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NEWSLETTER 14

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to Amber Bryan, Cooper Wright and Ava Geenty to our school. They are making a wonderful start to their time at our school (for two of them ... just a day or two!) and settling into learning fantastically. This brings our total enrolments to 451 at present.

WEEKEND BREAK-IN

Many of you will have seen on the GMS Facebook page that the school was burgled on Saturday evening. Chromebooks and iPads were taken from Rooms 8 and 9. Sadly for us two classrooms are now missing their highly valued ICT equipment. Unfortunately for those who elected to steal the laptops, when we bought the Chromebooks we invested in special software that allows us to disable the machines and make them unusable — which we have done. As you see, no one wins from this crime ... and our children are the ones who suffer.

Thanks to those who have offered support, and special thanks to those who have given the school donations of money to put towards the replacement of these machines. They are insured, but schools carry a high excess amount on any claims. The readiness of the community to get behind our school is so very encouraging. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

TEACHER ONLY DAY — FRIDAY 4 SEPTMEBER

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 4 September for the whole day. Teachers from our school are working on a whole day course with staff from Reignier School. Families should be making arrangements for the day or long weekend now.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT TO GMS

Last week we hosted three ERO reviewers who came to look at and find out all about our school. We were really pleased they had the opportunity to visit some of the classrooms in action and see the types of learning and progress your children are making. Their report will be published in the coming weeks.

SPOONER SHIELD RESULTS

Last Friday was Spooner Shield day! This sports competition between the local primary schools is one of the year's highlights for those with a competitive streak. And what a wonderful result for GMS — we finished second overall, only four points behind the winners, Reignier Catholic School. The second placing is an outstanding effort from all concerned—the best since our three wins in a row from 2009 to 2011.

Congratulations to all our teams who had a wonderful day. The Year 5 netballers were unbeaten on the day and we were only one point off winning the Hazel Gillies Shield for the most combined points in the two netball competitions. Our boys and girls football teams finished second and third respectively. Our rugby and hockey teams competed well throughout the day as well. Great stuff everyone! We can't wait until 2016!

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with medals at the last school assembly.

Respect: Shae Watts
Perseverance: Lily Cameron
Excellence: Nicolas Ratcliffe

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



Room 1	Maddi Arnold	Room 2	Harry Hendrickson
Room 3	Connor Wereta	Room 4	Kalan Wedd
Room 5	Sarah Hansen	Room 6	Caitlin O'Shea
Room 7	Nevaeh Tipu-White	Room 8	Annabelle Wilson
Room 9	Kruz Single	Room 10	Katie Donnelly
Room 11	Micah Talo-Tyler	Room 12	Bayley Allan
Room 13	Tegan McKnight	Room 14	Liam Houliston
Room 15	Porche Potgeiter	Room 16	Ellie Harding
Room 17	Logan Sharp	Room 18	Leo Goodson

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 2 TERM 3



ROOM 10'S LETTER TO THE COUNCIL

The children in Room 10 have been working on persuasive writing — here is a copy of their letter to the Napier City Council, and the Mayor:

Dear Mr Dalton

Our class, Room 10, are learning about the Marine Parade. We have had a scan over the map and had a peek at the proposed activities. We think you should also build a fun, water themed playground.

At our water themed playground we would like to see a flying fox that glides through the fresh, Napier air. The flying fox could end up in a nice relaxing pool. Wouldn't it be really fun for the little kids to have something fun to play with like a safe water slide?

Could we please have some brilliant blow up and bouncy activities there as well. We would love to have a horizontal bungy that has two lanes so we can race someone else to the end.

Every year people drown when they are swimming at Marine Parade. They walk along the Parade on a hot day and think that they could go swimming. We think the water themed playground should be free so if it was a hot summery day, people could just look and say, "Look at that water themed playground, we should go for a swim there because it's so hot!" It would be fun and safe for everyone and a great thing to have because Napier is so hot in summer.

We want lots of people to come to Napier because they spend lots of money. Visitors spend money going along the Marine Parade, at motels, bars, restaurants and shops. People use their money to go and buy food and petrol. They use their money for parking so they can go to a café to get something to eat. They spend heaps of money on stuff like that.

So, as you can see, having a water themed playground is a great idea because we don't want people to drown in the sea and visitors bring lots and lots of money to Napier. We can't wait to hear from you to see if you think this is a good idea.

Yours sincerely

The children in Room 10, Greenmeadows School.

Room 10 received a reply to their letter ...

Dear Everyone,

Thank you for your delightful letter and interest in our city. We are very conscious of the need for usable water features and will be including this in our plan. All the best for the rest of your year.

