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Wednesday 13 March 2013



Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

## WELCOME TO GMS!!!

We welcome to our school two new students: Lennox Burton in Room 9 and Kaden Johns who has joined Room 8. These five year olds have made a very positive start! We wish them well as they commence their years of learning at Greenmeadows School.

## TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING 20/3/2013

**IMPORTANT!!!!** A reminder about the meeting next week and an early finish to school:

Our teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 March. This meeting is very important for teachers, especially as the Novopay issue continues to cause more problems in our school, well as schools throughout the country.

For this reason we encourage all children to be picked up from school at 12.50pm on the day of the meeting. Supervision will be provided until 3.00pm for those unable to be collected. If you are unable to have your child picked up at 12.50pm please ensure the form attached to this newsletter is completed and returned to the school office.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAKS 2013

This year we have a longer Term 1 than has been experienced over the last few years. In 2013 the Easter break is during the school term, rather than in the Term 1 holidays:

The school will be closed:

Good Friday — March 29th

Easter Monday — 1 April

Tuesday after Easter — 2 April

Term 1 finishes on Friday 19 April.

Term 2 starts on 6 May and ends 12 July

Term 3 goes from 29 July to 27 September

Term 4 is 14 October to 19 December

## KOWHAI TEAM TRIP TO AHURIRI ESTUARY

The children and teachers of Rooms 8 to 11 had a wonderful trip to the estuary yesterday. Despite the 'coolish' start to the day a great trip was had. Our school is very fortunate to have so many supportive parents who were available to come along. Thanks to all who made this such an enjoyable day out learning about the science of the estuary.



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

Room 15 are the class performing at our school assembly on Friday this week. Next week Room 14 are the featured class on stage. We always welcome parents and friends of the school to attend.



Room 1	Jessie Tayler Logan Sharp	Room 2	Olivia Harding Bella Crawshaw
Room 3	Maia Driver Joshua Pyott	Room 4	Dana Hogg Emma Anderson
Room 5	Grace Henriksen Bailey Greeks	Room 6	Caleb Hunt Joshua Ratcliffe
Room 8	Emma Blake Kaylen Jones	Room 9	Ernest Woolward Chloe Skilton
Room 10	Ashton Plapp Emilee Jeffares	Room 11	Zoe Ennor Casey Thompson
Room 12	Cameron Steed Shae Watts	Room 13	Jasmine Wynne Safiya Nicholas
Room 14	Sarhara Glentworth Karmi van der Merwe	Room 15	Rylee McIntyre Seb Kettle
Room 16	Tupara Harrison Porche Potgieter	Room 17	Courtney Banks Caitlin Gorringer

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 4 AND 5 TERM 1 2013



### GMS VALUES MEDALS

**Congratulations to our recipients in the past two weeks:**

**Respect** Emily Hawkins Room 13      Bayle Smith Room 2  
**Perseverance** Sophie Martin R 10      Thomas Anderson R 8  
**Excellence** Olivia McKay Room 1      Jacob Driver Room 14  
 Well done and well deserved to you all!

### GMS SWIMMING SPORTS

Our school's swimming sports will be held early next term. Children involved are from the Totara syndicate in Years 4 to 6. We have set aside times in Week 2 at Greendale Swimming Club, Ngarimu Crescent, Taradale. The trial morning is Tuesday 14th from 10.00—12.30pm and the finals Thursday 16th from 9.30—11.30am.

More details will follow before the end of the term.

### GMS PTA — MEETING TONIGHT

Our Food Fair is only nine days away!!!! All interested parents are asked to attend this evening's PTA meeting starting at 7.30pm.

**Easter Raffle** — we have had plenty of tickets sold and the sheets returned already. Please keep these coming in. In you want to receive extra raffle sheets, these can be requested from the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Mark Johnson  
Principal

### NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

A number of students have received Numeracy Ladder badges so far this year. They are:

Katie Fellows	Nathan Kinsey,
Seb Kettle	Melissa Kinzett
Tabitha Francis-Thickpenny	Tom O'Shea
Karmi van der Merwe	Evan Gray
Tyson David	Courtney Becker
Maia Jones	Tyson David

Well done to you Mathematicians!!

Special congratulations also to Madison Greeks who become only the third *GMS* student to be awarded their stage 8 badge!! A fantastic achievement.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON [WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ))**

13 Mar	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
19 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
20 Mar	Paid Union Meeting 12.50pm
22 Mar	PTA Fair
25 Mar	Dogstar Show
29 Mar - 2 Apr	Easter Break
19 April	End of Term 1

#### Term 2

6 May	Term 2 starts
14 May	Swimming Trials (Totara team)
16 May	Swimming Finals

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## Food Fair

Take the night off cooking and bring along your own picnic blanket or camping chairs for a great night of delicious food, treats and fun!

**Date: 22nd March**  
**Time: 4.30-6.30pm**

To ensure a hassle free event we will be selling all items using a coupon system. Coupons are available on entry from the school gates from 4.15 pm. Coupons can be bought using cash only and have a cash value of \$1 each. Food and drink items range from 1 coupon (lollies, drinks, ice-blocks etc.) to 5 coupons (curry, nachos, steak sandwiches and burgers) to \$10 (hangi). All food to be purchased on the night with the exception of the hangi meals which can be bought in advance (see below).

**On the Menu:**  
Hangi, Curry, Nachos, Burgers, Hot Chips, BBQ Sausages, American Hotdogs, Steak Sandwiches, Ice-cream sodas & Ice-blocks, Coffee & Cake plus a Cake Stall, Sweets, Lollies, Candy Floss, Fizzy Drinks.

**Entertainment:**  
Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Boxing, Horizontal Bungy, Winning Wheel and Inflatable Toys for sale.

### Hangi Meals Only \$10 each:

Each individual hangi meal will be packed full of chicken, pork, mutton, pumpkin, potato, kumara, and savoury stuffing. Don't miss out on this healthy and delicious meal! Hangi meals can be pre-ordered from the school office from Friday 15th March.

Please ensure you bring the correct money with your hangi order.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES SUPERVISION on Wednesday 20 March.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ in Room \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be supervised at school on Wednesday 20 March from 12.50pm.

I will be picking them up at this time: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_