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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS

We have had an influx of numbers over the past two weeks - the enrolments keep coming. Three more children have enrolled as New Entrants and are part of the brand new room. Lexie Turner, Charlotte Wallace and Jeremiah Ounsworth are our latest enrolments.

This brings our growing roll to 459. We have 29 more children than the same time last year - bring on the extra classrooms!!!!



LIBRARY CORNER!

E-Books are here!!!!!!

Go to:

gms.wheelers.co

This needs to be entered in the search bar and not as a google search. Note there is no '.nz' either.

The students from Pohutakawa and Totara Syndicates have all been shown how to log into the E-Platform and given log-on and password details.

Enjoy using this site during the holidays as an additional reading tool.

STAFFING NEWS

Tomorrow we say farewell to Mrs Christina Tareha who is due to start her maternity leave from the beginning of next term. I am sure you will join me in wishing the very best of luck on the arrival of her new baby. I will of course keep you updated via the newsletter when we have any news. We are all very excited for Christina and Ellery and can't wait to see the new addition to their family.

Taking over in Room 7 is Miss Leah Nikolaison, who has been visiting Room 7 over the past few days meeting the children and familiarising herself with Greenmeadows School. Leah has taught at Reignier Catholic School and has recently returned from travelling overseas. We welcome her to GMS.

Mrs Monique Cowie has had a very unlucky run of injuries this term. After badly hurting her ankle near the start of the term, she slipped and fractured her left wrist a few weeks ago. This has seen her absent from school for the best part of a month. Thankfully she has been recovering well, and is expected back in Room 11 from the start of the second term.

While Mrs Cowie was recovering, Room 11 was in the very capable hands of Miss Kate Millner. Kate has been appointed to work with Mrs McKay in the new teaching space that will be opened up in what used to be Rooms 1 and 2 from the start of Term 2.

Annie McDougall one of our Teacher Aides has been granted leave for Term 2 to travel with her husband Tim. Tim is Principal of Frimley School and has been awarded a sabbatical for the next ten weeks of school. We are all very envious!!! Covering Teacher Aide duties while Annie is away are two Teacher Aides who have been employed for Term 2: Vanessa Wells and Courtney Leonard-Wheeler. Welcome to both of you!

ST MARY'S CHURCH CARPARK

We are very fortunate to have access to the church carpark across Osier Road from our school. The members of church are very accommodating in allowing this to occur and make drop offs and pick up so much safer for our tamariki. In return they ask that cars do park on the grass or in areas that can obstruct other vehicles (i.e. outside of marked areas). Please help us in maintaining the cooperation with the church to keep this situation working for all.

SUN HATS

Yay! The end of the summer term is here ... that means that hats are no longer required to be worn at school for the next six months.

Please ensure that all your children take home their hats this week.

Principal's Awards - Week 9&10, Term 1

Room 1	Makayla Carroll-Buckenara	Room 2	Amelia Chong
Room 3	N/A	Room 4	N/A
Room 5	Charles Burne Ella Lalonde-Perks	Room 6	Jett Durbin / Kaia Hohaia-Hall
Room 7	Harry Todd/Ava Geenty	Room 8	Karn Johansen
Room 9	Tyler Parkinson	Room 10	Amelia Wilkins / Lucas Fordyce
Room 11	Raymond Hodges / Zavier Banks	Room 12	Fynn Taylor / Tayah King
Room 13	Lily Bowers / Joseph McGovern	Room 14	Phoenix Turner / Amelia Burgess
Room 15	Connor Morris / Shiloh O'Neil	Room 16	Maia Jones / Caitlin Fisher
Room 17	Abbey Pascoe / Clara Newman	Room 18	N/A

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KO WAI AU? KO WAI TO INGOA? NO HEA KOE? (WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS YOUR NAME? WHERE ARE YOU FROM?)

This term, our students have been involved in exploring their answers to three key questions, as part of our whole school unit of learning titled 'What's Your Story?'

Students have been exploring their unique stories and learning more about both themselves and their teachers, while learning and practising Te Reo Maori. Ask your child about what they have been learning during the term.

These children have been learning and practising their pepeha. Here are their stories;

Ko Chris toku papa
Ko Kerri toku mama
Ko Charlotte toku ingoa
E rima oku tau



Ko Putauaki, ko Ngongotaka ōku maunga
Ko Rotorua tōku awa
Ko Te Arawa tōku iwi
Ko Tamatekapua tōku marae
Ko Jadya raua ko Dantae ōku ingoa



Ko Pukekura te maunga
Ko Tutaekuri te awa
Ko Geange taku whanau ingoa
Ko Kerry taku papa
Ko Jacqui taku mama
Ko Mattie taku ingoa

No reira tena koutou, tena koutou,
tena koutou katoa!



EPRO8

Here is the team that made it through to the finals from GMS in action today in the technology challenge! Well done to Tyson, Thomas, Ashton and Shyla: you were fantastic!



GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these fantastic students who were presented with the GMS values medals in the last assembly.

Respect:
Matty-Jae Harrison.
Phoenix Turner

Perseverance:
Kylah Hansen
Cooper Wright

Excellence:
Macy Penn
Asbah Nawal

LOST PROPERTY

We have a considerable amount of lost property collected here at school. Unfortunately so much of it is not named – which ultimately means it is less likely to find its way home to the correct place.

Please take that extra time to name your children's clothing.



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



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ASSEMBLY

The Year 6 students are due to attend the Taradale schools ANZAC ceremony at the clock tower tomorrow at 11.00am. We will walk there. The venue is an outdoor one, so hopefully the event will be able to proceed despite a poor forecast.

The weather for tomorrow is not supposed to be good, which may cause the ceremony to be moved to Pettigrew Green Arena. If this is the case we may be forced to limit the numbers attending. First priorities as representatives of our school will be the house captains. Any children who wish to attend and can get transported by parent vehicles will also be able to take part. Keep an eye on the GMS app for any updates. These will be for those who follow the 'Totara' alerts.

With the Year 6 students away during the morning there is planned to be an assembly to end the term at 2.30pm tomorrow. This is in place of the usual gathering at 11.20pm. Again this will be weather dependent ... oh a rainy end of the term!

HOLIDAYS

I wish you all a very safe and happy Easter break and two week holiday. Enjoy quality time with your families.

Ka kite ano

Mark Johnson
Principal

BUILDINGS, BUILDINGS!

Plenty of excitement in the air over the past couple of weeks when all the Year 1 students moved into the new teaching space in what used to be Rooms 3 and 4. This has been a magnificent learning area that has been created.

The second new space is due to be finished for the first day of Term 2 (fingers crossed!) when it should be ready for a number of the children to move. This will be about fifteen children – although we won't be able to confirm this until we get our final enrolment numbers.

Other building work is taking place in the holidays. Block B (Rooms 8 to 11) is getting a roof repair as well as the roof surface on Rooms 5 to 7. This means that there will be work vehicles and tradespeople all over our school site throughout the break. Safety needs to be a concern for any visitors to GMS during the holidays.

More exciting news ... we are due to get a renovation of Rooms 14 to 17 at some stage during the middle of the year. The rebuild will be along the lines of what has happened with Rooms 1 to 4. What this means is that we have to do some clear renaming of our classrooms throughout the school – which we will attempt once this has been completed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

Check the school App or www.gms.school.nz website for details on the events coming up.

- 1 May Term 2 begins
- 8 May Totara swimming commences
- 16 May Week of the Hiwi the Kiwi show