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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

Term 3 up and running, so time for news about just some of the things happening at GMS.

It is easy to be very proud of all the things going on currently at GMS. One thing GMS is experiencing at the moment is a number of visiting teachers from other schools coming to look at the different types of opportunities we have going here for your children.

A large number of schools have sent people to see the investigative play in the junior school and always go away impressed. We also have teachers visit our middle and senior syndicates to see our collaborative rooms in operation, as well as other rooms to see the excellent teaching and programmes in place. It is a credit to our hardworking and skilled teachers that their efforts are noticed in wider education circles. Your children are always very impressive too!!!!

## WELCOME TO OUR LATEST NEW ENROLMENTS

We have nine new enrolments at GMS this term. We say 'Nau mai- haere mai' to these children: Lucas Bruin, Joel Nunan, Taelor Morrison, Indiana Ward, Quinta Benitez-Ives, Ryan Fox, Isabella Babiarcik, Jessica Li and Chloe Caird.

A very warm welcome to you all - it is a pleasure to have you and your whanau here associated with us at GMS.

There will be a mihi whakatau for all our new families who have started at school, since our last one (back in March!) at 9.10am on Friday 3 August in the Heart of the School. This will go ahead if the weather is dry. Check our Facebook page or the school app for any updates if the weather is not looking great.

## STAFFING NEWS

There are a couple of changes coming for our staff. Mrs Anna Murphy has started this term as the teacher in Room 5 opening up our final New Entrant room this year. Her class of learners are loving the new exciting environment in this class.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the 17<sup>th</sup> August will be the final day for Ms Kim Davidson who teaches in Room 15. The teacher who will take over Kim's role will be Mrs Christy Turner. Chris has previously taught at Hastings Intermediate and is really looking forward to becoming part of the GMS team.

## GMS STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT

Last Friday we travelled away to a sports exchange against Havelock North Primary School. For the first time the 'Greenlock Shield' was up for grabs in the five sports we competed in. This was great preparation for our Spooner Shield defense in a few weeks time. GMS won two contests with the victories boys football 5-0 and girls football 3-1. Havelock North won three games - rugby 52-7, netball 38-7 and hockey 5-2. So HNP holds the shield for the first time. It was a great afternoon out, and neat to see so many supporters make the trip and transport children too.

Yesterday 170 GMS children took part in the annual Tough Guy and Girl challenge at Clifton. Our GMS kids love this event and were out there getting cold, dirty and wet ... and loving it all!!! Getting that number of children there and back is a massive exercise. Again we could not have achieved this without the GMS community ... thanks again to everyone.



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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## **PROPOSED NZEI STRIKE ACTION**

At the Board of Trustees meeting to be held this evening there will be discussion on our school's approach to dealing with this strike. At this stage it is due to be from 1.30pm until 4.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. However, NZEI teachers and principals throughout New Zealand are voting on whether to extend this to a full day strike. The results of this vote on the strike will be known tomorrow. We will be able to give more information from our Board of Trustees once the result of the vote comes through.

## **GIVE IT BACK FOR GMS – BINGO FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to all those who got behind the 'Give It Back' Bingo fundraiser over the holidays. So many children spent their break time doing things for others – outstanding!!! Could all money due to come in be returned ASAP? Many thanks.

## **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE**

In a couple of weeks time we will have three reviewers visiting our school. They will be here from the 13<sup>th</sup> August for most of that week. We are certainly looking forward to having them see the types of wonderful things going on in our school, and the wonderful progress our children make.

## **TERM 3 SPORTS**

The GMS presence on the sports fields and courts of Hawkes Bay continues this term. We are the only school to have two teams in the Barefoot 10s rugby competition played on Wednesday afternoons. Our first game is tomorrow when GMS A plays GMS B on our field at 3.30pm. Remember those mouthguards and shorts guys.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys football team were due to play Te Awa tomorrow, but as Te Awa School are on a marae stay this game has been cancelled.

It was neat for me to get out and see our hockey teams doing so well in their holiday tournaments, representing themselves with pride, skill and teamwork. All the best to them over the next few weeks as they near the end of their season.

## **NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 3 AUGUST**

This will be held at 2.00pm. The weather forecast for Friday is not great so we will keep an eye out on what happens over the next few days.

## **PTA QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2018**

Tickets are now on sale for the annual GMS PTA Quiz evening. We have sixteen teams entered so far, and can take a few more. Tickets are available from the school office.

## **INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING COURSES IN NAPIER**

Some of our GMS parents have had huge success after attending these courses. There are day and night courses locally. They start Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 9.30am or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm. Contact our office if you want more information – be in soon, as they are very effective and fill up quick.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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

- 3 August Mihi Whakatau for new families since March starting at 9.10am
- 10 August PTA Quiz: Taradale Town Hall
- 13 August Education Review Office visit commences
- 15 August Planned day of strike action

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues - have a great week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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