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## NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

*More than a quarter of our year gone and a very busy term (they all seem to be these days) about to come to an end. Our tamariki have been focussed throughout the last eleven weeks of learning and made some very pleasing progress. Outstanding stuff! Thanks to our very hardworking and dedicated staff – you have all earned your two weeks of non-contact time. I wish you all a safe and restful time away.*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We want to extend a very warm welcome to Aaron Newman and Olivia Taylor who have started at GMS. They have settled into their new rooms and have made a positive start. Great stuff!

The school roll is currently at 408 students. As mentioned in the last newsletter, our final classroom will be opened up in Room 3 at the beginning of next term. Mrs Smith has been busy setting out the room ready to go from 5 May.

### FAREWELL TO STAFF

Tomorrow marks the final day for two longstanding members of our staff. Both have made an excellent contribution to our school.

Our Deputy Principal, Steve Bloor has worked at GMS since the start of 2006. He will be missed by all associated with our school. Steve has been such a consistent advocate for GMS and has always worked hard to ensure that children and staff be 'the best they can be' at all times. He has taken on the role of acting Principal at various times over the past eight years, and will be an excellent leader at Ebbett Park School when he moves there next term.

Lyndsey Starkey started at GMS at the beginning of 2007. She has been a teacher who maintained consistently high standards for her students and herself throughout her time here. Lyndsey has taught many children in the middle and senior school over the past eight years and had such a positive impact on their learning. We wish her all the best for the move to Auckland.

### NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to announce that the new Deputy Principal at GMS will be Mr Maaka Papuni. Maaka currently teaches at Bledisloe School. He has had several critical leadership roles at Bledisloe including boys education, PE, Sport and ICT. Maaka has previously taught at Irongate and Linton Army Camp schools, as well as time teaching overseas. He will start at the beginning of Term 3.

The members of the appointment committee were really impressed by the quality of the applicants who applied to work at our school. This is another sign of the regard our school is held in the community.

### END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Each term we end the last day with an assembly. This week we hope to hold it in our outdoor stage area, but this will be determined by the weather. The weather forecast looks wet for tomorrow so we have decided to prepare for the event to be in the Hall. The length of the assembly means that we have had to advance the start time to 2.00pm.

With the assembly going for a longer time than usual, and the fact that our hall limits the room we have available we have given Year 1 students the option of finishing their term at lunch time. Those Year 1s who wish to stay until 3.00pm are more than welcome to stay for the afternoon.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM – TERM 2

The new term brings the start of the introduction of the compulsory uniform for all Year 1 to 4 students. GMS uniform will be optional for students in Years 5 and 6 for the remainder of this year.

Boys are able to wear either cargo pants or shorts that are dark blue. All footwear needs to be black, while socks can be blue, black or grey.

Sunhats are not required for Terms 2 and 3, so children can take these home at the end of the term.

## GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with medals at the last two school assemblies-

<b>Respect:</b>	Aaliyah Mitchell	Room 5
	Harley Taurima	Room 8
<b>Perseverance:</b>	Maia Jones	Room 10
	Xavier Kirby	Room 17
<b>Excellence:</b>	Angelyn Zeng	Room 16
	Jasper Peet	Room 7

Well deserved everyone — congratulations on receiving these highly prized awards.

## WET WEATHER

The last week or so the rain has been falling. The kids love to go and play in puddles, run around and play sport on the field. But the children need a change of clothes. If they are playing sport on the field we would prefer them to get changed out of their uniform first. That way they have clean clothes to put on after they have finished. Also just a spare pair of pants and top in their bag wouldn't hurt as the office is running out of clean spare clothing to give wet children.

If you have clothes at home that have come from school, please return. Many thanks.

## FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY/ANZAC DAY

Our eight school house captains represented GMS in the first 'Field of Remembrance' ceremony on Monday 14 April. This was held at Memorial Square in Napier and was attended by representative from twenty different schools. Despite wet conditions the event was a big success. The crosses our students placed will be there until Saturday 26 April.

On Friday 25 April, representatives from our school will be marching in the ANZAC Day parade in Taradale. House captains and School Councillors are invited to attend, but any children in school uniform from our school can be part of the parade if they wish. Meet outside Taradale Paper Plus if you wish to be involved.

## PTA NEWS

**Food Fair:** The final figures for the GMS PTA Food Fair have been tallied — we made a profit of \$5700! This was a great effort from all involved. These very valuable funds will be put towards the Library, which is very popular at the moment with children of all ages. Thanks to all the Greenmeadows School community for their support.

