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## NEWSLETTER 1—2015

**Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa**

*The 2015 school year has had an excellent start for GMS. Here we are on the third day of the term and the students are already into their learning in a sea of smiling faces and overwhelming positive attitudes. It is great to have school underway!*

### WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

The first week of school brings so many new faces to our school.

We welcome the following new pupils to our school:

Harrison Campbell	Jaymie Pascoe	Hunter Bickers
Jesse Tutt	Ryan Hansen	Mikayla Pollard
Tylah-Jay Neverman	Kayla Smith	Taraia Dickinson
Joshua Hicks	Zavier Banks	Zoe Perrin
Matty-Jae Harrison	Flynn Ladd	Ella-Rose Ladd
Ashton Monk	Gordie Owen	Maycee Owen
Eden Raikes	Paetyn Ross	Jovi- Lee Billing
Isobella McMillian	Arama Stephens	Hemi Stephens
Olivia Black	Luca Durbin	Wolfgang Samson
Caitlin Adams	Wyatt Blundson	Dillon Neilson
Zane Bailey	Phoenix Turner	

It is wonderful seeing all the new faces here and we wish you all the very best for your time with us.

We also welcome our one new member of staff, Mr Greg Bain. Greg has started in Room 14 and has been a valued addition to the Totara team.

Our opening roll is 422 pupils, which is higher than in 2014. Obviously with the large numbers at school our enrolment scheme will be enforced throughout the year. We will not have the capacity to accept any enrolments from children who live outside the our enrolment zone area for 2015. The only exceptions to this are younger siblings of students currently enrolled at school.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Thanks to all those families who are getting their children to school in the correct uniform. The only children who can wear mufti this year are the Year 6 students. The Warehouse has received in new stock of our uniform which is perfect timing. This includes the wide brimmed hats which all children are required to have. Please ensure all uniform items are named ... that little bit of effort can make a huge difference!

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Obviously we have printed this first newsletter on paper ... the next edition of the GMS Chatterbox will be on Wednesday 18 February. This will be emailed out.

### GMS HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2015

The school house captains for 2015 were selected yesterday. They are:

Ahi: Reuben Davies, Tom O'Shea, Peyton Hays and Morgan Vincent

Marama: Brianna Hansen, Lana Simes, Cameron Steed and Clayton Terry-Moore

Moana: Jamie Evans, Ellie Harding, Cody Johns and Theppituk Rattanaworametha

Ngahere: Ryan McNatty, Shae Watts, Claire Meybaum and Ella Parnell.

Congratulations to our school leaders.

### CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Over the next few days each child will receive a letter from their class teacher introducing themselves to families. Many of our staff have children from families they are not familiar with, so it will be a great opportunity to start sharing information. We encourage all families to make contact with their child's teacher, especially as the year is starting to get underway.

### TERM 1 PARENT INTERVIEWS

We are planning on having parent interviews earlier in 2015. They will be held in Week 5 of this term — a little over a month away. More details will follow next week about ways you book times to attend.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE AND ONLINE CALENDAR

Our school website has had a makeover for the first time since 2009. One of the things we have changed is the 'calendar' which is now on the front page for easy reference about events coming up. Have a look at [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz).

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The first whole school assembly for the year will be held next Friday 13 February in the school hall, Start time will be 12.20pm.

## SCHOOL FEES FOR 2015

Last year we had a very high rate of families paying their school fee donations—thank you so much for all your support. We aim to keep these as low as possible (we are significantly lower than neighbouring schools). The fees are:

\$60 for one child for 2015

\$120 for two or more children for 2015

## CANTEEN

The canteen will reopen on Wednesday 11 February. The updated menu is on our school website [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz).

## BOOK CLUB

Some changes to the Book Club pamphlets this year ... exciting ones! Please get all orders to school by Thursday 18 February.

## SPORTS FOR TERM 1

There are a number of sports available for children to participate in this term. Separate notices come out for each, to those who are interested. Here is a summary of what is on offer:

Cricket — notices for interested pupils for Years 3 to 6 went out today. Teacher in charge: Mr Johnson

T-Ball — for children of all ages will have notices sent home tomorrow (Thursday). Additional coaches are required. Teacher in charge: Mrs Harvey

Triathlon — training commences next Wednesday for the next event which is in March. Teacher in charge: Mrs Martin

Volleyball — for Year 5 and 6 students. Teacher in charge: Mr Gibbs

Basketball — we need coaches for this term. Can anyone help? Coordinating teacher: Mr Gibbs

## GMS WALKING BUS

The GMS Walking Bus with Mr J commences tomorrow and operates every fine Thursday morning. We depart from the western end of Park Road at 8.05 and travel through Ross Place and along Bowling and Osier Roads, arriving at school by 8.30am. All are welcome to join in by riding a scooter or walking. Save carparks at school and get your child involved!!!

## PTA NEWS

The first meeting for 2015 is to be held next Wednesday 11 February at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. We would love to see some new faces along to join our group. All are most welcome to come along.

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- RTR TAEKWON-DO (ITF): recommence Monday 2 February in the GMS Hall. General class (7 years and above) from 6.00pm to 7.15pm on Monday and Wednesdays (includes adults). Minikids (5 to 7 years) 5.00pm to 5.45pm Wednesday only. **Free introductory lessons—family discounts available.** Run by experienced, mature, internationally qualified instructors. Check out <http://www.rtrkd.co.nz> or phone 0210323289.

- KELLY SPORTS is again offering it's multisport programme on Tuesdays after school in Term 1 at GMS. This is designed for Year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. To enrol please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz).

- **TAP DANCE CLASSES** — start at the age of 5 years, with the option for fun non-examination classes or syllabus exam work. **MOVEMENT & DANCE CLASSES** Age 3-5yrs and 5 -6yrs Classes are filled with the learning of various beginner movements of Ballet, Tap and Modern Dance. Classes are held on Saturday at the Greenmeadows School Hall during school term.

For enrolment forms or enquires contact Suzie 027 444 6185 [info@tiptaptoedance.co.nz](mailto:info@tiptaptoedance.co.nz)

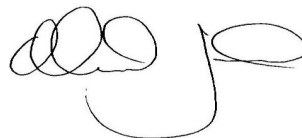
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

6 Feb	Waitangi Day (no school)
10 Feb	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
11 Feb	Canteen opens for the year
11 Feb	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
12 Feb	Notice sent home regarding parent interviews and booking procedure
14 Feb	Saturday sports commence
2 and 3 Mar	Parent Interviews whole school
2 April	Last day of Term 1

*Have a restful long weekend and we shall see you all next week!*

*Ka kite ano,*



*Mark Johnson  
Principal*

