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NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The four new arrivals we have had at our school over the past few weeks have settled in well. Warm greetings to Mason Shaw, Ethan Waterreus, Sofia Parker and Drew Glentworth. It is great to have you here at GMS!

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Jane Carter starts her maternity leave next week, so Friday will be her last day at school with us for the remainder of 2016. We all wish Jane and Harry all the very best for exciting times ahead and the safe arrival of the new baby. Mr Antony Shroff has been in meeting the Room 11 children this week. He is really looking forward to starting next week. Pictured below:



Antony reading to the Room 11 class.

ROADWORKS ALONG OSIER ROAD— UPDATE

The workers undertaking the storm water replacement along Osier Road have taken a break for the first half of the week, and are now back on the job. It will not be long now until the work is directly outside our school - and this will provide real challenges for road users and pedestrians. At some stage the Kea crossing on Osier Road will be removed and Napier City Council staff will control crossing over the street.

GMS APP

We currently have more than two hundred subscribers to our new school 'app'. If you haven't already done so you can follow these easy steps.

1. To download the app, go to the 'app store' on your smart phone and search for 'Greenmeadows School' to find it and install. This free app lets you receive notifications about school events, newsletters, sports notices, etc. These go straight to your phone.
2. Once downloaded go to 'menu' (in the top left hand corner) and select 'Alert subscriptions' and select the groups you wish to receive alerts from.

Contact the office if you are having any issues.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

You may have already received your voting papers in the mail by now. We have five candidates for our upcoming Board of Trustees elections. Make sure you get your voting papers back to us in the self addressed envelope provided no later than noon on Friday 3rd June.

Every eligible voter should vote to ensure that elected boards represent the community, have a good mix of skills and experiences, and can make a positive difference to your children's learning.

Voting papers can be put in the voting box in the school office foyer. If you are mailing your voting papers ensure that you post it as soon as possible as NZ Post has reduced its mail delivery service. Mail doesn't seem to move as quickly these days. The envelope must be post marked before the day of the election.

BAREFOOT SEVENS RUGBY

Last week seventy children from our school took part in the annual rugby tournament in Hastings. We had a fantastic day playing tackle rugby—for some it was the first time they had ever played rugby. Special mention to the 43kg team who won all their games.

We want to thank the amazing group of parents who provided transport, coached the teams or gave wonderful support to everyone. Many thanks to everyone.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS— WEEKS 1,2&3 TERM 2 2016

Room 1	Archie Lancaster Annabella Wilson Blake Weston-Turner	Room 2	Jett Durbin Madison Smith Sophia Tran
Room 5	Maddison Arnold Joshua Hicks Kayla Smith	Room 6	Emma Donnelly Zilin Zhao Declan Morris
Room 7	Eila Jay Beams Reuben Berkahn Jonty Smith	Room 8	Lochie Shaw Riley Bright Scarlett-Rose Morris
Room 9	Thomas Anderson Aiden Solomann Macy Penn	Room 10	Ayla Pain Sawyer Thompson Joel Parker
Room 11	Ayush Sundar Ryan Hansen Ryan Brookes	Room 12	Dylan Simes
Room 13	Grace Lee Brylee Pugh Myah Smith	Room 14	Ethan Sulliva-Christie Sean Moylan Bonnie Wedd
Room 15	Sachleen Bed Zhiheng Zhou Brianna Boyce	Room 16	Dion Zhang Connor Le Quesne Luke Hawkins
Room 17	Blake Fryer Devyn Summersby Tabitha Francis- Thickpenny	Room 18	Brianna Mahoney Luca Theedom-Whyte Belle Hambleton
		Room 18	Joanne Li Hannah Thompson Zane Langridge



(Above picture is of the GMS Indians who won all their games at Barefoot 7's)

Y6 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

On Tuesday evening three teams of Year 6 students were involved in the annual technology challenge. This is such a great event for students to be involved in. Their task was to build the highest tower they could that could support three Moro bars—harder than it sounds! Thanks to Mrs Kim Davidson for her coordination of the school's preparation and participation in the challenge.



YEAR 4 TO 6 SWIMMING SPORTS

Our annual swimming sports competition takes place next week at the Greendale swimming pool. Students in Year 4-6 are involved. The competition takes place over two mornings. Trials will be held next Tuesday 31st of May from 9.30am until approximately 12.30pm. This is the day where we sort out the heats for the finals.

Finals will be held next Thursday 2nd of June from 9.30am until approximately 12.30pm. The children will be transported to and from the pool by bus.

Your child will be required to choose at least two races to compete in at the trials and at the finals. They have to choose one freestyle event and one backstroke event to compete in. The options are:

- one length freestyle
- one length backstroke
- one width freestyle (flutter board may be used)
- one width backstroke (flutter board may be used)

We encourage children to swim the length races if they are capable.

