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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## 2020 - A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT YEAR ...

Kia ora koutou - we have made it back!!!

Here we are ... finally at school with some unique things to reflect on:

- this is only the fourth newsletter of the year (and the end of May is just about on us)
- in reality we are in only the eighth week of formal 'in school' learning of the year
- 'distance learning' is now something everyone is familiar with!

The children are all really happy at school (although we are not sure what they say when they get home ...!?), and have settled into school life so well after up to fifty-three days away.

I want to acknowledge our entire school community in the way you have all coped with the demands and restrictions over the past two months and that continue to this day. It has been so much easier to coordinate things from a school perspective when the students, staff and whānau are so prepared to assist.

There will be many things about school life that will be different in the coming months. We are still unsure about children's sport and when this might have a chance of starting up again (hopefully in Term 3). The same applies to cultural performances and activities - such as kapa haka and dance festivals. More information is bound to be released in the future. We will keep you posted.

## ALERT LEVEL 2 ROUTINES

Greenmeadows School have been doing so well with the different routines and restrictions in place while we remain at 'Level 2'. A couple of observations:

- the staggered afternoon release from school is going extremely well. The car parking situation in St Mary's Church is far safer and easier to manage for everybody.
- it is great to see the independence in the children for the morning drop off farewelling parents by the gate and calmly going into school by themselves
- parents using their cars for drop off may want to consider using Gloucester Street as there is less pressure on parking

Parents can bring their children into school in the mornings if they are 'extremely upset or anxious' but **must** ensure that the contact tracing records are kept. This is required of us by the Ministry of Education. At this stage it is still by signing in at the office. We are working at getting a code for the contact tracing app if you choose to use it. We will let you know when this happens.

A reminder that the current restrictions for our school will be reviewed at Queen's Birthday weekend. This means that parents are still asked to stay outside the school site and the staggered end of the day will continue until at least 29th May.

Finally we ask for your cooperation when crossing Osier Road. Please use the crossing where our Road Wardens are operating. It may make a longer walk to your vehicle, and the road might appear safe. However other children see this and then assume it is alright for them not to use the crossing as well. We have had some desperately close near misses with children darting out into the street when traffic is around. Please assist by setting a safe role model for all our tamariki. Many thanks.



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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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Greenmeadows School continues to welcome new students to our kura: Blake Henn, Harper Layton, Qiaoning Yang, Courtney Cross, Charlie Feck, Tiana Wilson, Carter Lawrence, Leon Murua, Niane' Kriek and Joshua Millar are the latest to enroll here and have all arrived ready and excited for learning. All the best for your years of learning ahead!

## STAFFING CHANGE

Our teacher in Room 12, Greg Bain, has been appointed as the new Deputy Principal at Havelock North Primary School. Greg will take on this role from the beginning of Term 3. He will be farewelled at the end of this current term. We wish him all the very best and we will miss his very positive contribution to our school in so many ways.

We also extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Sharon Young to our staff. Sharon will be teaching the Room 4 New Entrants alongside Mrs Ali de Lange for two days per week.

## CANTEEN

The school canteen is now open again on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

You can order online through KINDO. You can find the link to this on our school website under the canteen tab.

Please note there are currently **NO** cash sales, it can only be done online while in Alert Level 2.

## OSCAR AGM

Oscar AGM will be held on the 15th June @ 5.30pm. All families are invited to attend this at the Oscar rooms.

## COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES REOPEN

Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from Monday 18 May.

If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time. Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines.

## GMS PTA EASTER RAFFLE

One of the things to deal with as a result of the lockdown is the annual Easter Raffle. Thank you so much for all the donations of Easter eggs ... we have the ability to make some wonderful prize packs. We are going to have a draw for this raffle. So we ask for all raffle sheets that may still be at home (whether sold or unsold) please be returned by FRIDAY 22 MAY. Many thanks to those who already supported the raffle.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

3rd July      End of Term 2

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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