



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

We have four enrolments at our school. We say 'Nau mai- haere mai' to these children:
Thea Townshend, Rylan Hutchings, Jak Bing and Alexie Cowan.
Welcome to you all - it is a pleasure to have you and your whanau here associated with us at GMS.

NZEI STRIKE ACTION

I want to acknowledge the support that our community provided during the school closure yesterday. It was bound to be disruptive to family life coming in the middle of the week.

Thanks for the role you played in supporting your children for the day.

TERM DATES 2019

A number of you have been asking, so here you are:

Term 1: 4th February to 12th April Term 2: 29th April to 5th July

Term 3: 22nd July to 27th September Term4: 14 October to 19th December

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Our school has had reviewers in school for this week. I was immensely proud of the powhiri the children provided to the ERO personnel on Monday afternoon. This process has gone very well and the reviewers have been very fair and professional - and it confirmed we have a school to be proud of!

We look forward to seeing the report that will be produced in a few weeks time.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

We had a wonderful night at the Taradale Town Hall with twenty teams taking part in the PTA Quiz. Thanks to all involved in the evening – our amazing PTA put on yet another great night.

SPOONER SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Tomorrow sees the six teams from GMS head to Bledisloe School to take part in the different sports that make up the Spooner Shield competition. We are the defending champs, so let's see if tomorrow brings the same success as 2017. All spectators and supporters are most welcome to come along. The forecast looks very promising and the teams have been practising well. All the best GMS!!!!

We also have a number of senior children playing chess in a tournament tomorrow. Best wishes to them as well.





FAREWELL TO MS KIM DAVIDSON

With many of the senior students out of school tomorrow, the opportunity was taken to farewell Kim today. This involved a shared lunch and a musical presentation in a show of appreciation at all Kim has given in her time with us. We wish her all the very best in the years ahead at NGHS – probably teaching a number of GMS students along the way too.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or www.gms.school.nz website for more details:

16 August Spooner Shield - Bledisloe School

21st August Totara Swimming Lessons Start - Check School Calendar for dates and times

28th August Tamatea Intermediate Open Evening 6pm

1st September Taradale Intermediate Open Day 10.30am -12pm

5th September GMS cross country - Anderson Park

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues - have a great week.

Have a great remainder of the week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson Principal





