



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Our school's latest enrolments are these four wonderful learners: Maleesha Rapana, Nathan Robertson, Lily Siddells & Willow Doyle

A very warm welcome to you all and your families. These new students bring the total on the current school roll to 449.

PARENT INTERVIEWS - 9TH AND 10TH MARCH 2020

We are only two weeks away from the whole school being involved in parent-teacher interviews. At present we have more than 300 interviews booked - but there are still spaces left. We urge all families to participate in these interviews and have set aside two afternoons for these to occur:

Monday 9 March 2.15 pm - 5.30 pm 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm

Tuesday 10 March 2.15 pm - 7.00 pm

Thursday 12 March additional times for Rooms 14a and 14b collaborative classroom interviews from 3.15pm. Note: when booking for the Room 14 classes you will meet with both teachers, so only book with Room 14a and b - Ars Groenveld.

You can request an interview by using our online booking program. Go to our school website www.gms.school.nz and click on the 'Parent - Teacher Interviews 2020' tab. There you will see instructions to take you to the interview booking website, along with the necessary code for booking dates and times at our school (remember to use the school code which is 'yz44f'). Once your booking is completed you will receive an email confirming your interview.

If you are unable to access the school's website, then you can ring, or visit, the school office and Carolyn or Sara will book a time for you. We expect a 100% attendance of families at these interviews, so please let us know of any difficulties you may be having booking a time.

Because of the interviews school will close early at 2.00pm on both Monday and Tuesday.

LAUNCHPAD CHAMPIONS

Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) is an opt-in Christian values education programme. The Launchpad Champions programme is held on a Friday during lunch time in the school library and is available to children in years 3-6.

The programme starts next Friday 6th March, children that are interested can get a form to bring home and when completed by a parent, returned to the school office.





YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPS FOR 2020

Our Totara syndicate students go on camp in Term 4. Shortly you will see the charges for the Year 5 and 6 camps appearing on your child's student account. We load these charges early to enable parents to start making payments early in the year. Many families prefer this so it is not too much of a strain on families to come up with the full amount at the end of the year.

ABSENCES

A reminder that when your child is absent please ensure you contact the school office prior to 9.00am. We also need to know the reason why your child is away so please leave that information. If your child is absent you can:

- * phone and leave a message on the answerphone,
- * send a text to 0279 264 452 or
- * list your child's absence via the app under the tab "Absentee".

SPORTS DRAWS

All the sports teams are now up and running, please remember to check the school notice board or the school website for your child's sports draw and team information.

OSCAR AGM

Oscar are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday the 6^{th} April 2019 at 5.30 pm in the Oscar rooms. All families are welcome to attend.

OSCAR - MAINTENANCE NEEDED

Oscar requires a maintenance person who can be on call when needed to do general maintenance and repairs. If you know anyone that could be interested please contact Tina on 0276034568

GMS OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Providing a safe, caring, stimulating and fun place for children.

Open to ALL primary aged children. (In the April holidays we will also be open to Year 7 children.) A programme full of exciting outings, games, craft, activities and lots of fun things to do. Experienced, caring and friendly staff.

Reasonable rates with a Work and Income subsidy available to working or studying parents. Opening hours: 7.30am - 5.30pm.

Call in and see Tina in the OSCAR building or phone 0276034568 or email gmoscar@xtra.co.nz for more information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

9th March Parent Interviews - school finishes at 2.00pm 10th March Parent Interviews - school finishes at 2.00pm

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Mark Johnson Principal



