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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME

Welcome to our latest new enrolments:- Eduardo Solak, Dorothy Symonds and Isla Fox. A warm welcome is extended to you and your whānau. These new students bring our roll to 464.

## END OF TERM 2 APPROACHES

The second term ends next Friday on the 3rd of July. We have noticed that there seems to be a greater number of children and staff falling ill of late. A holiday break is coming at what feels like the correct time! Term 3 will start on 20 July.

The last day of term will see the final day at GMS for Mr Greg Bain. Greg has been such a positive and engaging member of our staff since commencing here in 2015. He has inspired countless children with his enthusiasm and total support for them - he always has their best interests at heart. Having played a key role in working with our senior students and organising so many extracurricular activities (e.g. E-Pro8, Young Leaders days, Ripper rugby), Greg has created so many opportunities for our students. And who can forget the coaching significance of the Spooner Shield rugby success assisted by Coach Bain. We wish Greg all the very best as he takes up the Deputy principal's role at Havelock North Primary School next term.

Mrs Christy Turner will take over responsibility for the Room 12 class for the remainder of the year from the start of Term 3. We welcome Christy back to our staff and to the senior syndicate.

## MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2020

At their meeting earlier this week, the Student Council agreed to hold a mufti-day to celebrate the last day of term. The theme is 'sport' for the dressup, although not compulsory. Children who wear mufti that day are asked to bring a gold coin. The funds raised will go towards the Taradale Community Pool.

## NOTIFYING STUDENT ABSENCES

It has been fantastic seeing how the use of the Seesaw app is continuing to strengthen the flow of communication between school and home. However, we do ask that families do not use Seesaw to inform if a child is not going to attend school on a particular day. Teachers do not always have time to constantly check as they prepare for the day ahead.

If your child is absent we ask that you:

- \* email the office: [saraa@gms.school.nz](mailto:saraa@gms.school.nz) or admin@gms.school.nz
- \* use the school app:
- \* or, text the absence text line on 0279264452



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## PTA NEWS

We had a great turnout for our AGM last night at school. It was great to see some new people prepared to come along and find out about the PTA ... and we can confirm that they weren't given any jobs against their will!

The meeting marked the stepping down from official roles of four very long serving members of the PTA. Kerri Burgess (our Chairperson), Rachel Sharp (Treasurer), Kelly Hepburn (Treasurer) and Pam Angland (Secretary) have all dedicated countless hours to their roles over the past few years ... too many to count! The contributions they have made have been immeasurable, and are key reasons why we have a PTA that has energised and motivated so many. The fact we are due to start constructing the long awaited covered astroturf is a direct result of the drive and focus of these four and other key PTA members. On behalf of the school we want to thank all members of the PTA who have been part of the past few years supporting these amazing leaders.

The next year has now rolled around with some very capable new office holders:

Secretary - Kate McKenzie

Treasurer - Vanessa Whaanga

Chairperson - still to be confirmed, but we know there is interest!!!

### PTA Events coming up:

GMS PTA Disco - 31 July in the school Hall (details to follow - but save the date!)

Walkathon to celebrate the opening of the covered astroturf.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is in full swing again after lockdown, opening days being Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. The Kindo system for online orders is working really well and we strongly encourage parents to use this system to eradicate the handling of cash. To order through Kindo you will find the link on our school website ([www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz)) under the 'Canteen' tab. Sports registrations also must be completed through Kindo so once you've registered you can access both sports and canteen orders.

Sometimes parents have placed a lunch order for their child in advance and then the child falls sick or ends up being away that day. Please remember to cancel your order through Kindo as we cannot refund your money once the lunch is made.

## 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
20 July	Start of Term 3
31st July	Greenlock Shield
31st July	PTA Disco - more details to come
3rd and 4th August	Parent Interviews

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Mark Johnson  
Principal



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