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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS

Kia ora koutou nga whanau,
nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

We have had eleven new children start with us at GMS in the last two weeks, and we would like to welcome - Sammy Nevill, Keely Butler, Lasya Jandhyala, Taylah Campbell, Tori Cahill, Claude & Reggie Turner, Jack Duncan, Taylor Vibert and Max Thompson.

Welcome to you and your families.
Our roll is now at 461.

We also say welcome to Miss Nikolaison in Room 7 and Miss Millner in Team 1 who started with us last week. Great to have you here!

ANY MORE NEW ENTRANTS OUT THERE?

Do you know any New Entrants due to start at Greenmeadows school during the rest of 2017, or in the first two terms of 2018? The sooner we know if children are coming, the easier it makes our planning for the ways in which to organize our junior classes. Even if you think we might know about a New Entrant – let us know! Just ring or email the office if you want to check. Many thanks!

BLOCK A COMPLETED!!!!

Congratulations to the builders from Atkin Construction and all the subcontractors who worked amazingly through the holiday break to get our new teaching space in what was Rooms 1 and 2 finished. The two rooms called Team 1 ('Karakā' - orange) and Team 2 ('Kakariki' - green) are fantastic spaces for the children and teachers to learn in.



The use of the old corridor area is a real bonus for the extra space we are able to utilize. Thanks too to Studio 26 who came up with such a great design.

HIWI THE KIWI SHOW

With our school hall being used as a classroom, it has made it harder for us to host performing artists the way we used to. We are very fortunate that the Hiwi the Kiwi show has agreed to perform for us in the Heart of the School on the 16th May. If the weather does not allow this concert, then it will probably be cancelled.

This show clashes with Room 18's trip to the Planetarium, so they will not be able to see the show ... sad news indeed. All should have received a notice about the show on Monday. There is a cost of \$3 per child for the show.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROFILE



Andrea Driver

Greetings. I have three children, the youngest Taneesha is currently in Year 4, Room 8 at Greenmeadows School.

I have been privileged to be a member of the Greenmeadows School Board of Trustees since 2010.

Although I am passionate about all aspects of education my specific areas of interest include;

- The building of relationships between home, school and the wider community.
- Ensuring all children feel a sense of belonging and are provided with opportunities to be confident, competent learners.
- As a School, we are ensuring the children are equipped with quality resources to learn, grow and achieve.

I strongly believe it takes a community to raise a child. It is that belief which has lead me to many years of employment with community based agencies supporting young children and their whanau. I am currently the Manager of Bright Futures Home-Based Childcare and Learning, a service of the Napier Family Centre.

GMS ANZAC CEREMONY

What an amazing ANZAC service we had last Friday. You can all be so very proud of your tamariki as they were wonderful participants in the whole event. We had speeches from Mr Lima and Kiandra Lind and a poem. We were also privileged to have Mr Wilson the music teacher who played the 'Last Post'.



LIBRARY CORNER

Caught Reading in the Library

Congratulations to our most recent winners:-

Keeahn M - Room 1
Leo Goodson - Room 11
Sarah Wedd - Room 17

Hells Pizza Challenge is back

This starts this term.

All books must be issued from our GMS library. After completing 7 books students will be given a voucher for a FREE 333 Hell's Pizza.

Kowhai Syndicate will be given a sheet to complete as they read/share books.

Pohutakawa and Totara - need to write a book review by logging onto the following site

goo.gl/zATNgM (remember to put this in the search bar and not as a google search) and follow the online instructions.

E-Books

Please keep reading e-books. Visit our site gms.wheelers.co, login and enjoy reading



Scholastic Lucky Book Club brochures were sent home last week. While each child receives a brochure, you can put in one order for all your children through Scholastic's new Online Ordering system, LOOP and make the one payment for all your children. Here's the link: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> When you order online, your order automatically connects to the School Page. On the closing date, which for Issue 3, is **May 19th** all orders will be forwarded to Scholastic, so that orders will arrive at the school together. Book Club helps create readers by creating interest in books and providing an opportunity for students to choose their own books at discounted prices. Also every order earns scholastic rewards for the School. Happy Reading Everyone

GIVE IT UP FOR GMS

We have changed the timing of the year for the Give It Up for GMS fundraiser. We used to hold it in Term 4, but that has got so busy, we have decided to move it to the late autumn period.

Tomorrow each child in our school will receive a notice about the 'Give It Up for GMS' fundraiser. On the notice is a sponsorship form for each participant to get involved. There are great prizes to be won for taking part, including spot prizes, prizes for the best things to give up and those who raise the most money. Please support this innovative fundraiser - it sure beats selling boxes of chocolates ...

ROTARY READERS NEED YOU!

Do you believe that EVERY child has the right to be able to read?

Do you have ONE regular spare hour each week, during school hours and term time?

Would you like to play a part in building the literacy of NZ children?

Many of our Rotary Readers report that they find these sessions the highlight of their week. We welcome parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, retirees - anyone who has a sincere desire to help our children improve in literacy. Please contact Kate Rowntree or Marlene Hema on: **843 1373** and leave a message if we are unavailable, or **Email rotaryreadersnapier@gmail.com** expressing your interest

Please note: you will have to undergo a police check. You DO NOT have to be a Rotary member to join

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

Check the school App or www.gms.school.nz website for details on the events coming up.

15 May	Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North
16 May	Hiwi the Kiwi show Board of Trustees meeting
18 May	Transition to school meeting for New Entrants 6.00pm
22-26 May	Give it Up for GMS week
25 May	Barefoot 7 a side rugby tournament
5 June	Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
7 June	GMS PTA AGM 7.00pm
3 rd and 4 th July	Student-led Conferences
7 July	End of Term 2

Ka kite ano, Mark Johnson, PRINCIPAL