Yours sincerely

Bill Dalton

Mayor of Napier

P.S. When I was young I went to Greenmeadows School for four days while I was looked after by my Aunty as my parents were away.

STAR JAM FUNDRAISER

On Thursday 13th August at 10.30am the school is taking part in the Star Jam Fundraiser to raise funds for children with disabilities. Please show your support and donate \$2 on the day and receive a cool white Star Jam wristband.

JUMPJAM CHRISTCHURCH TRIP FUNDRAISER

With our Jump Jam team heading to Christchurch in November they are starting a fundraising drive. The first event they have planned is a dinner at the Thirsty Whale on Thursday 27 August. Tickets are \$45 for a three course meal. Contact the office if you would like to support our wonderful team and have a night out at the same time!



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

One of the things working really well at our school at present is the transition class that runs on Wednesday mornings. Mrs. Anna Murphy does a wonderful job coordinating this weekly event. We are noticing that New Entrant children are coming into school feeling more comfortable and familiar with the surroundings in our very busy school scene. The impact of Anna's transition class seems to be a major influence in this.



The children getting close to five years of age here for a visit!

HOUSE FIRE!

The fire crawled across the roof as he licked and ate through the dry timber.

Hungrily he dug his fingers into the crackling roof.

It gulped in oxygen and roared in anger.

Unsatisfied the fire forced the house to creak and groan in pain.

He smashed through the windows and broke the walls.

The house shrieked for help as the fire's coal black smoke flew threw the air like a ghost.

The fierce fire nibbled at the door.

The house collapsed to its knees.

Timber crashed down from his weakened head as he forced her down.

Sparks flashed and pirouetted as they rose into the dark sky.

By Room 12

TAMATEA INTERMEDIATE OPEN EVENING

Tamatea Intermediate Open Evening is to be held on Tuesday 1st September from 6pm to 7.30pm.

BEANIE MAKING

During maths we made a polar fleece beanie. We solved lots of problems as a group relating to making the beanies. It was heaps of fun to learn and practise new and old strategies while making something that we could keep. Groups thought the project helped boost their enthusiasm in Maths. The skills we learnt and practised were: division, multiplication, using and understanding decimals and percentages, finding the mean, mode and median, and finding the area and perimeter of the hat. Lots of people enjoyed adding: bows, initials, names and pom-poms to their beanies. We are wearing our beanies with pride.



By Cody and Zharina

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE OPEN DAY

Taradale Intermediate are holding their Open Day on Saturday 5th September from 10.30am to 12pm. Enrolment packs will be given out to all Year 6 students this Friday and are to be returned to Taradale Intermediate if this is your child's chosen school.



GMS Parents Maths Evening – Wednesday 19th August

Next Wednesday evening, we will be hosting a maths evening here at school. The evening is titled

'Bangers and Maths – Basic Facts Fun at Home'

The aim of the evening is to give parents a variety of fun basic facts learning activities to use in the home to compliment your child's Numeracy Ladder learning. They will involve the use of

pencils, dice, board games, flash cards, iPads and websites.

After a brief introductory chat, we would like you to 'have a go' with your children. A variety of basic facts based games will be set up in different areas. Each family will receive an activities pack to take home.

Details:

Time: **5.30pm – 6.30pm**

Location: **School Hall**

A complimentary sausage sizzle will be available from **5.00pm** outside the Hall. We look forward to sharing these motivating learning activities with you and your family.

Ali, Shona, Marty, Paula, Ceirwyn, Michelle, Maia and Maaka
The GMS Mathematics Team

PTA FUNDRAISER—CALENDARS

One of the big fundraisers the PTA get involved with is the Christmas calendars fundraiser. This will be organized in Term 4 at school. The final products can make wonderful presents for the festive season. Keep an eye out for this fundraiser in the coming weeks.

The Student Tuition Centre @ 40 Morris St in Napier

Do you struggle to help your child with their homework?

Do you want to help your child do better at school?

Check out www.excellyourchild.com and ring Anne on 8340214

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13 Aug	Star Jam Fundraiser
18 Aug	GMS Board of Trustees meeting
19 Aug	Maths Parents Evening
26 Aug	PTA Meeting
27 Aug	Thirsty Whale fundraising dinner
1 Sept	Tamatea Intermediate Open Evening 6-7.30pm
2 Sept	Totara classes visit to Moteo Marae
4 Sept	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
5 Sept	Taradale Intermediate School Open Day 10.30am to 12.00pm
8 Sept	Hastings Super Sixes
8 Sept	Greenmeadows School Cross Country—Anderson Park
10 Sept	GMS Cross-country postponement date
25 Sept	End of Term 3

Look on our school website for additional dates and events: there are plenty!!!

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson