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CHATTERBOX



NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

We welcome to our school Xavier Babbington who has joined Room 9 this week. Xavier has made a very positive start! We wish him well as he commences his years of learning at Greenmeadows School.

GMS PTA FOOD FAIR—A GREAT SUCCESS!!!!

Last Friday evening was a wonderful community event for our school. There was a magnificent turn out of our whanau to support the great night out. We received amazing support from so many businesses and members of our community. Special thanks to the staff of ASB and ANZ banks who gave up their time to be part of our team. We also want to thank those people who gave donations towards the winning wheel — the array of prizes meant that we raised nearly \$1000 from this one stall. The role played by Waggs from More FM was critical in the success of the evening: everything sounded so professional!!!

We raised a profit of \$5000. This will go towards much needed sports uniforms for our school. Many thanks to our amazing team led by Saemone Fraser. Thanks also for the fantastic support from so many parents helping on the stalls. Finally, what brilliant entertainment we had from the performing musicians and singers on the night—what a lot of talent we have in our Greenmeadows School community.!



EASTER BREAK 2013

A reminder that this weekend is a five day break.

The school will be closed:

Good Friday — March 29th

Easter Monday — 1 April

Tuesday after Easter — 2 April

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS THURSDAY

Room 14 are the class performing at our school assembly on Thursday this week, due to the school being closed on Good Friday.

MRS MARTIN HEADS UP, UP AND AWAY!!!

Mrs. Sue Martin has been granted leave from next Wednesday until the end of Term 1. During her time away she will be part of a group going on a trek to the Himalayas. She will also have the opportunity to visit a number of Sir Edmund Hillary's schools while in the region. This trip promises to be a wonderful opportunity for Sue and we all look forward to updates from her while she is away.

The Easter Hat parade today was organised by the student council to raise money for Sue to take with her to purchase gifts for the Nepalese children in the schools she will visit over the coming weeks. Today we had a coin trail which raised \$414.90! Thanks to all who supported this .

Packed into Sue's bags will be more than one hundred beanies that were donated today. This morning staff farewelled Sue with a surprise morning tea and the addition of a number of new beanie wearing 'members of staff' ...

Safe travels Sue! Miss Ruby Gannon will be teaching in Room 11 until the end of the term.



Room 1	Brianna Boyce	Room 2	Abbey Pascoe X'phia Johnson
Room 3	Logan Ide Georgina Hunuhunu	Room 4	Tyler Hadabora Blake Fryer
Room 5	Emily Hayes Luke Hawkins	Room 6	Nicole Upston Elai Harrison
Room 8	Maia Bosman Micah Talo-Tyler	Room 9	Emily Davidson-Payne Cohen Worsnop
Room 10	Lily Bowers Tayah King	Room 11	Maddison Johns Cole Dallimore
Room 12	Kristina Wilson Bailey Hunt	Room 13	Jacob Towler
Room 14	Simran Bedi Kayley MacKirdy	Room 15	Alexi Neville Jake Truuts
Room 16	Brianna Hansen Leroy Corby	Room 17	Jaxon David Devlin Petuha

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 6 AND 7 TERM 1 2013



NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

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

Giarna Weeks	Harley Taurima
Brad Single-Owen	Katie Donnelly
Ashton Plapp	Michaela Upston
Adam Barron	Sophie Martin
Chloe Skilton	Jake Towler
Finn Exeter	Ben Nichols
Tayla Tierney	Bailey Hunt
Maia Bosman	Amelia Murphy
Jacob Fraser	John Harrison
Nick Catley	Connor Le Quesne

Jasmine Hawthorn-Grey

Well done to you people! Great perseverance! Special congratulations also to Ethan Yong who become only the fourth GMS student to be awarded their stage 8 badge!! Super stuff!

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to our recipients in the past two weeks:

Respect Maia Driver Room 3 Morgan Vincent Room 12

Perseverance Chloe Skilton Room 9 Leila Weeks Room 11

Excellence Jakob Morris Room 17 ZhiHeng Zhou Room 6

These winners get to keep the medals until tomorrow morning.

GMS SWIMMING SPORTS

Our school's swimming programme is now up and running. It is vital that children bring their togs on the allocated days, as the number of lessons are limited and we want the children to get the most from these sessions.

NO WALKING BUS THIS WEEK

No walking bus tomorrow. The next walking bus will be on Thursday 4 April. All are welcome to join us.

A REQUEST FROM OSCAR

OSCAR would greatly appreciate donations of any unwanted indoor games in good condition, with all pieces intact, suitable for children 5–11 years old. These may be brought over to the OSCAR building before or after school. Thank you.

Have a safe and happy Easter weekend everyone.

Mark Johnson
Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

10 April	PTA AGM 7.30pm
16 April	BOT meeting 5.30pm
19 April	End of Term 1 3.00pm

Term 2

6 May	Term 2 starts 9.00am
14 May	Swimming Trials (Totara team)
16 May	Swimming Finals