



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

The second half of the year rolls around ... and the school has made a great start to the new term. We have coming up in the next ten weeks Cross-country events, a school Walkathon, Kotahitanga week and a school disco, just to name a few. Stay posted for details coming in the usual places.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Our school's latest enrolments are these eight wonderful learners:

- Joe Miles
- Jeremy Morley
- Micah Enticott
- Connor Thoresen

- Maddie Ball
- Orbani Beams
- Aaliyah Bullivant
- Matthew Lourens

A very warm welcome to you all and your families. These new students bring the total on the current school roll to 479.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST SCHOOL CLOSED

There is a teacher only day planned for Friday 2nd August. The after school care providers will be operating as usual, their contact details are on the school website under 'frequently asked questions' or contact the school office. The staff are involved throughout the day at Tamatea High School taking part in sessions with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis, an expert in child development.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Earlier this week a new canteen price list came home with the children. Please replace this with your old one. There are a few price changes on it due to supplier increases. The menu is also available on the school website if you misplace it. Thank you for your continued support of the canteen.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 catalogue was sent home this week.

Orders close at 9.00am Monday August 5^{th} . Cash and cheque orders will be collected from your child's class daily. Please ensure they are in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and room number.

There are three easy ways to pay:-

- 1. Credit Card visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school order.
- 2. Cash please enclose the correct cash as no change will be given.
- 3. Cheque please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic New Zealand'



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GMS EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Below is a notice we have prepared so that families and whānau are aware what may happen should there be a major emergency forcing an evacuation of the school. This could be an earthquake, or tsunami alert, or any other event we are directed to relocate (e.g. major chemical leak).

- The decision will be made to evacuate upon advice from the Civil Defence, an announcement on the radio or following a significantly powerful earthquake.
- A verbal warning will be issued by senior management and office staff to students and staff
 present at school, to evacuate the site to higher ground.
- Parents will be notified through the school App and/or a text. From the initial contact parents will be regularly updated via alerts through the App.
- Teachers are to collect registers and assemble children quickly on the school field. All
 children and staff will be accounted for before departing on foot to our designated
 evacuation site for Tsunami warnings.

Our evacuation site is at the rear of Church Road Winery, 150 Church Road, Taradale.

- Students and staff will walk up Osier Road, through Knightsbridge to the rear of Church Road Winery. Senior staff will do their very best to arrange a vehicle for any students/staff who may be incapacitated or unable to walk.
- In the case of a distant earthquake Civil Defence <u>may</u> organise buses to transport local schools to our evacuation point. In the case of a local tsunami we will move quickly by foot to our evacuation point.
- All staff and students will again be accounted for once assembled at the evacuation site on Church Road.
- IMPORTANT please be aware: Parents must collect their children from the evacuation area, not from school or along the way. For everyone's safety, parents must not try to come to school and not try to collect their child en route to the evacuation point. This will only cause confusion and slow progress if individuals are getting picked up it is hard enough moving a group of children this distance, without having other distractions of people arriving as the group is moving.

KAPA HAKA GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Help! We have a fantastic problem in that our senior Kapa Haka roopu is so big that we don't have enough of anything! We are hoping that there is someone out there in our school community who has contacts with a joinery, or have some carpentry skills as we need thirty-five tiaha made. We just need the basic shape cut and we can do the decorative parts. They are 1.2m tall. We would be so excited (and grateful) if there is anyone happy to help us out. We do have some funds available to help cover the costs involved.

If you are able to help, please contact the school office. Thanks in anticipation.... Shona Millner







GMS PTA NEWS

A] Cheese Rolls

Thank-you to everyone who supported the cheese rolls fundraiser. We hope you found them as delicious as we did. We raised approximately \$2800 which was a fantastic result. Thanks to everyone who helped make the thousands of rolls and supplied the raw materials ... including the onions!

We couldn't have done this without the generous support from the following businesses. A big thankyou to Bidfood Hawkes Bay who donated 350 loaves of bread and also supplied us with cheese at a discounted rate. Also thank-you to Pak-Line who donated all the plastic bags which the cheese rolls were packaged in.





STOP PRESS!!!

We have a supply of additional cheese rolls (onion variety only) for sale at the cost of \$6 per dozen. 'PM' the GMS PTA Facebook page if you are interested in getting some of these delicious treats.

B1 Matariki

Another successful Matariki evening was put on by the school, and the selling of soup, sausages and marshmallows raised \$1400. A special thank-you to the Totara children who made the delicious soup.

C] Creative Clicks Photography

This event raised \$830 for the school. Thank-you to the families who booked a photography session and, also subsequently ordered photos, as the school receives a portion of this money.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Greenlock Shield @ GMS 26 July

29 July Tough Guy & Girl at Clifton Station Teacher Only Day - school closed 2 August 9 August Spooner Shield @ Bledisloe School 12 and 14 August Faraday Trip - Kowhai Syndicate 21 August Football Tournament - Year 5/6

3 September Cross Country - Whole School @ Anderson Park

Here we are virtually halfway through the year now, the end of Term 2 just a couple of sleeps away ...

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Mark Johnson Principal





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