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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

A few weeks have passed since our last newsletter, so let's see what has been happening lately ...

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI

We have had some new enrolments – a total of seven new faces are being seen around school since our last newsletter.

We welcome Awhinatiaa TeNahu Hungahunga, Katie Hubball, Cooper Hubball, Ropihana Foster-Heta, Pippa Willing, Taylor van den Munckhof and Jack Newton.

It is fantastic to have you all here with us! These latest arrivals bring our roll to 473.

## PINK RIBBON FUNDRAISER – LOLLY JAR COMPETITION & HAMPER RAFFLE

Congratulations to Harry Wilkins from Team 1 who was the winner of the Lolly Jar Competition and Kay Martin who won the Grocery Hamper.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pink Ribbon Fundraiser. We raised a total of \$600.

## POHUTUKAWA CLASSES SWIMMING

Middle school classes in the Pohutukawa syndicate got through their first day of swimming very efficiently yesterday. Remember that the classes are on a cycle of Monday, Wednesday and Friday swimming until Monday 3 July.

## GMS BOOK FAIR

The book fair is in the hall this week from **8.30 till 9am** and open again **3.00pm till 3.30pm**.

**Please note: we accept cash, credit card or EFTPOS for making payment.**

Thursday night **6.00pm to 7.30pm** bring your children along dressed in their PJ's to listen to a story read by Mr J while you have a look around.

On **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> June** is Book Character Dress Up Day.

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We would love to see lots of different ideas based on books the children enjoy. No need for any gold coins – book character day is free!!!

## PARENT CAR PARKING

We take the safety of all our school families very seriously, and it is sad to say that we see so many dangerous practices involving vehicles. Please take into consideration where and how you are parking when you come to school for drop offs and pick ups.

Grant Place and McKeefry Ave residents are asking you **NOT** to park on the yellow lines and over their driveways and too close to the corners.

This is very dangerous for our students when trying to cross the roads with vehicles pulling out of the intersections.

Also we ask that parents do not park in the bus stop spaces. There are buses that drop off and pick up each day.

## BORROWED CLOTHING

If you have any uniform clothing that your child has borrowed from the school office please return ASAP as our stocks are running low.



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## MATARIKI EVENING – 28 JUNE 5.30PM TO 7.00PM

Get out your calendars ... the end of the term is not only hosting the Student-Led Conferences, but it will also have our Matariki evening. Children and their families will be able to come along to school in the evening to celebrate Matariki. PTA will be running a sausage sizzle and marshmallow stall - it will be a great night out! Kapa Haka will also be part of the evening. A new feature will be the selling of delicious vegetable soup as well - thanks Pohutukawa classes for offering to help prepare these tasty, warm treats.

## GMS CHESS TEAM OFF TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!!!!

On Wednesday 30 May, 19 students from Totara Syndicate competed in the Regional Chess Tournament held in Hastings. Our fantastic team was placed first overall. Four students qualified for the National Competition which will be held later in the year. They are Emma Blake, Fynn Taylor, Chloe Skilton and Thomas Anderson.

Emma Blake also finished overall individual winner of the Junior Division



## KAPA HAKA LEADERS 2018

Congratulations to this year's Nga Kaea (leaders) Thomas Anderson, Dantae Delamere, Fynn Taylor (absent in photo), Chloe Skilton, Aaliyah Mitchell and Jessica Pyott.

They are wearing our new korowai which were made for our Kapa Haka leaders by Pearl Kawhe - alias 'Auntie Pearl'. Don't they look great?!?!?



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## **STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES - MONDAY 2 JULY 2018**

We are now nearing the time when mid-year reporting takes place. Reports will be sent home on Friday 29 June for Year 4 to 6 students. We will also be having 'Student-Led Conferences' on Monday 2 July.

### **What Are Student-Led Conferences?**

Student-Led Conference (SLC's) will be as its name suggests - led by the student. Your child will celebrate what they have achieved and talk about what they are learning to do. There will be plenty of evidence of their work at the conference. It will be in a variety of places e.g. in their books, in their group's work book / modelling book or maybe on the walls as part of the class's display.

We hope that you will see your child's Student-Led Conference as a chance to learn more about their classroom and their progress.

SLCs are an opportunity for your child to talk about their work, what they can do and what they need to do to reach the next level. As your child prepares for their conference they learn to describe and reflect on their work. Describing and reflecting on our work is important as it helps us to learn.

The benefits of SLCs are seen in many ways. For example, the children are actively involved in their learning process by taking responsibility for sharing what they have learned. This involvement adds relevance and meaning to their learning. Also Student-Led Conferences give you an opportunity to participate directly in your child's learning process.

The Student-Led Conference will be held in your child's classroom. The room will be set up to accommodate quiet areas called 'stations' so your child can sit with you to share their work.

Each SLC will be 25 minutes long. As this is a chance for your child to talk, the teacher will only be available for roughly six or seven minutes should you have any questions for them. Parents wanting a longer or private session with the class teacher can make an appointment with them for later in that week.

### **What Role Do Parents Play in Student-Led Conferences?**

We consider SLCs to be professional meetings and so we expect that parents arrive on time. ***Please turn all mobile phones off before entering the room.*** We will provide a child minding service for toddlers and siblings in the Library while the conference is on.

In SLCs your role will change. You become active listeners who:

- are partners with your child in their learning
- provide reinforcement, encouragement and praise for the effort your child has made
- ask questions that help your child to look realistically at the quality of their work and facilitate deeper reflection.
- assist your child to set goals that help them manage themselves

The following list of questions may be of help to ask your child during their conference. They will have prepared some notes on how to lead the SLC, although your questions will help the discussion keep flowing.

Some examples of questions can be:

- Show me/us your favourite piece of work and give us some reasons why you chose this piece?***
- Describe your favourite activities or learning areas at school (e.g. maths, reading, music, science).***
- What activities or learning areas are hard for you?***
- What do you do to help you learn new things?***
- What things at school do you like the most?***
- What things frustrate you the most?***
- What are the most important things you are learning this year?***
- What goals have you set or do you want to set for your learning for next term?***
- How can we help you with your learning?***



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### How to Book a Time for a SLC?

The preferred method is to use the Greenmeadows School website: and follow the link to the online booking service we use. You can find this under the 'Student-Led Conferences 2018' tab. Please use our school code: **tsqb2** to make your booking.

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

As we value your feedback we may ask you to take time to comment at the end of the process.

Please note children **do not to have stay at school** until their conference once 12.50pm arrives on the day. We also ask that younger children are not present in the room - we can supervise them in the Library if necessary.

Please come to us with any questions you may have -remember this is something new for the whole school!

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) website for more details:

11-15 June	Book Fair
15 June	Ripper Rugby Tournament
11 June-2 July	Pohutukawa Swimming
28 June	Matariki Evening
29 June	Reports go home (Year 4 to Year 6 only)
2 July	Student Led Conferences
6 July	Last day of Term
23 July	Term 3 Starts

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues

Have a great wintery week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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