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CHATTER

Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Spike Lancaster has started here at GMS - welcome Spike! Great to have you here.

TERM DATES 2019

A number of you have been asking, so here you are: Term 1: 4th February to 12th April Term 2: 29th April to 5th July **Term 3:** 22nd July to 27th September

Term4: 14 October to 19th December

SPOONER SHIELD TOURNAMENT RESULT

What a great day of truly competitive sport was held on Friday 17 August at Bledisloe School. The children were fantastic and despite the weather turning foul they showed amazing resilience as they endured conditions that were to become decidedly wintery as the day unfolded.

Our school had a very successful day placing

1st equal in the rugby 2nd equal in the girls football 2nd equal in the hockey 3rd in the boys football

STOP PRESS!!! AND in a recount of the scores there is a final confirmation of a tie for the SPOONER SHIELD between Taradale Primary and Greenmeadows School. A great ending to the day.

GMS CROSS COUNTRY - WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Timetable for the day (approximate times):

11.20: Bell to organise children for walking to Anderson Park

11.20: Teachers to assemble their classes on the field in front of the dental clinic ready for hikoi

11.30 - 12.00: Walk down to Anderson Park

12.00 - 12.20: Shared lunch at Anderson Park

12.20 - 12.30: Course walk through

12.40 - 2.20: Cross-country races

2.20 - 2.50: Walk back to GMS

Order of races:

Nb. THE YEAR 6 RACE TIME AND THE TIME THE KOWHAI CHILDREN HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

Year 6 Girls - approx. 1250m •

New Entrant Girls - approx. 450m

Year 2 Girls - approx. 600m

Year 3 Girls - approx. 800m

Year 1 Girls - approx. 490m

then New Entrant Boys - approx. 450m

- then Year 1 Boys approx. 490m
- then Year 2 Boys approx. 600m
- then Year 3 Boys approx. 800m

KOWHAI CHILDREN TO LEAVE AFTER THE YEAR 3 RACES (AT THE LATEST - IT COULD BE EARLIER)

Year 4 Girls - approx. 800m

Year 5 Girls - approx. 1100m

then Year 4 Boys - approx. 800m then Year 5 Boys - approx. 1100m



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 G School for them to use to benefit your children. The next school trip, the new playg equipment - it could be on usl Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.



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then Year 6 Boys - approx. 1250m

Our GMS children's safety at our Cross Country is a major priority for us, so please note these important instructions:

- You are welcome to take your child home with you from Anderson Park after they have raced, but you **must speak directly** to your child's teacher about this and so they are aware of this.
- Please do not take your child to the playground if they leave early with you. We understand Napier's brand new facility will be really tempting for our children. If they see any friends or other GMS tamariki playing on it, they may be tempted to leave their supervised area which poses a real problem for us.
- If you want to congratulate your child on an awesome run (THIS WOULD BE AMAZING), please come over and see them in the supervised area and not on the parents' area near the creek. We want all of the children who are not running to be in the supervised area for their safety.

Some other information to note:

- The children will eat their sausages after they have run their race. The only exception to this is the Year 4 and 5 children who will eat their sausage at the beginning of the Cross Country as they have their races at the end of the event.
- The top six runners at the Cross Country may have the chance to be selected for the GMS Interschool Cross Country Team. However, this will be finalised after the Cross Country and other factors may come into the selection of this team.

SCHOOLTEX UNIFORM UPDATE

Just a reminder to parents when purchasing uniforms in store at The Warehouse we ask that you nominate 'Greenmeadows School' to ensure we receive the Schooltex rebate. We put this money towards buying resources for all our children each year.

If you are having trouble finding an item and you cannot locate it in store you need to place a customer order at the service desk or fitting room.

Just a reminder you can also purchase uniforms online now too, just visit the Schooltex website at:-<u>www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools</u> and search for Greenmeadows School.

PLEASE HELP OUR OFFICE STAFF!!!

We put a considerable amount of time putting sports draws and details of events onto our website. Please look there first to find out when and where your children are playing - our office staff are very busy, so check the website first. Many thanks.

<u>Messages for students</u> - If you have an urgent message for your child please ensure you have rung the office prior to 2pm, otherwise it is not guaranteed to be delivered, as this time of day is very busy. <u>Absences</u> - If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you contact the office by 9am either by phone, text or school app.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or www.gms.school.nz website for more details:

- 28th August Tamatea Intermediate Open Evening 6pm
- 1st Sept Taradale Intermediate Open Day 10.30am -12pm

5th September GMS cross country - Anderson Park

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues - have a great week. Have a great remainder of the week.

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Mark Johnson Principal



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