**Easter Raffle:** Please return any outstanding ticket sheets that you may have at home. The raffle will drawn tomorrow and all winners announced tomorrow. Who will

win the big prizes!!!

*Room 12 have been reading awesome sentences and have had a go at writing our own. Also they created this fantastic shared poem!*

## A Day in the Life of Room12

Sun rising  
Breakfast chomping  
Teeth Brushing  
Children rushing  
Signs opening  
Bags unzipping  
Pens writing  
Eyes scanning  
Kids diving  
Teacher explaining  
Friends dashing  
Doors slamming  
Kids rushing  
Sun setting  
Bedtime  
Children snoring

By Room 12

The tap class picks up their feet and stomps them on the hard wooden floorboards at the bar.

**Lydia Wikins**

Spiderman flipped out of the way and spun a web just in time to avoid the cargo train coming hurtling towards him.

**Logan Ide**

CRACK went the stick that the fox broke as he pranced among the shadows with his dinner in his mouth

**Grace Hall**

The shiny tinfoil glimmered on the delicious chocolatey Easter egg.

**Louise Hodgson**

The humongous dog came pouncing into the freezing cold water and splashed me.

**Braxton Bell**

Whizz! I zoom down the almost vertical slope in such a blur of blue and pink and yellow that I almost disappear.

**Katie Fellows**

Sometimes my cousin and I play minecraft outside and creep along in the long, green grass.

**Zeke Ferguson**



Room 1	Kaeden Duncan Stella Watts	Room 2	Ernest Woolward Nicole He
Room 3	<i>Opening in Term 2</i>	Room 4	Kaylen Jones Raven Howse
Room 5	Lachlan Richards Bree Martin	Room 6	Oscar Hayes Connor Blundson
Room 7	Finley Glentworth Olivia Meynell	Room 8	Daniil Bailey Charlie Stewart
Room 9	Blake Haines Hunter Harris	Room 10	Anthony Hatchard Cooper Fox
Room 11	Micah Talo-Tyler Khadynce Miringaorangi- Turua	Room 12	Braxton Bell Jessica Joe-Harrison
Room 13	Luke Johnston Eva Mackirdy	Room 14	Morgan Vincent Luke Tibbitts
Room 15	Riley Johnston Ella Herekiuha	Room 16	Xavier Burton Oliver Stewart
Room 17	Holly Ireland Anna Durrant		

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 9&10 TERM 1



### STONEY CREEK RANCH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

For children aged 8 to 12 years.  
Camp dates are Monday 28th April to Friday 2 May  
For more information visit  
[www.stoneycreekranch.org.nz](http://www.stoneycreekranch.org.nz) or phone (06) 8749453.

### KELLY SPORTS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME

*Kelly Sports is offering it's autumn term Multisport programme on Tuesdays after school next term at Greenmeadows School. Our after school sports programmes are designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they learn the fundamentals of a range of sports. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café in Napier will be awarded each session. To enrol please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) or for further info contact Alex Jones at [hb@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:hb@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 8434219.*

### HELP WANTED!

#### PMP Programme

Movement activities to strengthen learning for Rooms 3, 6, and 7 Children  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9.10-10.30  
Many thanks to the parents who have already offered their time to help with this programme.  
We still need more helpers to assist us with managing this programme. If you can help us on any of the days listed above, we would love to hear from you. Please, leave your name and contact number at the office and I will get back to you. We are sure you will have an enjoyable time helping our littlies develop their movement skills.  
Ali de Lange

#### PRESCHOOL MOVEMENT & DANCE CLASSES Age 3-5yrs

Classes are a fun lesson, filled with the learning of various beginner levels in Ballet, Tap and Jazz

#### TAP DANCE CLASSES

Start at the age of 5 years, with the option for fun non-examination classes or syllabus examination work.

All classes are held on Saturdays at the Greenmeadows School Hall. For enrolment forms contact Suzie on 027 444 6185 or [info@tiptaptoedance.co.nz](mailto:info@tiptaptoedance.co.nz)

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17 April	End of Term 1
5 May	Term 2 Starts
12 May	Rooms 14,15,16,17 Start Swimming
26 May	Swimming sport trials years 4, 5 6
29 May	Elgregoe The Magician
30 May	Swimming Sports Years 4, 5 and 6
2 June	Queens Birthday

Next term you will have Ms Ross and Mrs de Lange running the school and I know they will do a brilliant job. I am due back at GMS on Monday 28 July which seems like a long way off, but I am sure it will be here before we know it. Enjoy the winter folks!

*Have a great holiday—be safe and relax!!!*

*Ka kite ano,*

*Mark Johnson, Principal*

