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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Greetings to the four new tamariki who have started at our school over the past fortnight. These students are: Abigail Geldenhuys, Ethan Van Oudtshoorn, Joseph Roberts and Tianke' Hartman.

### USE OF ST MARY'S PARISH OSIER ROAD CARPARK

Parking around our school, particularly at the end of the school day, has never been under as much pressure as it is now. Our roll is at a very high number, and far more parents use cars to drop children off than thirty or forty years ago, when lots of children walked or biked to school.

Greenmeadows School is very fortunate to have access to the St Mary's Church car park to use as a drop off area for our students both morning and afternoon. The church authorities are happy to continue the understanding that Greenmeadows School families use this space with care and consideration. We don't have any special rights or privileges there. We need to ensure that we allow this goodwill to continue.

We ask that our parents:

- do not park cars on any grassed areas around the church area, only use the marked car park areas
- please keep the access ways clear within the car park - sitting double parked just restricts other vehicles from getting in and out of the parking area, is dangerous and slows everyone else down.
- keep the driveway areas in the car park free. A number of residents live off this car park and we do not want to block their access.
- follow the approach that if the car park is full, then please park on one of the neighbouring streets ... and accept, that sometimes, other people get there before you.

### CHURCH CARPARK CLOSED - THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> - AFTERNOON

As there will be a special service in the church this coming Thursday afternoon - there will be no access for Greenmeadows School vehicles. Please do not attempt to enter the car park in the hope there might be a space available.

### HOME READERS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

With Totara Syndicate heading off on camp next week all library books and readers need to be returned by this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kowhai and Pohutukawa syndicates must return ALL readers and library books before Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>.



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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

The last day to place your order is Friday November 22nd. You can order via the LOOP. Visit [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) or download the app. Ordering through the LOOP will earn you free books. If you prefer to return your order to school, remember to add your child's name, classroom and the correct page and order code. We accept cash payments or cheques (cheques payable to *Scholastic New Zealand Limited*). If you wish for your order to be a present please order it as a gift. All gift orders will be kept at the office for collection. This is a great chance to order books for Christmas and every order earns FREE books and learning resources for our school.

## GMS FOOD FAIR/XMAS RAFFLE

Raffle ticket sheets went home last Friday. Keep selling those tickets and returning them to the office. We have had some amazing prizes donated!

The Food Fair is now a matter of hours away ... the forecast is great, the food will be plentiful and fun guaranteed. See you all on Friday at 4.30pm.

## NAPIER LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The Napier Libraries are running their summer reading programme again this year which is free for 4-11 year olds. This super fun programme runs from 9<sup>th</sup> December to 19<sup>th</sup> January. Register online or visit/contact Napier Libraries from 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

22 <sup>nd</sup> November	GMS Food Fair 4.30pm to 6.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Senior School Camps start this week
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakup and Prizegiving 6.00pm start
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 4 - 12pm finish

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Mark Johnson  
Principal



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