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## NEWSLETTER 12

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Tena koutou nga whanau, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### WELCOME TO GMS!

Plenty of enrolments at our school this week ... eighteen new faces have started since Monday.

We would like to welcome the following learners and their families to our school:

Xian O'Brien	Kaira Shroff	Isaac Wyatt
Aora Shroff	Olive Raikes	Dora Zhang
Gabriella Hall	Gabrielle Barra	Niko Whaanga
Lochlan Clark	Fynn Taylor	Rissa Leeming
Indigo Taylor	Cris Moetu	Sofia Dine
Shanaya Shanvi	Shrestha Shriya	Kian Neera

Great to have you all here! The roll today is now at 457.

Our Room 3 class of New Entrants is starting to get quite full now, so we are looking at starting up our fourth New Entrant class of the year in about Week 5. Mrs Ali de Lange will be the teacher for that class which will be in Room 4.

### GMS APP

If you haven't already done so, feel free to download the 'GMS App'.

You can do this by following these easy steps.

1. 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.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Lucky Book Club brochures went home yesterday. Orders need to be returned to school before Friday 12th August. Remember you can order online or return correct money orders to the school office. Information for ordering online is included in the brochure.

### ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school please do one of the following:

- ring the school office on **8447024** and leave a clear message
- Or text **0279264452** before 9.00am

Please make sure you do this **before 9am** on the morning your child is going to be absent (please also give a reason why they are away eg. Cold, cough, weekend away) as the office staff are spending a lot of time contacting parents to make sure their children are safe.

### RAIN POEMS

Here are some of the examples of the wonderful poems created by the students in Room 15. Top effort team! Enjoy reading these examples of some excellent writing:

'Rain' by Braxton Bell

*I can hear you piercing through my window,  
Rain*

*When I touch you, you just slip though my fingers  
You make silent cracks in my*

*sorrow*

*I watch your tears as they dance  
to the ground*

*I ask why are you crying, you  
reply*

*Rain*

'Rain' by Kapri Phillips

*Rain, I can hear you plopping on the bumpy rooftop  
Rain, I can see you drizzling lazily down my window  
Rain, you are a snake slithering along my arm  
Rain, you make me calm and relaxed*

'Rain' by Josh Ratcliffe

*You explode on the windows, clearing the frost  
You plummet onto the concrete, making craters  
You make miniature holes in the roof  
You silently smash down on my drenched skin  
You are broken glass, shattering on the ground  
You make the soothing sound of pitter-patter when you  
drift to the ground*



## NEW CROSSING ON OSIER ROAD

The Napier City Council have done an impressive job with the storm water upgrade and managing the traffic safety while the Kea crossing was out of action. Now the Osier Road crossing is operating again and in a safer place, things are working well ...

It is expected that Osier Road will be open to two way traffic in about a month's time.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Term 3 this year is nine weeks long and there are plenty of things we have scheduled to make it full of fun and learning.

The following are just some of the events on the calendar:

**Monday 1 August** - Tough Guy n Gal Challenge: will be held at Clifton Station and we have 130 students involved! This is a true test of stamina, character and perseverance — as well as the reminder of how much fun mud can be ...

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August** - all teachers will be attending at least one half day session delivered by brain development expert Nathan Mikaere-Wallis over these two days. These are in Havelock North.

Nathan is also running a workshop for parents on the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm to 9.00pm on 'Brain Development and Your Child'. A gold coin donation will get entry to this fascinating session. Contact the office if you are interested in attending.

**Tuesday 9 August** - netball tournament for Year 5 and 6 Spooner Shield teams

**Wednesday 10 August** - Safe Sparks fire safety show for Kowhai syndicate

**Friday 12 August** - Spooner Shield tournament day. Teams of selected Year 5 and 6 students competing against other schools for the

prestigious trophy (we got second last year ... what will 2016 bring for GMS?!?!)

**Wednesday 17 August** - 6.00pm Maori whanau hui in the staffroom

**Friday 19 August** - GMS PTA Quiz night at the Duke of Gloucester (read PTA Newsletter for more details)

**Tuesday 23 August** - GMS Cross-country at Anderson Park for the whole school

**Wednesday 24 August** - whole school to Royal NZ Navy pantomime at the Municipal Theatre

**Friday 2 September** - Jump Rope for Heart day at GMS

**Tuesday 6 to Thursday 7 September** - GMS Whanau class week

**Thursday 15 September** - Bangers and Maths parents evening with a problem-solving focus

**During Week 9** (12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September) - GMS kapa haka will perform at the Ngati Kahungunu Maori festival ... a first!

**Thursday 22 September** - 'Night at the Meadows': GMS Variety Show at Taradale Intermediate School

**Friday 23 September** - End of Term 3

Have a fantastic week everyone .

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson  
Principal

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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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## Greenmeadows School PTA Newsletter Term Three

Welcome to the PTA newsletter. We plan to distribute a newsletter at the beginning of each term to keep our school community updated with upcoming events.

If you haven't already, please like our 'Greenmeadows School PTA' Facebook page.



Thank-you to everyone for your support of the Matariki evening sausage sizzle and the disco. Luckily, the rain stayed away and our school community was able to celebrate Matariki together. The disco was a great success and the children (and parents!) made a huge effort with the costumes. Thank-you to DJ Gibbs for the tunes! Together, these events raised an awesome \$2700!

### Term Three...

## QUIZ NIGHT

The PTA have decided to hold an adults only quiz night. The PTA used to have these annually but haven't had one for a while so we thought we would bring it back! We will also be running a raffle and selling mystery envelopes on the night—we have some great prizes up for grabs!

The quiz will be held on the 19th August at the Duke of Gloucester function room. Doors will open at 6.30pm with the quiz starting at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes light supper and teams can be made up of between 4-6 people. Our quiz master is Mark Johnson. You can enter your team at the school office between 8.30am - 9.15 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or if you can't make it into the office please ring Rachel Sharp on 027 421 3416. If you or someone you know is able to donate goods, services or vouchers which could be used as prizes, please contact Kerri Burgess on 021 0274 7591.

## GROCERY RAFFLE

We are running a grocery raffle on this evening also, and would really appreciate it if each child could donate a grocery item. Donated items can be left at the school office or sent to school with your child. We would love a range of items so have asked different classes to purchase different items (see below).

Rooms 1, 2, 3 Canned Food	Rooms 5, 6, 7 Baking Items	Rooms 8, 9, 10 Snack Food	Rooms 11, 12, 13 Dinner Ideas	Rooms 14, 15, 16 Breakfast Foods	Rooms 17 & 18 Cleaning Products (or rubbish bags, etc.)
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### Cross Country

The school will be holding the annual cross country event on Tuesday 23rd August. The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle on the day, with children able to pre-order their sausages the week prior (we will also have cash sales on the day). If you are available to cook and/or sell sausages, please call or text Kerri Burgess on 021 0274 7591.

### Calendars

The children will be able to order calendars, diaries and cards again this year, with the addition of mouse pads, notepads and premium calendars with wall planner. We are looking at getting the orders out earlier this year, as term four is such a busy term with school camps, photos, etc. These make great Christmas gifts!

**The next PTA meeting is 3rd August at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.  
ALL WELCOME!**