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NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The new enrolments just keep coming for our school — we welcome these new students, Sophie Thompson, Blake Weston-Turner, Camryn Gibbs and Piper Tutt. It is neat to have these four keen learners as part of our school. These enrolments take our school roll to 421 students as part of GMS.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

I want to thank all the families who attended the parent interviews earlier this week. The opportunity the teachers get to meet and talk to parents about your child is so valuable in setting up the year of learning. Please remember that you can make a time at any stage to talk to your child's teacher if there is anything you would like to discuss.

SPORTS

This year it is fantastic to see so many children of all ages from our school involved in sport. Our school community clearly values the importance of physical activity and involvement, and the numbers of students taking part in a whole variety of sports is hugely impressive. The impact of the work our sports coordinator Nicki Sunley does in taking a lot of our organisation off the teachers has been so valuable in getting more children taking part in so many different types of sport.

Thanks to all the school staff and parents who have been taking responsibility for coaching and managing teams — what a great community effort. Tino pai!

EASTER TUESDAY

Our school is definitely closed on Easter Tuesday 29 March. This makes a five day holiday for schools. We would actually prefer not to close, as it is not a public holiday. The Easter Tuesday day off is a remnant from the old three term year (prior to 1995), when Easter fell outside the holidays, so it became a sort of mid-term break. Easter usually falls in the Term 1 holiday break, but not this year. All schools are closed on this day, despite us wanting to be open. Apologies in advance for any difficulties families may experience with child care on this day.

GMS PTA FOOD FAIR

Our GMS PTA Food Fair is now a mere eight days away ... and excitement is building for all!

Extra parent helpers — we have plenty of parents and whanau helpers for the evening but we could always do with more. The actual times we especially need help is between 4.30pm and 5.30pm, so if you could spare an hour to help we would really appreciate this. Please let the office know if you could spare some time.

Hot Pork and Lamb Rolls — the last two years has seen our 'pig on a spit' stall be one of the most popular — so we have expanded this in 2016. Two pigs and a lamb will be on sale for a delicious meal.

To help with this stall we need adults to help us cut up the meat — is there anyone who can assist with this very valuable job?? If you can please let a member of the PTA know, or contact the office. Many thanks.

We are also seeking some more prizes for the 'Winning Wheel' — another of our very popular stalls at the Food Fair. Do you have anything to donate that people would love to win? Prizes can be dropped off at the office prior to the event.

Cake Stall — On Monday all families will be given a plate to return filled with baking (e.g. biscuits, cakes) for the famous GMS Cake Stall. Baking can be sent to school on Thursday or Friday — the baking will be stored in Rooms 3 and 4. Please note: NO CREAM ... as delicious as they are, cream cakes are too risky for keeping at school for the day, then selling in the evening.

We need parent helpers to price the cakes on Friday morning of the Food Fair from 8.30am. This will be in our empty classrooms — Rooms 3 and 4. If you can assist please turn up.

SPORTS DRAWS AND NOTICES

Don't forget to check out the school sports notice board in front of the office area for copies of your weekly sports draws and notices. These are also updated weekly on the school website.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEK 3&4 TERM 1 2016



Room 1	William Hogg Try Hannah-Morris	Room 2	Ruby Anderson Jacob Penn
Room 5	Ellie Haines Liam Soloman	Room 6	Ella Lalonde-Perks Dylan Steyn
Room 7	Tiarna David Nate Sinden	Room 8	Alizae Corby Hadley Richards
Room 9	Zoe Ennor Tavian Roberts	Room 10	Max Li Lucia Murphy
Room 11	Bella Papp Riley Teikamata	Room 12	Anthony Hatchard Emma Bidlake
Room 13	Corey Marsh Zahra Jury	Room 14	Kalla Hays Ethan Sullivan-Christie
Room 15	Rieley Jackson	Room 16	Jorja McIntyre Enosh Yong
Room 17	Kaitlyn Barra Hayley Gerken	Room 18	Chloe Skilton Lucas Feagai-Kingi
		Room 18	Ena Huata Tash Sibley-Ireland

GMS VALUES MEDALS

These students received medals recently:

Perseverance	Isla Wilson-Cochrane Camryn Jack
Respect	Maddy Leipst Lauren Reilly
Excellence	Cohen Batterham Rosana Sayer

Congratulations—enjoy having those medals at home for the week, they are highly valued indeed!

GMS TRIATHLON CLUB

Our Triathlon club is training every Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Martin. We have a fantastic group of children who have been having fun and working hard at their swimming, running and cycling. New members are always welcome - just visit Mrs Martin in Room 5 to register. We had a record number of over 50 children participating in the Weetbix Triathlon, and many also entering the Friendly Dental Ironkids Triathlon Series. There is one more race to go in this series on 3rd April - check out www.trihib.kiwi for full information and registration. If you've ever considered having a go at a triathlon, then this event is for you .

GMS OSCAR OPEN EASTER TUESDAY

As school will be closed Easter Tuesday the 29th March, GMS OSCAR are offering enrolments for all GMS children on that day. They will be open from 7.30am to 5.30pm. Please call at the OSCAR building to enrol or ring Tina on 027-603-4568

MUSIC LESSONS

Give your child the gift of music. Spaces for keyboard and guitar lessons are currently open for this term during school hours. Contact David on 876 9261.

BLUE LIGHT TAKE A KID FISHING

Bring the kids along to this free family fun day on Saturday 19th March at the Iron Pot Wharf, West Quay, Ahuriri, 9.30am to 12 noon—prizes to be won!

NAPIER MARIST FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Napier Marist football club are taking registrations for 2016. If you wish to play, register online at www.maristfc.co.nz, registrations close 9th April 2016.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 Mar	GMS PTA Food Fair 4.30 to 6.30pm
25 Mar	Good Friday
28 Mar	Easter Monday
29 Mar	Easter Tuesday (school closed)

Have a great week — and keep enjoying the summer!

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Mark Johnson
Principal



