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NEWSLETTER NO. 12

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

TERM 3 BEGINS!

We are now into the second half of 2012, and school is quickly back to being a busy place with learning and activity going on all over our school.

We welcome a number of new students to our school this term:

Emma Bidlake

Riordan Blampied

Shiloh-Jade Johansen

Sophie Lyndon

Tyler Scott

Chloe Wilson

Jack Bidlake

Rylin Glenny

Tayah King

Sophie Martin

Annabelle Wilson

We wish you all the very best for your time here at Greenmeadows School in all the learning you will be part of in the future.

A special welcome to Mrs. Ceirwyn Ware who has started as the permanent teacher in Room 17 with the class of eager and expectant learners. You have all made a sensational start to the term!

TERM 3 — MID-TERM BREAK

This term has eleven weeks in it ... so to break it up for our children there will be a four day weekend in the middle of August. The school will be closed on Friday 17 and Monday 20 August.

Term 3 finishes on Friday 28 September.

SPOONER SHIELD PREPARATION

In about a month the annual Spooner Shield competition is due to be held at Bledisloe School. The Spooner Shield is a tournament for Year 5 and 6 students representing the school in a number of sports. Greenmeadows School has held this shield for the past three years in a row. This feat has only happened once before in the history of the competition. How will GMS go in 2012?!?!?

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL MATHS LADDER



Something we have started this term is the school's focus on learning and understanding about numbers. This

learning can be supported at home.

We have organised a ladder with eight different 'stages' to climb in learning about number. New Entrant

pupils start on 'Stage 1', and each

step gets more difficult as maths skills develop.

You can assist your child work their way through

the ladder — the relevant stages are included in

your child's class homework books. There are also

practise sheets on our school's website if you are

interested.

When a child masters a particular level they can

get tested and if successful will given a special pin

to keep to show their achievement. We wish eve-

ryone the best as they work their way up the lad-

der.

SCHOOL ABSENCES — TEXT MESSAGES

This term we have started texting families of children who have not arrived at school and we have not been given a reason for their absence. If you receive one of these messages, we ask that you text back to the school's mobile number **0279264452**. If you get one of these messages do not simply 'reply' to the message as it is computer generated.

Please ensure you let the school know if your child will be away from school. We make every effort to make sure your child is safe and accounted for each day, and contact the families of each child who has an unexplained absence. Please help the office staff save some of their valuable time each morning by letting us know about absences.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Room 1	Aimee Dodd Brianna Boyce	Room 3	Jazzy McKenzie Logan Ide
Room 2	Tayla Tierney Emily Carson	Room 5	Logan Gray Ryan McNatty
Room 4	Charlotte Hatchard Holly Lawrence	Room 7	Maddison Johns Leila Weeks
Room 6	Luke Marshall Lily Edwards	Room 9	Frankie Morrison Nicole Prak
Room 8	Brylee Pugh Casey Thompson	Room 11	Draylon Daley Rickie Ferguson-Bell
Room 10	Rieley Jackson Courtney Becker	Room 13	Seb Kettle Sarhara Glentworth
Room 12	Lydia Carson Charlie Mudgway	Room 15	Maddison Christensen Alice Downey
Room 14	Jacob Driver Tayla Eden	Room 17	Jack Eden Mia Barretto
Room 16	Zara Morris Emmanuel Thomas		

VANDALISM AT SCHOOL

Anyone who has been into the school will see the evidence of the mindless vandalism our school experienced over the course of the weekend when the new sun shade cover was set alight. Indications are that this happened at some stage on Saturday afternoon or evening. Despite the school grounds being locked out of hours, and clear signage in place, we are regularly asking numbers of young people to leave the grounds during evenings and weekends. When the school suffers damage like this it reinforces the reason why we are forced into this unfortunate situation of restricting access to our grounds.

The fire damage is going to cost a considerable amount, although we do have insurance cover. Children are very upset about the way that one of their favourite play areas is temporarily unable to be used. If any community members have any information about who may be responsible please contact the school office or the Napier police.

HELP WANTED FOR RUGBY!!!

We have two rugby activities coming up ... and we are short of coaches and team managers. Hopefully some community members can assist. Let the school office know if you can help.

1. Barefoot 10s Competition — on Wednesday afternoons our school has a team playing in a Napier schools rugby. The competition runs for most of Term 3. We have sufficient players to make two teams, but need a coach and manager for one of these teams. Can anyone help?
2. Heinz-Wattie Seven a Side tournament — Thursday 16 August. We need a number of coaches and team managers to help us enter this great day out. This will be the 26th year this tournament has taken place.

WEEK 10 TERM 2 & WEEK 1 TERM 3



GMS VALUES MEDALS

The following students have won our medals for displaying the following values of 'respect', 'perseverance' and 'excellence':

Respect	Brianna Hansen Room 5 Ben Ireland Room 16
Perseverance	Sara Petuha Room 11 Luke Johnston Room 1
Excellence	Tyler Watts Room 14 Frankie Morrison Room 9

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM

We have been able to organise another supplier for the school polo shirts and shorts. This has taken a while as we were looking for a competitively priced option and found it in local firm Spratz. So we can now take orders again after a long delay. The costs for each are:

Shirts sized 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 — \$14.00

Shorts same sizes—\$15.00

Size 16 shorts and shirts — \$19.00 each

If you wish to make an order these will take four weeks to prepare. An order form is attached.

International TAEKWON-DO classes at Greenmeadows School Hall are **now taking new members.**

General Class 6.00pm-7.30pm, Monday & Wednesday (includes adults)

Mini kids (5-7 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm Monday only

FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSONS - Family discounts available. Run by experienced, mature, internationally qualified Instructors

Check out <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/> or phone

0210323289

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School starting in week 2. MULTISPORT MADNESS is designed specifically for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. The coaches this term will be Ihaia and Ash. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enroll please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Craig Findlay at craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ)

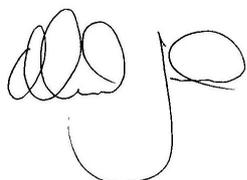
26 July Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
 16 August Heinz Wattie 7 a side rugby
 17 August No school—Teacher Only Day
 20 August No school—midterm break
 22 August Spooner Shield tournament
 27 August Start of ERO visit
 28 September End of Term 3
 15 October Start of Term 4
 20 December End of Term 4

YEAR 6 CAMP RAFFLE

A dedicated team of parents have been furiously fundraising for the Year 6 camp in November. They have organised two raffles with an incredible collection of prizes. Tickets for these raffles will be on sale for parents and visitors to school tomorrow afternoon — Friday 27 July. Tickets will be available under the verandahs outside Rooms 1 to 4, Rooms 5 to 7 and outside the senior classes. Please support this wonderful fundraiser.

Have a great week.
 Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
 Principal




GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER—To be returned to school by Wednesday a August

ITEM	Size (Please circle)	No Req'd	Cost	Total Cost
Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		\$14.00	
Sports shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		\$15.00	
Size 16 - Shorts / Shirts (Indicate which)			\$19.00	
TOTAL				\$

Child's Name: _____ Home phone: _____