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Thursday 13th March 2014

# CHATTERBOX



## NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

*Kia ora all. This is just a brief newsletter covering the forthcoming Food Fair next Friday 21st March and the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme (overleaf). A big 'normal' newsletter will come home next week.*

### GMS PTA FOOD FAIR

#### CAKE STALL

We are holding a cake stall at the Food Fair on Friday 21st March and are asking each family to please provide a baked item or small plate of sweets. This is one of the most successful stalls at the food fair, so we really want this go well again!!!

Please dust off your favourite cake, muffin, biscuit, slice or sweet recipe and send your baked goods to school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Please ensure your baked goods are well wrapped in cling film.

Our school Hall will be the drop off point and we are also seeking some volunteers to help with the pricing of the baked items on Friday (from 9.00am).

We understand that you are all busy people and that baking is not for everyone ... so we will happily accept a small donation in lieu of baking to go towards our fundraising for the school library.

Plates and paper bags will be issued to each family tomorrow.

Thanks in advance, from the GMS PTA!

#### DONATIONS FOR WINNING WHEEL

Can anyone please help with donations for the winning wheel e.g. bottles of wine, chocolates, vouchers, all donations greatly accepted. Please drop them into the school office prior to Friday 21st March.

#### FOOD FAIR FLIERS

Food Fair Flyers are available from the School Office, if your business or associates can display them in a public place this helps towards advertising our event. The more advertising the better!

#### ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

Could we please have empty ice cream containers and lids for the Food Fair? Please drop them into the office.

#### FOOD FAIR HELPERS

We have received a number of offers to help sell items for our food fair stalls. To make this event a success we still require helpers. All we ask is for half an hour of your time as follows:-

4.00-4.30pm

-5.00pm-5.30pm

5.30-6.00pm

6.00-6.30pm

The more helpers we have, the more time we can all spend enjoying this evening with our families. If you or anyone you know are able to fill any of the above gaps please send this notice back to school asap.

If you are available to help please circle the appropriate time slot on the return form and return to school.

#### UPDATE ON SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have been liaising with The Warehouse and they apologise for any supply issues whilst they are integrating the new systems required to be able to effectively manage this new part of their business. They currently have most of our stock out and ready for purchase. They hope to have everything running smoothly within the next week or so, we will be following up with them on their plans for sale or discount days and let you know as soon as we have any news.

Enjoy your week.

Mark Johnson

Principal



## KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

Over the next few weeks we will be teaching the unit 'Getting Help: Te Whiwhi Awhina' in your child's class. All classes will be involved in the programme. This is part of the personal safety programme **Keeping Ourselves Safe**.

**Keeping Ourselves Safe** has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- To develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- To make teachers and parents/caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

**Getting Help: Te Whiwhi Awhina** will be taught by your child's teacher, with support from the local Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child will have Home Book Activities to work on with you.

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

A parent and caregiver meeting will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Thursday 20th March 2014

**TIME:** 2.00pm

**VENUE:** Staffroom

Please contact the school if you would like any more information about the programme or about child abuse.

Return slip: Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent/Caregiver Meeting

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes,  we will be coming to the meeting:

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions you want discussed:

**FOOD FAIR PARENT HELP—30 MINUTE HELPERS!!!**

*I can help at the following times:*

4.00-4.30pm

-5.00pm-5.30pm

5.30-6.00pm

6.00-6.30pm

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ph.:** \_\_\_\_\_