Please remind your child to bring their togs and anything else they require for swimming on these two days.

We look forward to a great event. You are more than welcome to come and watch the Swimming Sports on either day.

TWITTER/FACEBOOK

The *GMS* app is a great way to get information about what's happening at school. You can also get the school's texts via Twitter if you text 'Follow *GMS*Napier' to 8987 (there is a space in between follow and *GMS*Napier) Messages come through to your phone, as well as being posted on our school's Facebook page.

FEED THE BUS

Thanks to all the families that donated food to our Feed the Bus appeal last Wednesday. The children enjoyed a visit from the 'food bank monkey' who arrived to collect the food donated.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A few parents have recently let us know about not being able to purchase off the rack uniform items in the size they require from our uniform supplier The Warehouse. We forwarded this feedback to our SchoolTex Rep.

Schooltex asked that the school advise parents that if they are unable to find the uniform item they are after to place an order in store and the Warehouse staff will contact them by phone once the item arrives. On another note Schooltex have advised that the online ordering service for our school is not far away!

GMS MATARIKI CELEBRATION

We had a matariki celebration last year which went brilliantly, so we have decided to have another. This will be in a few weeks time on the evening of Thursday 23 June. More details will follow early next month.

HEAD LICE

We are having ongoing issues with head lice in children's hair. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair, particularly when a notice comes home advising they are present in your child's class. There are two nit combs available to borrow from the school office.

GMS ENROLMENT ZONE

The school's enrolment zone was recently reviewed by the Board of Trustees. There continues to be pressure on our numbers at our school with so many people wanting to enrol their students at *GMS*. With the pressure on our numbers we are still having to enforce the policy of not allowing enrolments from families who live out of our school zone. We receive calls every week from families living outside the Greenmeadows zoned area wanting to send their children to our school.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This will be on this Friday (weather permitting) starting 12.20pm.

NO WALKING BUS NEXT WEEK

The next walking school bus will be on Thursday 9 June.

SPORTS THANKS!

The weather stayed clear yesterday to enable the Kwisport Field Day to go ahead. Again thanks to the parents who assisted by taking teams for this. It is also so heartening to see so many children continuing their involvement in sports teams this term. Thanks to all the wonderful parents who coach, manage and support the whole range of teams at *GMS*!



If you are thinking about moving, let's work together to help both YOU and Greenmeadows School achieve a great result.

For every property that is listed and sold with us, we will give \$500 back towards Greenmeadows School for them to use to benefit your children. The next time they need library books, sports gear or IT equipment could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.



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PTA NEWS

Hi! My name is Kerri Burgess and I am the new PTA chairperson for GMS. I have one daughter here and another about to start next month. I have been on the PTA for three years now and found it to be a rewarding experience. In my time on the PTA I have met some great people, and look forward to meeting many more.

We are sadly losing a few current members, and would love to have some new faces fill in the gaps. Our thanks to those who have made an enormous contribution to our school over the years.

We meet once a month in the Staffroom on a Wednesday usually for no more than an hour. The next meeting is Wednesday June 1st at 7.30pm - it would be great to see you there.

Thank you to all who have purchased and sold tickets for our **Mother's Day raffle**, we had a fantastic response. Ticket sales raised well over \$3,000!! We are using this money to help the school purchase new sports shirts for our sports teams.

Prizes winners are as follows:

1st Vanessa Owen
2nd: May Brooker
3rd: Nicki Kearney

Chicken and Chocolate Prizes:

Annie Curtin
Kate Davis
Sue McKinnon
Stacey Worsnop

The students who sold the most tickets were:

Maia Jones (Room 14) \$250
Joseph McGovern (Room 13) \$157
Chloe Fletcher (Room 18) \$120

The spot prizes for returning a completed sheet went to:

Emma Blake Room 18
Kaia Hohaia-Hall Room 1

Congratulations and thank you for supporting the PTA

Upcoming PTA Events:

Disco - Book Character Theme Friday 1st July
Cross Country Sausage Sizzle Tuesday 23rd August

PTA DISCO

The other Greenmeadows PTA Term 2 fundraising event will be:

A disco which will be held this term on Friday 1st July 2016. The theme for this will be come as your favourite Book Character. This will be held in the Scout Hall.

There will be two sessions 5.30pm to 6.30pm Jnr NE - Y2 and 6.45pm to 8.00pm Snr Y4 - Y6 with the Y3 having the choice of which disco they would like to attend.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

27 May	Totara syndicate swimming ends
31 May	Swimming Sports Year 4, 5 & 6
6 June	Queens Birthday (School Closed)
22 June	Child Cancer fundraiser: wear a wig to school
23 June	Matariki celebrations
1 July	Midyear reports home
4 July	Student-led Conferences

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal

