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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER NO. 11

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

## WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Greenmeadows School continues to grow and thrive. Our roll today is 419 students.

There have been a number of arrivals at school since the start of Term 3. Recently enrolled New Entrant students have been:

Jaimee Steed, Xzylia Hita-Duval, Ena Huata, Shamrock Huata, Kaeden Duncan, Alizae Corby, Carlos Bell, Jasper Peet, Tyler Grant and Cassidy Murphy who have joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey. A special welcome to you all – what a delightful group they are!

## UNIFORM SURVEY FOR GMS

The survey that was sent out last week has been returned by a large percentage of our school population already. We have had 280 returns so far. Please ensure all responses to the survey are back by Monday 12 August so the summary information can be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at this month's meeting.

## BULK TEXTING OF SCHOOL MESSAGES

The long promised bulk texting service is here for our school ... via Twitter. It is really simple – you don't have to join Twitter; any one can access this service if you have a phone that receives text messages!

This is all you do:

Simply send the following **TEXT**:  
follow *GMSNapier*  
To this number: **8987**

Please note that there is a space between 'follow' and 'GMSNapier'.

This will mean you get updates, notices and events related to school sent to directly to your phone.

## STAFFING UPDATE

We are able to provide an update on staffing at our school:

- The Librarian's position we advertised at the end of last term attracted a very large field of applicants. After a very thorough process Mrs. Kim Cook was appointed as our new school Librarian. Kim has approached her new role with typical enthusiasm and already we have a number of new initiatives in place – for example the Library is now open in the mornings before school, as well as at lunchtimes. Parents are welcome to stay and read with their children between 8.30 and 9.00am to utilize our wonderful resource.
- We are all thrilled to have Mrs. Nicole Johnson return to full time teaching duties in Room 5 this term. Nicole has made a full recovery from her illness and subsequent period of treatment. It is wonderful to have her back with her class and at school. Welcome back Nicole.
- Ms. Mel Davis has taken over the teaching of our Science extension groups – a very popular learning activity in our school. Mel has done an amazing job working alongside Mrs. Johnson and looking after Room 5 for much of the first two terms.
- The growing numbers of New Entrant students has meant that we have employed another teacher to help the young learners as they commence at school. Mr. Michael Whitesmith has been appointed to work alongside Miss Withey in Room 7, and will start at the beginning of September. Mrs. Anna Murphy will continue additional days in Room 7 until Michael commences.
- Miss Terri-Ann Pay has returned on teacher placement in Room 13 for the first four weeks of this term. A warm welcome back to Terri-Ann.



## NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

These children are the latest ones to receive a Numeracy Ladder badge:

Ava Humphrey, Mila Wishnowsky, Bonnie Wedd, Keeley Tibbitts, Millie Ford, Sarah Wedd, Emma Bidlake, Courtney Becker, Ella Walker, Safiya Nicholls, Ellie Watts, Harley Taurima, John Harrison, Ernest Woolward, Chloe Skilton, Savana Peach, Connor Morris, Jesse Beals, Chloe Wilson, Summer Campbell, Lachlan Richards, Katrina Rush, Caleb Hunt, X'phia Johnson, Braden Gibb, Belle Taylor, Grace Henriksen, Sachleen Bedi, Frankie Morrison, Holly Stewart and Phoebe Heays.

Well done all!!!

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

**Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 1 of Term 3 at school assembly**

<b>Respect</b>	Amelia Weekly Room 9
<b>Perseverance</b>	Georgia Brown Room 1
<b>Excellence</b>	Morgan Wilkins Room 16

Great efforts from you all!

Who will receive the medals this week?

## ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Scholastic Book orders have been distributed today — Wednesday 7 August. Book Club orders will need to be returned to your child's teacher by **Friday 16 August**. 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.

Many thanks - last time we sent out the Book Club fliers we had one of our biggest orders in several years.

## PTA NEWS

There will be a PTA meeting this evening in the staff room starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend, including any new faces.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Many thanks to those families who have paid their school accounts — we do appreciate your efforts.

We ask those with outstanding accounts, especially for swimming costs, sports fees, trips and productions are settled as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

Prices have been set for Year 5 and 6 camps and Year 4 day trips to be held in Term 4. They are as follows:

Year 6 Camp to Wellington	\$240.00
Year 5 Camp to Omatua, Rissington	\$ 90.00
Year 4 Day trips, Stoney Creek, Maraekakaho	\$ 30.00

To help ease paying this amount in one lump sum parents/caregivers are encouraged to make weekly/ fortnightly payments via Internet Banking. Please ensure you enter your child's Name, Room number and Camp or EOTC e.g. *Chris Martin R15 Camp*. The a/c number for payments is: 12-3144-0207207-01.

## SPOONER SHIELD 2013

The annual winter sports tournament for local schools is drawing closer. This long standing competition is eagerly looked forward to as teams in netball, rugby, hockey and soccer play tournaments against other schools from the Taradale district.

Our school has been assembling strong teams and hoping to give our very best for the event which is scheduled for Thursday 15 August at Bledisloe School.

## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

All the best to the teams from our school who are playing in the tournament this coming Friday at the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park.

## LEXIA PROGRAMMES

This year our school has been running an online programme to support reading development for a number of our students called 'Lexia'. We have been very fortunate to have financial support for this programme from the Masonic Trust who are promoting this excellent resource into local schools. Greenmeadows School has been the first local school to receive this support from the Masonic Trust.



Room 1	Harley Taurima	Room 2	Bonnie Wedd
Room 3	Garrett Chan	Room 4	Enosh Yong
Room 5	Kalla Hays	Room 6	Benjamin Bloomfield
Room 7	Mitchell Simes	Room 8	Raven Howse
Room 9	Mason Rangiawha	Room 10	Hunter Steadman
Room 11	Nicole He	Room 12	Tayla Wilkinson
Room 13	John Harrison	Room 14	Oliver Stewart
Room 15	Maddison Greeks	Room 16	Leroy Corby
Room 17	Nakayla Glentworth		

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 1 TERM 3 2013



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Chaz Heke, a Year 6 student at our school was selected for the Napier West Wakely Shield team after a trial last weekend. Well done Chaz.

### KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its programme on Tuesdays after school this term. WICKED WINTER 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 [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or for further information contact Alex Jones at [hb@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:hb@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 8434219.

*Well it feels a little like spring ... and we are certainly enjoying getting outside and being an active school with lots of energy!! Have a great week everyone .*

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

#### Term 3

9 August	Netball Tournament for Year 5 and 6 teams
12 August	Replies due Uniform Survey
15 August	Spooner Shield Bledisloe School & Park 8.30—2.30pm Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
17 August	Book club orders due back
<b>21 August</b>	<b><i>Spooner Shield Postponement Day</i></b>
29 August	Henry Hill Exchange Rugby
30 August	Science Roadshow TIS 10.00—12.00pm
3 September	Greenmeadows School Cross Country
5 September	School Cross Country Postponement Day
17 September	Interschool Cross Country
17 September	Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30
18 September	Combined Choir Festival 6.30—7.30
25 September	'A Night at the Meadows' - a concert showcasing some of the talent at GMS
27 September	End of Term 3
14 October	Start of Term 4
19 December	End of Term 4

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