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# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER NO. 19

**Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa**

*Welcome back to school to our wonderful children, parents and whanau. We hope you all had a fantastic break and made the most of the fine weather during the past fortnight. What a change two weeks can make – the grass is growing fast, the trees are smothered in leaves, the blossoms are scenting the air, and New Zealand won the Rugby World Cup!!! Go the All Blacks!*

*We have a very short term ahead with only seven weeks of learning and a huge amount to accomplish so it's time to fasten the seatbelt and focus on the road ahead. Here we go ...*

### **WELCOME TO GMS!!!**

Our roll is currently at 404 as we commence the final term. All our recent enrolments have been New Entrant pupils in Room 6 with Mrs. Gray. We welcome Zeke Ferguson, Elai Harrison, Louie Hodgson, Millie Ford, Nicole Upston and Keeley Tibbitts to the start of their many years at school. We wish you well as you 'learn, grow and achieve'.

### **GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS**

Next week the school have scheduled our annual athletic sports. These are held on our school field and involve all students in Years 3 to 6. The date for the sports to be held is Thursday 3rd November. Start time is 9.30am and the day concludes at about 2.30pm with relays. If the weather makes the day unsuitable for the event to go ahead, then it will be rescheduled to the following day Friday 4 November. Parents are most welcome to come along and support on the day

Our own sports events help us select the interschool athletics teams. This event is held on Wednesday 16 November. The categories for competing at the interschool are based on the age of the student on the day of competition – which can be tough on those top athletes who have a birthday between the school event and the interschool athletics meet ( there are more than you might think ...). Children selected in the interschool team will be notified by Monday 7 November.

### **GMS SPORTS UNIFORMS**

There has been a slight increase in the cost of the school shirts and shorts from the start of this term. An order form with the updated prices is included with this newsletter.

Please be aware that we have to wait until we get request for at least ten items before we can send an order to the manufacturer, as this is the minimum they require. If you want an order please aim to have the order back by the date on the form.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

We schedule our school photographs for a date later in the year to give as many of the new enrolments the chance to appear in their first class photo. Our school photographs are due to be taken on Thursday 10 November. Early next week forms will be sent home for ordering of school photographs. Please note that any orders need to be paid for in advance

### **TERM 4 – RETURN OF SUN HATS**

The sunny weather of the first two days of this week are a clear reminder that the children need to bring a wide-brimmed hat to school to provide protection for the sun. We ask that families support the school to keep your children sun safe during their active day.



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Week 10 Term 3 2011

|         |                               |         |                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Room 1  | Ellie Harding                 | Room 2  | Tegan Knowles                     |
| Room 3  | Jackson Haines                | Room 4  | Savana Peach<br>Isobel Harris     |
| Room 5  | Carrie Palmer<br>Ethan Groube | Room 6  | Dylan Simes                       |
| Room 8  | Leila Burder                  | Room 7  | Liam Tane-Foulds                  |
| Room 10 | Cooper Fox                    | Room 9  | Devyn Summersby                   |
| Room 12 | Savannah Johns                | Room 11 | Asha Penn                         |
| Room 14 | Brianna Davis                 | Room 13 | Liam Procuta                      |
| Room 16 | Callum van den Burk           | Room 15 | Paige van der Meent<br>Zoe Palmer |
|         |                               | Room 17 | Winter Francis-<br>Thickpenny     |



## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL KAPA HAKA

Our kapa haka group have had a great year in 2011. They have performed in a number of different roles and functions, including an impressive welcome to the crowd attending our school centennial. Today they have gone 'on tour' around the Taradale and Greenmeadows area performing at a number of early childhood centres. Next week they perform at the Taradale and Districts kapa haka festival to conclude their activities this year. Sincere thanks are extended to the teachers who have dedicated so much time to these children: Mrs. Millner and Mrs. Bryan, as well as Mr. Gibbs for his efforts in teaching the haka.

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY—FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

World Teachers' Day was started by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to acknowledge the essential role played by teachers. Every year, New Zealand teachers work hard, are innovative and reflect upon their practice to be the best they can be for our tamariki. At Greenmeadows School our teachers work incredibly hard to support our children so that they can thrive in their lives and their learning. This Friday, New Zealand marks World Teachers' Day and I offer my congratulations to all our teachers for working so hard and doing such an amazing job. I would encourage all children and parents to let your teacher know how much you appreciate all the hard work they do this Friday!

## INTER SCHOOL CRICKET

We have entered three teams into the school competitions this year. One side is in the Year 5/6 grade and two teams are to play into the Year 3 and 4 grade who play on Friday afternoons. The first games for all three teams will be next week-end — on the 4th and 5th of November.

## WALKING BUS

Our walking bus was rained off today, and unfortunately we have to have a break next week as well. The next walking bus is set for Thursday 10 November. See you then!

## SWIMMING CLASSES

A number of classes will have their swimming lessons at the Napier Aquatic Centre this term. Starting next Monday Rooms 3 and 4 go for the first time for their series of lessons. They are followed in order by:

- Rooms 2 and 10 (starting on 10 November)
- Rooms 9 and 11 (starting on 21 November)
- Rooms 6, 7 and 8 (starting on 30 November)

As the time gets closer for each class they will receive a notice outlining the details of the programme.



## KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School starting in week 2. SUMMER SUPER SPORTS is designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. To enroll please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Craig Findlay [craig@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:craig@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 8434219.

## GREENMEADOWS PTA

1. Next PTA meeting — Wednesday 2 November in the staffroom starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.
2. Don't forget the Halloween Disco—Friday 4 November. See the disco notice attached over the page.
3. Student Calendar Art — this are about to be made available for display in preparation for orders being taken.

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

This Friday we will be entertained by our kapa haka group at assembly. Start time is 12.20pm. If weather permits we aim to have this outside in the outdoor stage area, otherwise we will be back in the Hall of the rain continues.

Have a great week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

## SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP:

- 1 Nov — Swimming starts for Rooms 3 and 4
- 2 Nov — Kapa haka festival: Performance 1
- 3 Nov — Greenmeadows School athletic sports
- 3 Nov — Kapa haka Festival: Performance 2
- 4 Nov — postponement date for athletic sports
- 4 Nov — GMS Halloween Disco
- 7 Nov — Optimist yachting week commences
- 9 Nov — HB schools triathlon
- 9 Nov — Athletics competition
- 10 Nov — School photographs
- 16 Nov — Interschool athletics sports
- 21 Nov — Year 5 and 6 camp week
- 12 Dec — Reports sent home
- 14 Dec — School breakup and prize giving (evening)
- 15 Dec — Last day of Term 4 2011: 12.30pm finish

*Refer to [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) for additional events and information*

## ALSO:

Highland and National Dancing lessons starting this term for children 4 years or more. First lesson free for more info contact Anne Corney 843-9197

## SCHOOL BANKING

All children who bank with Manchester Unity this term will go in a draw to win a \$50 voucher from the Napier Smiggle store — exciting stuff!!! Get those bank books out and along to school!

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER — To be returned to school by Wednesday 2 November

| ITEM                | Size (Please circle)    | No Req'd | Cost              | Total Cost |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Shorts              | 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 |          | \$13.50           |            |
| Sports shirt        | 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 |          | \$14.50           |            |
| TOTAL               |                         |          |                   | \$         |
| Child's Name: _____ |                         |          | Home phone: _____ |            |