoot 10 Mark Johnson | Years 4, 5 and 6 | Wednesdays after school Term 3 at various schools | Practices Wednesday lunchtimes |
| Jump Jam Linda Dallimore | All ages | Lunchtimes in Term 3 | Tuesdays 1.20pm |
| Gymnastics Jane McCosh/Paula Kinsey | Year 3 and 4 | Festival in Term 2 | Monday lunchtime and after school |
| Fun Ferns Wendy Currie | Year 2 and under | School based skills sessions | Friday lunchtimes |
| Kapa Haka Shona Millner/Pixie Bryan/ Mel Davis | Year 2 to 6 | Various performances | Thursday lunchtime practices Term 2 to mid way through Term 4 |
| Choir Shona Millner/Jonette Dale/ Nicole Johnson | Year 2 to 6 | Various performances | Tuesday lunchtime practices Term 2 to midway through Term 4 |
| Ukulele Shona Millner/Chris Sullivan/ Jonette Dale | Year 5 and 6 Year 2 and 3 A Friday lunchtime group will start later in the term | Various performances Ukulele Festival | Practices Monday and Friday 10.30 11.00am (children will be expected to practice at home) |
| Digital Animation/Film Jonette Dale | Year 5 and 6 | Terms 2 and 3 | Wednesday lunchtimes |
| Technology Challenge Linda Dallimore | Year 5 and 6 | Term 2 | Wednesday lunchtime 1.00pm |
| Basketball Chris Sullivan | Year 5 and 6 | Term 2 | Wednesday lunchtime |
| Guitar Chris Sullivan | Year 4 to 6 | Term 2 | Monday lunchtime |
| Duathlon Sue Martin | Year 4 to 6 | Term 3 | To be advised |



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL FAMILY DETAILS

A number of families have changed address or contact details — including family circumstances, phone numbers or email addresses. If this does happen, please let the office know so that we hold accurate information. Thanks for your help.

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST VAN VISIT

The Life Education Trust van is at school for this week. Classes from Rooms 1 to 11 are visiting Harold in the mobile classroom to learn about personal health and lifestyles.

PRIMARY FITNESS PROGRAMME

Primary Fitness is a FUN fitness programme for primary school aged children. It has been made available for children of all ages and starts this Friday afternoon. The activity takes place 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, or come along this week and see what is on offer.

FEED THE BUS—FOOD COLLECTION

The double-decker bus will visit Greenmeadows School on Tuesday 21 May collecting non-perishable food items for the Napier Foodbank. Students are encouraged to bring donations of food for this cause in the lead up to the bus arriving here. Thanks to the generosity of our bank ASB we will be able to give a lollipop treat to the children from families who bring something towards the Feed the Bus campaign.

KELLY SPORTS—TERM 2

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School.. AWESOME AUTUMN SUPER SPORTS is designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enroll please visit our website, www.kellysports.co.nz or for further info contact Alex Jones at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

MANY THANKS!!!

During the holiday break our wooden topped lunch benches went on a brief holiday themselves ... and have returned with a wonderful new range of colours. Many, many thanks to Roger Arrowsmith and Sophia Gross who were dedicated painters during the break. Also our sincere appreciation to Neil McKenzie from Carters who donated the paint for the project.

PMP COMMENCES — HELP NEEDED!

Each year we run the Perceptual Motor Programme during Terms 2 and 3. This is for junior students and has a proven impact on improving a whole range of physical attributes such as coordination, balance, agility and motor skills. PMP also offers a lot of development in terms of vocabulary growth, keeping children active and building social skills.

The programme is run by Mrs Kirsten Martin along with parent assistance. Can anyone else help to go on the roster? It is a very positive way to play a part in helping children in their learning. Please contact Mrs Holst, Kirsten or the school office if you are available to assist. It can be a little or as frequent as you like - all assistance would be gratefully accepted.

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book orders have been distributed today Wednesday 8 May. Book Club orders will need to be returned to your child's teacher by **Wednesday 15 May**. Please note we are unable to accept late orders, as there are strict deadlines to meet with Book Club.

Please ensure you complete the form correctly as incorrect orders will have to be returned to you, and your family will miss the order being placed with the school's bulk order. Cheques need to be made out to "Scholastic Book Club". If paying with cash, please ensure the correct amount is included as we are unable to give change.

NAPIER MARCHING CLUB

Interested in marching? Girls aged 6 years and older are invited to join the Napier Marching Club. They practise every Tuesday during May at Napier Intermediate from 4.30pm. Contact Stacey Sime for more information on 8353884



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| Room 1 | Sophie McLean Kaitlyn Barra | Room 2 | Janelle Swain Caitlyn Fisher |
| Room 3 | Caleb Carlisle Devyn Summersby | Room 4 | Tabitha Francis- Thickpenny Katie Fellows |
| Room 5 | Keeley Tibbitts Alex Barra | Room 6 | William Rollings Rieley Jackson |
| Room 8 | George Fellows Shylah Heke | Room 9 | Cyrus Lett |
| Room 10 | Lucas Feagai-Kingi Tyler Scott | Room 11 | Logan Hansen Liam Johns |
| Room 12 | Tyler Ounsworth | Room 13 | Bryce Lott |
| Room 14 | Emily Robb Ethan Wynne | Room 15 | Winter Francis-Thickpenny Jordan Peninsula |
| Room 16 | Swimming Phoebe Johnson | Room 17 | Cody Johns Ella Parnell |

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 10 AND 11 TERM 1 2013



NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

The following students have received Maths Ladder badges before the holiday break:

Tegan Knowles, Emily Davidson-Payne, Lydia Carson, Zara McDonald, Porche Potgieter, Cody Johns, Tom Davies, Luke Johnston, Kaylen Jones, Caitlyn Walls, Jonny Peninsula, Sophie Mclean, Makaylah Jack, Awatea Winterburn, Matthew Harrison, Reuben Davies, Kyran Walls, Shae Watts, Joanne Li, Molly King, Sophie Lyndon, Ryder Moore, Ryan Catley, Aaron Jones, Lana Simes, Morgan Wilkins, Ashton Plapp, Shiloh Johansen, Chloe Narayan and Claire Meybaum.

Congratulations to you all!

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 10 Term 1

Respect Lucy Duncan Room 9
Perseverance Jonny Peninsula Room 4
Excellence Tom Davies Room 13

Impressive stuff!!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Term 2

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| 14 May | Swimming Trials (Totara team) |
| 16 May | Swimming Finals |
| 21 May | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| 22 May | Dance Festival |
| 24 May | PTA Disco |
| 3 June | Queen's Birthday |
| 11 June | PTA Shared Lunch |
| 13 June | Henry Hill Sports Exchange |
| 25 June | Junior Gymnastics Festival |
| 27 June | Senior Gymnastics Festival |
| 12 July | End of Term 2 |

