



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS!!

Our latest arrivals at school are New Entrant pupils Luke Whitaker, Leo Cameron and Cayde Murdoch-Nicho who have all started in Room 4. A special welcome to you boys - and it is great to see you settling into school so well.

PARENT INTERVIEWS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who was able to get along to the parent interviews earlier this week. Our teachers put a lot of effort into the preparation of these as well as the summary reports they got ready for each interview. These made some big days for the teachers ... ka mau te wehi!

Thanks to all the parents and Tōtara syndicate children who participated so positively and openly in these interviews. We urge those who were not able to make the interview to contact the class teachers about catching up to access the summary mid year report on your child.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS THIS TERM: FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST & FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

One of the difficulties that has arisen from the COVID-19 disruption of 2020 is that getting access to the various supports we have organised for the school has got harder. Being able to book in experts to come and work with teachers has become more challenging as their schedules get filled up.

GMS has started on a project to look at the foundation skills in learners, and need a day of training. The day the facilitator is able to come is Friday 25 September, which is the last day of Term 3. This will become a teacher only day. Hopefully this does not cause too much disruption seeing as we have already scheduled another Teacher Only Day for Friday 21 August.

Alternative childcare will be required for that day. The after school care providers will be operating as usual, their contact details are on the school website under 'frequently asked questions' or contact the school office.

Please note: there will not be any Teacher Only Days in Term 4.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

There are a number of GMS sports shirts still out there in GMS land ... and we need them back ASAP. Please hunt them out and get them returned by Monday 10 August. 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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BORROWED SCHOOL UNIFORMS FROM OFFICE

Our supplies have run out..... if your child has come home from school in one of the office uniforms, can you PLEASE, PLEASE return them ASAP.

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that the GMS Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

The Kindo system for online orders is working really well, **orders need to be completed by 9.00am.** We strongly encourage parents to use this system.

To order through Kindo you will find the link on our school website (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.

PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

The PTA are holding a second hand uniform sale on Friday morning 8.30 to 9.30am in the hall.

Cash only, prices as follows:- Skorts & Shorts \$5, Polo shirts \$5, Jerseys \$10 and polar fleeces \$15, everything must go.

TRI HB - FREE ENTRY FOR GMS KIDS

Triathlon HB are excited to announce a new off road event for our Kids Crew on Sunday 16 August at 329 Omarunui Road (near the landfill) and it includes a kids off road run OR a kids mountain bike that is suitable for those aged 9 years and up. We can offer Greenmeadows School kids FREE ENTRY but they need to be one of the first 50 to register (deadline 11.59pm Friday 14 August or until sold out). They can choose between a 3km or 6km off road bike (suitable beginners) or a 2km or 6km off road run. At the payment screen use the code KIDSCREW - (this is case sensitive) for free entry. All details are on this link <https://www.tridentresults.com/event/725> And adults there are options for you too, so don't be shy, give it a TRY! Any queries to 027 560 1378.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

21 August	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
1 September	GMS Cross Country @ Anderson Park
11 September	Spooner Shield
25th September	Teacher Only Day - School closed (start of term break)
12 October	First day of Term 4

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



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