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NEWSLETTER 20

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Here we are on the very busy run home to end the school year ... there are less than nineteen days of school left in 2016!!!

We also need to spare a thought for the families and communities who have been affected by the impact of the earthquakes over the past few days.

WELCOME TO GMS

Our school has had one new enrolment recently—Summer Peters. Welcome to Greenmeadows School Summer!

CAMP WEEK

The past ten days have seen four fantastic camps for our senior students. Thanks to all those parents who supported the classes and school staff to make these camps such enjoyable experiences for all concerned. The children coped so well with the various demands that a school camp brings and had such a positive attitude. Ka mau te wehi!

Thinking about it, the Year 6 campers were also very fortunate not to be in Wellington when the earthquake struck, and then some terrible weather followed this. The fact we missed two natural disasters by such a close margin is certainly something that made the camp easier than it would have been this week.

SICK CHILDREN

Lately we have had a number of children having suffered from diarrhoea or vomiting returning to school while having not fully recovered. There is a particularly nasty bug around and we do not want to run the risk of it spreading. Advice from the Ministry of Health is that:

* children are **Infectious** while vomiting and diarrhoea lasts, and up to 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting

* **Keep children home** until well, and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

LIBRARY & READING BOOKS

All school Library books must be returned by Friday 2nd December. There are many Greenmeadows School readers at home. Please check for any books belonging to school: we need them back to do our annual stock take. Returning them ASAP would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic book club orders close Friday 25th November. Please ensure the correct money is enclosed as no change will be given.

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS - TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Year 3 to 6 children will be involved in a full day athletics meet - the annual GMS athletics sports day. Interested parents are most welcome to come along and watch the events throughout the day. This event takes place on our magnificent school field.

CHILD CANCER FUNDRAISER MUFTIDAY

On Thursday 24 November we will be having a mufti day to raise money for child cancer. We would like to raise at least \$100 to donate to all those doctors who are struggling to find the right ways to treat cancer. We would really like to see the whole of GMS wear blue, yellow or pink. We are really looking forward to this very helpful day!!

We are doing this to help sick people. Nobody likes being sick and always being in a hospital bed. We are very warm hearted people. Mr Johnson's five month old niece is suffering from it, as well as one of the pupils at this school.

There are some good and some bad facts about cancer:

- * Cancer is a disease to do with cells.
- * Cells are little things the body is made of.
- * Cancer happens when cells spread throughout your body too fast or at the wrong growth.
- * Normal body cells evenly divide across the body.
- * Most cancer treatment makes your hair fall out.

The Key To Fight Cancer Is To Be BRAVE!!

Hopefully you can get organised quickly for this mufti-day.

Kind regards,

Brianna Mahoney and Natasha Sibley-Ireland: Room 18

SCHOOL DUATHLON

Thursday 24 November we will be holding our Annual Duathlon at Anderson Park. This event is held in the evening so whole families can come along and be part of this. Who will win the fantastic bike????



PRINCIPAL AWARDS— WEEK 4&6 TERM 4

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| Room 1 | William Hogg Xavier Matson | Room 2 | Camryn Gibbs Jacob Penn |
| Room 3 | Sofia Dine | Room 4 | Kian Neera |
| Room 5 | Joshua Hicks Lucas Fordyce Mikayla Pollard | Room 6 | Dylan Steyn Amelia Stewart |
| Room 7 | Issac Wyatt Olivia Sinden | Room 8 | Scarlett-Rose Morris |
| Room 9 | Kruz Single Shyla Heke | Room 10 | Saketha Jandhyala Mitchell Simes |
| Room 11 | Wyatt Blunsdon Ryan Brookes | Room 12 | Brooke Hansen Millie Ford |
| Room 13 | Corey Marsh Tyler Scott | Room 14 | Georgia Brown Zeke Ferguson Abbey Pascoe |
| Room 15 | Max Giddens Kapri Phillips | Room 16 | Bayley Allan Tegan McKnight |
| Room 17 | Melissa Kinzett Indigo Taylor Janelle Murphy | Room 18 | Tayah King Brianna Mahoney Aaliyah Mitchell Lukas Miles |



SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please note the school canteen will be closed from Monday 12th December.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these fantastic students who were presented with the GMS Values medals in today:

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| Respect | Hannah Beere |
| Perseverance | Carlos Bell |
| Excellence | Alex Barra |

Sail into Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Programme for children aged 4 to 11, held from 12th December 2016 to 20th January 2017 at the Napier or Taradale Library.

Enrolments start at Napier & Taradale at 10am, Saturday 10th December 2016.

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM FITTING DAY

Uniform fitting day is being held for Year 7 enrolments on Tuesday 22nd November from 3-7pm in the Taradale Intermediate school hall. During these hours a selection of all sizes of our uniform will be on display, together with staff from Argyle Schoolwear to assist you in ordering the correct size. Please note: As our uniform is available on-line only, this will be the only opportunity to view the varying sizes as the school does not carry stock.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 18 November | Ukulele Festival |
| 22 November | School Athletics Day |
| 24 November | Mufti day — Child Cancer Gold Coin Donation |
| 24 November | Duathlon @ Anderson Park |
| 28-30 Nov | Stoney Creek—Pohutukawa |
| 1 December | Christmas Choir Performance |
| 1 December | PTA Total Food Equipment Evening |
| 2 December | Splash Planet for Road Patrol |
| 6 December | HB Triathlon Year 5&6 |
| 7 December | Parent Helpers Morning Tea |
| 8 December | Year 6 Social |
| 12 December | Reports out |
| 13 December | End of year Breakup and Prize-giving 6.00pm start |
| 14 December | Postponement for Prize-giving |
| 15 December | Last day for 2016 |
| 30 January 2017 | Term 1 begins |

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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