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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

We have had one student start with us since the last newsletter. We welcome Libby Whitaker to our school and congratulate her on the excellent start she has made.

## REMINDER: PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. School will be closing early on both those days. We expect to see 100% attendance by families. If you haven't already booked you can go to our school website and click on the tab 'Parent-teacher Interviews 2019'. There you will find a link to the booking website along with the school code.

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.00pm on Monday and Tuesday next week. Supervision will be provided until 3.00pm for those children unable to be collected before this time.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees Triennial elections have been confirmed for 7<sup>th</sup> June. There are four positions up for re-election this time round. Those positions are ones held by: Emma Taylor-Meynell, Ivan England and Ryan Hambleton as parent representatives. Ally Ross's position, who is the staff representative, is also due for re-election.

NZSTA are preparing for the upcoming Triennial Board of Trustees elections and would like to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. NZSTA will be rolling out the Korari Programme for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children. Resources are available on their website [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz).

## CHAMPIONS

This is a year-long activity for students in Years 3 to 6. It runs on Friday lunchtimes and is a values-based Christian education programme. All children who want to be involved need to get a notice from the office and get it signed at home. Emma and her team are due to start this Friday. We welcome them back to our school in 2019.

We urge parents to talk about the commitment required to be in Champions. Emma and her helpers give up their own time to come along and if the children choose to be part of the group, they need to be prepared to go along every week. Perseverance is our school value!

## YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPS FOR 2019

Our Totara syndicate students go on camp in Term 4. Shortly you will see the charges for the Year 5 & 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.



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## **SCHOOL FEES AND PAYMENTS**

It is fantastic to see so many of our school students involved with sports this term.

Many in our community may not realise this ... but our school subsidizes much of the true cost of sports subscriptions that children are involved in throughout the year. Greenmeadows School chooses to do this to make it as easy as possible to have as many children involved in sport. We also do everything we can to keep subscriptions below a capped amount. The school pays the subscription amounts up front and often before the season or term has started. We then carry this cost until families pay the fees for their children through the invoices we send out.

To make it easier during the year families are able to set up automatic payments to your child's account.

These payments will be allocated to outstanding sports & activity fees throughout the year.

Our school account number is 12-3144-0207201-001, please use your child's name as a reference. Any questions please contact the school office.

## **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.

## **BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is International Book Day and children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to the library to purchase new books.

## **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".

## **CANTEEN**

A reminder our school canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There is a copy of the canteen menu available on the school website. Lunch orders must be in by 9am.

## **BANGERS & MATHS EVENING – WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (RAIN DATE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH)**

Our Bangers & Math's evening is back again with a slight change. It will be held at the new playground at Anderson Park. Our focus is putting the fun back into math's.

A notice about this is attached to this newsletter. Please return the slip at the bottom of the notice to the school office so we can plan for catering. Can't wait to see all the families at Anderson Park!



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## SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS 2019



Pictured above:

**Marama** - Mitchell Simes, Olivia Meynell, Jaimee Steed & Holly Menzies

**Ahi** - Mattie Geange, Charlotte Brown, Sawyer Thompson & Hadley Richards

**Ngahere** - Khadynce Miringaorangi-Turua, Tori Gibbs, Charlie Matson & Tyler Parkinson

**Moana** - Sarah Hansen, Ayla Pain, Luca Theedom-Whyte & Lennox Lancaster

Look at our amazing house colour flags brought by the PTA for all our school events.

Thanks PTA

## OSCAR AGM

Oscar are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 5.45pm in the Oscar rooms. All families are welcome to attend.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

25 <sup>th</sup> February	Hotshots tennis continues
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Interviews - <u>School closes early at 2pm</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Interviews - <u>School closes early at 2pm</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Character Dress up Day - Gold coin donation for the Library
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Hiwi the Kiwi Show

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

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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## Bangers & Maths - Wednesday 13th March (rain date 20th March)

Many of you will have come along to one of our Bangers & Maths evenings in past years. This year, we will be running the event down at the new playground at Anderson Park. Our focus is putting the fun back into maths, and we hope to show you how easy it is to find maths all around us. It may give you some ideas as to how to engage your child in maths talk in everyday contexts.

You are welcome to join us anytime from 5:00pm on the day and we will be packing up the event at 6:30pm. We have a range of questions aimed at different age levels (Kowhai - yellow; Pohutukawa - red; Totara - green) and you are welcome to choose any of the questions to investigate. Part of the fun will be find the questions! It should only take around 15 minutes to complete the challenge.

Once you have finished you can hand in your card (to be given out on the night), enjoy a free sausage and, of course, continue to play in the playground. There are free giveaways happening during the evening and there will be a prize draw for some games at the next assembly after the event.

In order to help us plan for catering, please return the slip below to the office by Friday 8th March. We hope to see you there!

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### Please return by the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to the office

Yes, we will be attending the Bangers & Maths evening at Anderson Park.

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

We understand that all children must attend with an adult and be supervised by that adult



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