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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO.15

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

GMS STAFFING UPDATE

This final newsletter for the term has some updates about a number of our *GMS* staff.

Mrs. Catherine Webster is due to return from her time overseas and start back with us from the beginning of Term 4. We look forward to hearing about her wonderful time in Europe. We need to thank Mrs. Maureen Frew for filling in for Catherine and keeping the Reading Recovery programme moving ahead so effectively over the past two terms. Many thanks for all your efforts Maureen.

Mrs. Kay Holst has been given leave for the first three weeks of Term 4. She will be returning at the beginning of November. Kay has also advised the Board of Trustees that she intends to retire from her teaching and team leadership positions at the end of the 2013 school year. The school is about to commence the process to find a replacement for Kay.

We also wish Miss Christina Withey well for her wedding day in the middle Saturday of the holidays. When school resumes, Room 7 will have the challenge of their teacher now being called 'Mrs. Tareha' - we wish Christina and Ellery all the very best for their big day.

As mentioned above, Room 18 (the Hall) will be in operation next term with Mr. Whitesmith taking the New Entrant children for the remainder of the year, as well as the younger children in Room 7.

Next term we will be advertising an office position to replace Mrs. Gregory from the start of the 2014 school year. Mrs Sara Anderson will be providing cover until the end of Term 4 until this appointment can be made.

I would like to thank on behalf of all the children for the very hard work and dedication they have put towards this term. It has been very successful, and gone so very quickly ...!

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We have had one new arrival today, Holly Menzies, start at our school who has joined Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey and Mr. Whitesmith.

Next term Holly will join fifteen other children in the Hall as our eighteenth class starts in this temporary classroom. Welcome to school Holly!.

'A NIGHT AT THE MEADOWS' CONCERT

The day of our concert has finally arrived. The invitation is there for all families to attend—whether your child is performing or not. Our start time is 6.30pm sharp. Please don't be late as the show will be starting on time. This promises to be a great night out — don't miss it!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTERS

Also sent out today are a number of notices from the Board of Trustees regarding the introduction of a school uniform for Greenmeadows School. Make sure your child brings that out of their bag as well as this one ...

NO WALKING BUS THIS WEEK

Unfortunately there can not be a walking bus tomorrow. We start walking again next term on Thursday 17 October. It is great to have a couple of new faces joining us.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Our assembly on Friday will start at 2.30pm to end the term in our usual way. This means that there will be no assembly at 12.20pm.



GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Week 8 of Term 3 at school assembly:

Respect	Jamie Evans	Room 12
Perseverance	Cooper Fox	Room 1
Excellence	Emma Blake	Room 8

Well done to you three! The medals will be awarded next in Week 1 of Term 4.

DIGI-AWARDS

The following children from Greenmeadows School have been selected as finalists in the DigiAwards, which are for schools from the Taradale schools ICT cluster. Nine schools are involved for the 2013 awards. The Digital Daze DigiAwards will be presented on Thursday 17 October at the Hastings Opera House from 6.00pm sharp. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Each category is limited to ten nominations. Congratulations to the following children who had work selected to get to the finals stage. Great efforts indeed. Thanks also to Mrs. Dale and Mrs. Martin for all the time they have put into working alongside the students for this wonderful event—a true example of perseverance!

Graphic Design

Years 1 and 2 'Always Wash Your Hands' - Emily Hayes 'Eat Healthy Food All the Time' - Clara Newman
'Life Cycle of a Frog' - Makenzie Moore
Years 3 and 4 'Brush Your Teeth' - Ryan Catley 'Exercise Daily' - Emily Carson

Animation

Years 1 and 2 'Helmets' - Liam Johns 'Red Riding Hood' - Amy Cairns, Summer Campbell, Millie Burne
'Three Little Pigs' - Dante Delamere, Liam Johns, Lachlan Richards, Emma Gorringer
'Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car' - Maddison Stoodley, Joseph McGovern, Chloe Wilson, Aaliyah Mitchell
'The Very Hungry Spider' - Casey Thompson, Maddie Johns, Leila Weeks, Lily McDonald, Zoe Ennor, Maddison Leipst
Years 3 and 4
'The Digestive System' - Amelia Murphy and Kyran Walls 'The Princess and the Dragon' - Lia Sefton-Zachan
Years 5 and 6
'The Hungry Games' - Shylah Jury, Jasmine Wynne, Kamoe Fabish 'The Rosa Parks Story' - Jacob Driver

Short Movie

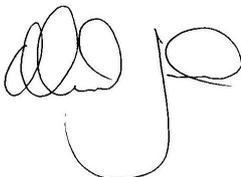
Years 1 and 2 'Our School Values' - Maddison Stoodley and Millie Burne
Years 3 and 4 'Learning Is Fun' - Maia Driver
Years 5 and 6 'Young Leaders' - Shyla Jury, Karmi van der Merwe '2013 SKJ' - Jasmine Wynne and Kamoe Fabish
'Stop Bullying Now' Kaylee Mackirdy, Angelyn Zeng, Bianka Bourke 'YLC ESA' - Alex Exeter, Jacob Driver, Ethan Wynne
'Easter Monster' - Jacob Driver, Alex Exeter, Ben Ireland
'The Ones That Got Away' - Safiya Nicholas, Ashley Bayley, Holly Kinzett
'Scooter Safety' - Kyra Dearn, Emma Downey, Lauren Wells, Hannah Exton, Sophie Dodd

Photography

Years 1 and 2 'Autumn Colours' - Brooke Eells 'Early Light' - Summer Campbell 'Visitor' - Brooke Eells
Years 3 and 4 'Mix and Match' - Maia Driver 'Fallen' - Maia Driver 'Blowing Away' - Maia Driver

Have a great holiday break with your children. We will see you again on Monday 14 October

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal

GMS LIBRARY

Don't forget ... during the coming holiday break our school Library will be open on Thursday 10 October from 10.00 until 11.30am.

PRIMARY FITNESS PROGRAMME

PRIMARY FITNESS is a **FUN** fitness programme for primary school aged children. It improves a child's fitness through **FUN** games and basic athletics skills and drills. 3pm - 4pm **Wednesday**, Term 4 at GMS. These **FUN** sessions are supervised by *Paul Webb* an experienced primary school and Athletics NZ Coach. For more info email athleticscoach@extra.co.nz or visit www.sportsground/trackandfieldfitness.

