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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI

There have been two new students enroll at GMS since our last newsletter. Dylan Waterreus and Pippa Smith are the latest learners to join our school. Welcome to you both – great to have you with us! This brings our roll to 456.

## WELCOME TO MR HOLLOWAY

A mihi whakatau was held yesterday afternoon for Mr Holloway who is starting as our new Deputy Principal next term. We held this in the Hall with the Totara syndicate and our kapa haka group. Darren was accompanied by his family and his current class from Bledisloe School. We are all excited about the prospect of him starting in Term 2.

## STAFF NEWS

We won't be seeing much of Ms Allyson Ross next term. She has been successful in gaining one of only fifty teacher sabbatical awards for 2018 across New Zealand. Allyson will be taking this well-deserved leave for study during Term 2. We know she will have a wonderful time as she has earned her first break after more than seventeen years at GMS! We look forward to seeing Allyson back in Term 3.

Mrs Wendy Currie will not be returning to school for the remainder of this year as she recovers from her operation. We wish her all the best – it has been fantastic seeing Wendy when she has popped into school over the course of this term.

## TARADALE SCHOOLS ANZAC CEREMONY – FRIDAY 13 APRIL

The Year 6 students were involved in an ANZAC ceremony today. We walked to the commemoration at the Taradale Clock Tower where the children took part in the ceremony.

## SUNHATS

Now that it has got cold ... all of a sudden, children are able to take their sun hats home for the winter. They need to return in Term 4. We would have had at least 99% of our students with hats each day for summer. Tino pai!!!!

## NAMING SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please take time to make things so much easier for your children by naming all their clothing (including shoes!). It helps us keep track of belongings, especially in the winter when our active kids are out burning off energy and they have arrived with more layers being worn than in Term 1.

## TEAM UP WITH TREMAINS

Thanks also to Debbie Dudding from Tremains Real Estate with the 'Team Up with Tremains' for her ongoing support. We have received \$1000 already this year from this wonderful project.

## PTA GARAGE SALE –WOW!!!!

Thank you to everyone that donated items, purchased items and/or gave up their time to help us with the Garage Sale held last Saturday.

We also had a great morning selling sausages and Raffle Tickets.

We raised over \$3,400 from the Garage Sale and Raffle combined – a great start to the fundraising drive for our covered astroturf!!!!

And special mention of Kaitlyn and Noah Walls who collected and sold feijoas raising money for the astroturf fund as well. Wonderful effort.

## PTA RAFFLE RESULTS

The raffle was drawn yesterday after we received fantastic support:

**1st Prize** - Chainsaw donated by Stihl Shop Greenmeadows worth \$300 **Dave Barker**

**2nd Prize** - Pandora Bracelet donated by Beija Flor Napier worth \$100 **Tara Todd**

**3rd Prize** - Te Awa winery Voucher donated by Villa Maria worth \$50 **Cindy Osgood**

Thanks to the hundreds of supporters of this raffle – a brand new chainsaw certainly brings the interest in!!!



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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## PTA DISCO – FRIDAY 11 MAY

\$2 entry  
GMS School Hall



Times:  
5.30pm - 6.30pm Yr 0, 1, 2 and 3  
6.44pm - 8.00pm Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6  
(Year 3's can choose only ONE session to attend!)

DJ Gibbs will be spinning the tunes.

We will have Sausage Sizzle, Chippies, Drinks, Lollies and glow stuff for Sale  
Free Water and Fresh Fruit available too.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

GMS Heat volleyball team, 3rd overall in Year 5/6 volleyball competition - great for their age and first time playing together.



Kalan Wedd, Aaron Newman, Riley Teikamata, Carter Miller and George Fellowes

Also we must mention Savannah-Rose Terry-Moore. As part of Buckingham Guards Under 12 Marching Team, Savannah-Rose travelled to Hamilton to compete at the 2018 NZ Marching Championships. They marched on Friday 16th March and qualified to compete in the prestigious Championship division which was held on the Saturday. Only the top 6 teams out of 19 teams qualified for Championship. – and 4th NZ Team overall

## SLUMBER PARTY HIRE

Slumber Party offers a unique Slumber Party set up of various themed tents with Base Camp or Glamping options. All packages include themed tents, delivery and set up and pack up and pick up, single flock lined air mattresses, mattress protectors, sheet, duvet covers and inners and fairy lights or theme appropriate decoration for each tent. Glamping packages include additional decoration, breakfast tray, tray decoration, naming chalkboard or similar and various additional decorations to compliment each theme. We also take care of the laundering of all bedding making it super stress free!

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

13 April	Term 1 ends
25 April	ANZAC DAY
30 April	Term 2 commences
4 May	GMS ANZAC assembly
9 May	Totara syndicate to Moteo Pa
11 May	PTA Disco
21 May	Young Leaders Day
11 June	Pohutukawa swimming Starts

Term 1 is now all finished ... have a wonderfully safe and happy holiday with your children as they relax for the next two weeks.

See you all on 30<sup>th</sup> April!!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

Principal



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