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NEWSLETTER 13

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!

We would like to welcome the following learners and their families to our school: Rewi Taukamo and Keeahn Miringaorangi-Turua

Great to have you both here! The roll is now at 459.

2016 SPOONER SHIELD

This Friday is the day of the annual Taradale schools sports competition at Bledisloe School. Teams of Year 5 and 6 students have been selected from a very large number of trialists over the past couple of weeks in the following sports:

- Netball (Year 5 and 6 teams)
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Football (Boys and girls).

Let's hope all those representing Greenmeadows School all have a fantastic day out.

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

With so many children being out of school for the Spooner Shield competition we will not have an assembly this week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The last day for Lucky Book Club orders is this Friday 12th August. Don't forget!!

INTERMEDIATE OPEN DAYS

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE—are holding their Open Day this year on Saturday 3rd September, 10.30am until 12.00pm. The enrolment packs for TIS went home to all Year 6 students on Monday 8th August and are to be returned either to our school office or directly to Taradale Intermediate on or before 22nd September.

TAMATEA INTERMEDIATE - have their Open Evening on Tuesday 30th August from 6.00pm till 7.30pm.

Tamatea Intermediate sent out their enrolment packs direct to parents so keep an eye out in the mail.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

The recommended age for children to be cycling to school unaccompanied is 10 years or older. If your child is cycling to school unaccompanied you may wish to have a read on the NZ Transport Agency's website, there's some helpful information there under the "code for cyclists— cyclist skills training".

DINO-MITE! 'MY GRANDPA IS A DINOSAUR' COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Grace Lee** from **Greenmeadows School**, who is the winner of our dinosaur drawing competition! *My Grandpa is a Dinosaur* author, Richard Fairgray, handpicked Grace's entry commenting; "Her use of colour and line is exceptional and well beyond her years - and her dinosaur just looks really cool!" And looking at the picture—who can argue with those thoughts!



ROAD WORKS UPDATE

The road works at the intersection of Osier Road and Gloucester Street are expected to take another fortnight to complete before being finished on the eastern (GMS) side of Osier Road. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in keeping the road safe for all.

Room 1	Isla Wilson-Cochrane	Room 2	Ruby Anderson
Room 3	Ethan Waterreus	Room 6	Luka Turner
Room 5	Samuel Ennor	Room 8	Makenzie Moore
Room 7	Ava Moylan	Room 10	Connor Blunsden
Room 9	Liam Johns	Room 12	Gordy Owen
Room 11	Ryan Hansen	Room 14	Grace Henricksen
Room 13	Lily Bowers	Room 16	Maddie Walker
Room 15	Lockie Seerden	Room 18	Kaden Johns
Room 17	Luke Johnston	Room 18	Saffron Barnett

PRINCIPAL AWARDS— WEEK 1 TERM 3 2016



GMS VALUES MEDALS

These students were presented with the *GMS* Values medals in the last assembly. They were:

Respect Emily Carson
Perseverance Piper Tutt
Excellence Jessica Pyott
 Ka wani ke! Awesome!

WHANAU MEETING POSTPONED

We had scheduled a Maori whanau hui for next week. This is now rescheduled to later on this term.

TOUGH GUY N GAL



It was an amazing effort from our competitors at the Tough Kids Challenge last week ... and our school sign did an impressive circuit of the course in the hands of Nathan and Jayden. An enormous thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children to the venue at Clifton. This was a mammoth effort!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

All children would have received a notice and sponsorship booklet for the Jump Rope for Heart activity that the children will be involved with in the coming weeks. Have a hunt in school bags if you have not seen it ... or otherwise contact the office.

GMS CROSSCOUNTRY 23 AUGUST 2016

The children were given a notice today with a request for parents to help us get the students to Anderson Park.

The details for our event are as follows:

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) 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 (order & approximate lengths)
 - Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m
 - 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
- 2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School

Sausages that have been pre ordered will be available after each race. Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 races.

Parents often request to take their children home after their race. Although we would prefer that all students stayed until the end of the event, we are happy to let this happen. If you do take your children and notify the class teacher, we do ask that they leave the venue immediately — and stay off the children's playground.

Postponement date (if required) is set for Thursday 25 August. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents along to support our keen runners!



WALKING BUS

There will be a school walking bus tomorrow, Thursday 11 August. The next walking bus after this will be on Thursday 1 September. If you want to have your child involved in the Walking Bus, follow the Walking Bus alerts on the GMS App.

PTA NEWS

1. Quiz Night Friday 19 August — tickets are selling fast so if you want to purchase these for this event, tickets can be purchased from the office between 8.30 to 9.00am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
2. Monster grocery raffle — tickets can be purchased for \$2 each from the office.

NIGHT AT THE MEADOWS

Due to the end of the term getting busier, we have changed the 'Night At The Meadows' to be a talent quest to be held during school time. More details to follow.

HAWKES BAY ROLE MODELS IN EDUCATION

Keep an eye out for the striking Hawkes Bay Education rugby posters around the school. These posters are featuring our very own GMS athletes, Mr. Bain and Mr. Papuni, as members of the rugby team. Mr Johnson is the team manager. The first home game for the team is next Saturday 20th August at Tremain Field, Park Island. Kick off is at 1.00pm - Hawkes Bay Teachers vs. Hawkes Bay Police.

It would be great to see you there cheering the teams on. Entry is a gold coin donation with all proceeds going towards the Child Cancer Foundation.

GMS APP

Wow!!!! We have just got our 300th subscriber to the GMS App — we want to get to 400 by the end of the term. It is so easy ... just go to the app store on your smartphone and search for 'Greenmeadows School'. Make sure you select the Alerts you want to receive notifications from.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 19 August - GMS PTA Quiz night at the Duke of Gloucester

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

Thursday 25 August - postponement date for GMS Cross-country

Thursday 1 September — Next walking bus

Friday 2 September - Jump Rope for Heart day at GMS

Tuesday 6 to Thursday 7 September - GMS Whanau class week

Tuesday 6 September — Napier schools Cross-country at Park Island

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

During Week 9 (12th to 15th September) - GMS kapa haka will perform at the Ngati Kahungungu Maori festival ... a first!

Friday 23 September - End of Term 3

Ka kite ano,



Mark Johnson
Principal



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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