



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Four students have started here at GMS in the last fortnight. Paiyton Dixon has returned from Dunedin, and we also have as new students Bella Lash, Wilson Skea and James McLean. Welcome to GMS - 'nau mai'!

GMS CROSS COUNTRY - THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

With the cross country being postponed from the soggy week we had last week, we have a glorious day forecast for tomorrow.

Please note:

- Children do not have to wear their uniform tomorrow they come to school in the clothes they are
 going to run in. Ideally they can wear their house colours. With 21 degrees forecast hats and sun
 screen should be on the list
- NO CANTEEN SALES tomorrow CANTEEN IS CLOSED

Here is the information repeated from the last newsletter:

Timetable for the day (approximate times):

11.20: Bell to organise children for walking to Anderson Park

11.20: Teachers to assemble their classes on the field by the dental clinic ready for the hikoi to the park

11.30 - 12.00: Walk down to Anderson Park

12.00 - 12.20: Shared lunch at Anderson Park

12.20 - 12.30: Course walk through

12.40 - 2.20: Cross-country races

2.20 - 2.50: Walk back to GMS

Order of races:

Nb. THE YEAR 6 RACE TIME AND THE TIME THE KOWHAI CHILDREN HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

Year 6 Girls - approx. 1250m
 New Entrant Girls - approx. 450m
 Year 1 Girls - approx. 490m
 Year 2 Girls - approx. 600m
 Year 3 Girls - approx. 800m
 then Year 6 Boys - approx. 1250m
 then New Entrant Boys - approx. 450m
 then Year 1 Boys - approx. 600m
 then Year 2 Boys - approx. 600m
 then Year 3 Boys - approx. 800m

KOWHAI CHILDREN TO LEAVE AFTER THE YEAR 3 RACES (AT THE LATEST - IT COULD BE EARLIER)

Year 4 Girls - approx. 800m
 Year 5 Girls - approx. 1100m
 then Year 4 Boys - approx. 800m
 then Year 5 Boys - approx. 1100m

Our GMS children's safety at our cross country is a major priority for us, so please note these important instructions:

- You are welcome to take your child home with you from Anderson Park after they have raced, but you <u>must speak directly</u> to your child's teacher about this so they are aware of this.
- Please do not take your child to the playground if they leave early with you. We understand Napier's brand new facility will be really tempting for our children. If they see any friends or



If you are thinking about moving, let's work together to help both YOU and Greenmeadows School achieve a great result.





- other GMS tamariki playing on it, they may be tempted to leave their supervised area which poses a real problem for us.
- If you want to congratulate your child on an awesome run (THIS WOULD BE AMAZING), please come over and see them in the supervised area and not in the parents' area near the creek. We want all of the children who are not running to be in the supervised area for their safety.

Some other information to note:

- The children will eat their sausages after they have run their race. The only exception to this is the Year 4 and 5 children who will eat their sausage at the beginning of the Cross Country as they have their races at the end of the event.
- The top six runners at the Cross Country may have the chance to be selected for the GMS Interschool Cross Country Team. This is for Year 3 to 6 students. However, this will be finalised after the Cross Country and other factors may come into the selection of this team.

All details for those in the interschool teams will be included in a notice, as well as on our school's Facebook page from Friday.

TOTARA SWIMMING CHANGE

With the cross-country moving to tomorrow, this now means that Totara swimming set for 13th September will now be moved to next Friday, 21st September.

Week 9 swimming: Tuesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September.

SCHOOL DISCO COMING!!!

Our Jump Jam squads are travelling to Tauranga for the Northern Regional championships in October and they are fundraising like crazy ... so hopefully there will be plenty of people along to enjoy the dancing. Details were sent out last week - look for the posters if you haven't seen them!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

13th September GMS cross country - Anderson Park
 18th September Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm

19th September Napier Schools Cross-country - Park Island

21st September Jump Jam fundraiser DISCO!!!!!
26th September GMS PTA Meeting 7.30pm

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

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson Principal



