#### TERM 3 WINTER 2014

## Newsletter 15

## Greenmeadows School

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# New Arrivals to GMS

Room 3 is growing! Our roll is now 434!

A special GMS welcome to Angus Hawthorne-Gray, Kalal Miringaorangi-Turua, Rosa Angland, Tristin Symes, Riley TeiKamata, Charlotte Wilkins, Hamish Pyott and Ayush Sundar. We hope you have had a wonderful start to your years at school.

Keep in touch with GMS through our text messages:

Follow (space) GMSNapier To 8987 (tweets can now be received on 2 degrees network)

Look us up on Facebook as well.

## Save the Date!

# Spooner Shield 22 August 60 children will represent GMS in

60 children will represent GMS in rugby, netball, football and hockey.

GMS X-Country
2 September

Anderson Park

12 - 3

All welcome.





Dear Parents and caregivers – Tena koutou katoa

There are so many things happening around Greenmeadows School as we race towards the halfway point of the third term.

The numbers attending Greenmeadows School keep growing and we are predicting an end of year roll of close to 450 students. This means that we will have to set up another New Entrant class next term. As in 2013, we will have set this class up in the Hall from the start of Term 4. We are currently advertising for a teacher to take this class

It is great to see so many of the report surveys returned. Please keep them coming back - the lollipop reward will be handed out this Friday, so get the forms back in soon!

We are building towards the annual winter sports tournament that is the Spooner Shield this Friday. This is one of the highlights of the year for the senior students who aspire to be in one of our teams. If the weather is unfavourable and causes a postponement the event will be rescheduled to Friday 29 August.

We are in the process of increasing the amount of information we include on our website. The calendar is being updated more regularly and a lot of enrolment information is now online. There is also a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' that we often encounter.

Enjoy the remainder of the week. Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson

## LEARN, GROW, ACHIEVE

## Values Medals

## Respect

## Perseverance





Anna Durrant Luke Sharp







Hadley Richards

Congratulations to our Week 3 & Week 4 Values Medal Winners.

## **GMS** Principal Awards



Congratulations to these children who were presented with certificates at assembly in Week 3 and Week 4.



Week 3					
Room 1	Charlotte Brown	Room 2	Annabelle Wilson	Room 3	Luke Sharp
Room 4	Beau Makea	Room 5	<b>Christopher White</b>	Room 6	Max Li
Room 7	Dylan Mabry	Room 8	Ella-Rose McOnie	Room 9	Jesse Beals
Room 10	Rieley Jackson	Room 11	Kaden Johns	Room 12	Katie Fellowes
Room 13	Sachleen Bedi	Room 14	John Harrison	Room 15	Tayla Wilkinson
Room 16	Theppituk Rattanaworametha			Room 17	<b>Tegan Knowles</b>
Week 4					
Room 1	Elijah North	Room 2	Ernest Woolward	Room 3	Ava Moylan
Room 4	Macy Penn	Room 5	Hunter Steadman	Room 6	Sarah Hansen
Room 7	Oscar Li	Room 8	Kyran Walls	Room 9	William Dine
Room 10	Logan Finnimore	Room 11	Lily Bowers	Room 12	Milie Ford
Room 13	Georgia Brown	Room 14	Sharn Gliddon	Room 15	<b>Karlie Morrison</b>
Room 16	Porche Potgieter	Room 17	Jakob Morris		

A great effort!

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## Celebrating Students' writing

## Writing from Room 8

Husky Hounds

I hear the ferocious husky's groaning and growling in a gloomy way

I see a monstrous, clumsy husky staring at the villainous pussy cat

With spooky eyes

I feel terrified that the fascinating hounds are gong to pounce on me.

I wonder if the pups have noticed the eight little kittens Tip-toeing across their feet.

Logan Finnimore

#### **Bad bombs**

I hear the bombs bombing in Gaza,
Burning the children like lightning striking a house.
I see injured people trying to dodge steaming hot bits of metal.

I feel sad for the little girl for being wounded.

I wonder why they put bombs everywhere?

Rieley Jackson

The Greenmeadows School Board of Trustee elections are due to be held on 14 November 2014. There are three places due for re-election. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the school office.

Our library space has been brightened up with a colourful display of flags from around the world.

They represent the 20 different nationalities currently enrolled at Greenmeadows School. Mrs Cook is running a competition to see who can name every flag. How many can you name? Good Luck.

#### CROSS COUNTRY 2014

Cross-country season is back again! We are starting to get ready for the event to be held in two weeks time on **Tuesday 2 September** at Anderson Park.

The following information sets out the timetable for the day:

10.30 - 10.50am Early interval for the whole school

11.20am Kowhai classes (Rooms 1 to 7 and 11) get organized to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school. They depart when ready.

11.45am Pohutukawa & Totara classes walk to Anderson Park

12.10 — 12.25pm Shared lunch/pre-race snacks

12.25 - 12.40pm Walk the course

12.45 - 2.30pm Races in order (and approximate lengths)

- New Entrants/Year 0 approx. 450m
- Year 1 girls, then Year 1 boys 490m
- · Year 2 girls, then Year 2 boys 600m
- · Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys 800m
- Year 4 girls, then Year 4 boys 800m
- Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys 1100m
- · Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m

2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School Sausages that have been preordered will be available after each race.

Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 and 4 races.

Postponement date (if required) is set for **Thursday 4 September**. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents along to support.

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## <u>Parent Help Request – Road Patrol</u>

If any parents could assist with road patrol either in the morning or afternoons please get in contact with Maaka Papuni. Your time and assistance would be greatly







The children wearing our GMS school uniform look fabulous! It is great to see students taking pride in their uniform and wearing it correctly. The staff and Board of Trustees are aware that there are still some issues with supplies from The Warehouse. Please be assured that we are working closely with them to remedy this as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

It is great to see students and teachers taking advantage of our warmer weather and taking their lessons and learning out into the sunshine.

# Greendale Tennis Club Opening Day

Saturday 6th September (if wet following week)
Juniors times:

Beginners 8.30 - 9.30am ages 3-12 All others 9.30 - 11.00am ages 12-19

For more info contact Ian Smith 844 3732

## Greendale Swim Club Upcoming Holiday Programmes!

Intensive Stroke Clinics and Learn to Swim Block Courses - available Week 1 of holidays - 29th September - 3rd October and Week 2 - 6th October- 10th October. Get in early and book a place in these excellent courses - have your child confident and ready for the summer months!

Last day for bookings -

Wednesday September 3rd. For further information and electronic enrolment forms and information please email Amy -

greendalelts1@gmail.com

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Sun shines on cold ice Slowly unfreezing water. Daffodils explode. Bryce Lott



Autumn trees stand tall
Gold crunchy leaves tumble and fall
Letting the grass drown.

Ben Coles





Frozen icy drops Sparkle bright with the sunrise Then they melt away. Mia Barretto Speckled rays of light, Reflect off silky water. Boats gently drifting. Lydia Carson.



Creamy balls of wool Trotting on delicate legs, Bleating for their mums. Ella Herekiuha



As spring awakens from it's winter sleep it stretches it's beauty across the land.

Tristrm Fryer

