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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS

A special greeting to the children and their families who have started at our school over the past fortnight. Our newest enrolments are Caitlin Adams, Monique & Peyton Brown. This brings our roll to 460.

UNIFORMS

It has come to our attention that there is a shortage of polar fleece jackets at The Warehouse. SchoolTex has contacted us and said that they will be back in stock at The Warehouse by late June. If you are needing a polar fleece please go to the customer service desk and place an order with them so you are guaranteed one when stocks arrive. When these arrive in store we will let you know as they will be offering 20% off polar fleece jackets ONLY for two weeks. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please remember to wear the CORRECT uniform to school. Navy pants (NO TRACK PANTS) or woollen tights for girls. BLACK ONLY school shoes with navy socks. NO boots or coloured sneakers. You can also wear a black or navy thermal under your polo shirt on the cold days. If you are unsure please contact the school office.

An early newsletter this week with so many children going to the Barefoot 75 rugby tournament on Thursday this week.

GIVE IT UP FOR GMS!!!

We are at the half way stage of the 'Give It Up for GMS' challenge ... how is it going???? Remember that all children who raise \$15 or more go into the draw for two spot prizes (one each for juniors and seniors). There are also prizes for the classes that raise the most money, as well as having the highest percentage of participants. Keep the effort going everyone!

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS 2018

Since the start of 2013 we have been closed to out of zone enrolments. In 2018 there is a possibility we may be able to accept a limited number of out of zone enrolments. This is because we currently have a large group of Year 6 students (the biggest year group in the school) who will leave at the end of 2017.

A decision on whether we can accept out of zone enrolments for 2018 will be made early in Term 4. If you know of families who wish to make an out of zone application prior to this time, then a form can be completed. This information will be held in the office until the time the decision is made on possible spaces in our school.

Thanks to those families who have let us know about New Entrants who are due to enrol in our school in the near future. If we know all the names of any four year olds who are due to come to Greenmeadows School, this is very helpful in our planning.

Principal's Awards - Week 3, Term 2

Team 1	Dylan Burton / Emma Harrison	Team 1	Quinn Healey / Tori Cahill
Team 2	Dylan Papp	Team 2	Blake Bickers
Room 5	Shanaya Shanvi	Room 6	Ysabel Mackrill
Room 7	Rissa Leeming	Room 8	Luca Greville- Jones
Room 9	Jaimee Steed	Room 10	Olivia Field
Room 11	Jaymie Pascoe	Room 12	Thomas Anderson
Room 13	Shrestha Shriya	Room 14	Phoenix Turner
Room 15	Hunter Steadman	Room 16	
Room 17	Lily Ware	Room 18	Adam Catley / Olivia Ware

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From left to right: Ryan Hambleton (Health and Safety), Boyd Gross (Property), Allyson Ross (Staff rep), Andrea Driver (Privacy, Policy and Community Liaison), Emma Taylor-Meynell (Chair), Janine Thompson (Finance, Policy and Health and Safety), Mark Johnson (Principal), and Ivan England (Property).

An introduction to our GMS board of trustees:

The Greenmeadows School BoT is made up of parents from the school community who have been elected through the formal election process. Our current board has a mixture of members who are recently elected, and others which have been on the board for two or three terms. The Greenmeadows Board of Trustees is normally made up of six parent trustees and two school representative trustees, one being the Principal and the other a staff representative.

Parent trustees are delegated portfolios of Property, Treasurer, Liaison and Health & Safety and take responsibility for the overall Governance of the School. This means that we ensure that the school is meeting its financial, curriculum and legislative needs. We are guided by the school values and our desire to provide every opportunity for students of GMS to perform to the best of their abilities. The Board sets and reviews policies which guide the Principal and staff in developing procedures for the development of our children and running of the school. We meet once a month throughout the school year, and at the end of the year we come together with the entire school leadership team to plan the school charter. The charter is our guiding framework for the coming year.

A key focus for the board this year is working with the Ministry of Education to provide extra classroom space to the school. This process is a long one, but we are ever hopeful that concrete solutions will be available to the school by the end of this year. In the meantime the board is extremely pleased with the redevelopment of classrooms 1 – 4 which was completed earlier this month.

The Board is thankful for the hard work the School PTA does to raise funds for the school, be it the Food Fair, 'Give it Up for GMS', Quiz nights and discos. Without the huge contribution of the school PTA resources, such as new IT equipment, would be that much harder to fund.

GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these fantastic students who were presented with the GMS values medals in the last assembly.

Perseverance
Taneesha Driver

Respect
Bonnie Wedd

Excellence
Brianna Mahoney



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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BUILDING UPDATE – RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS

Planning is moving ahead for the arrival of three additional classrooms for our school. While this is not going as quickly as first expected, they are due to arrive at some stage in the coming weeks. We have been trying to solve the issue of where to place these rooms.

Our school field is such a valuable resource and we do not want to encroach on this. However we are limited on where any new temporary teaching spaces can go on the school site. The decision has been made to put the three rooms along the southern fence line next to Mr Mellon’s shed. This means that we will have to remove some trees to allow sufficient space. This is unfortunate, but we are determined to retain as much of our field as we can. The trees between the large tree at the southern end of the rugby field (on the corner closest to the PE Shed) back to the ‘taupata’ (smooth shiny leaved) climbing tree will be removed. This will be done at a time yet to be finalized.



The group of students who attended the Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North last week. They had a brilliant day getting inspired and motivated to continue being leaders!

LIBRARY CORNER



Hell Reading Challenge

Well done to all those people who have completed book reviews. There have been 166 reviews from the Totara and Pohutukawa Syndicates so far. The link to complete these reviews on-line is

goo.gl/zATNgM

Kowhai Syndicate - keep up your reading and completing your sheet which is in your homework book.

ROOM 5

Miss Hayley Prue has been working in Room 5 for the past three weeks and will be in school until 23 June. Mrs Martin is taking leave from the end of this week, so Mr Johnson is going to be working alongside Miss Prue in this class for this time.

Exciting times!!!!

EVACUATION FROM GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

We are always planning and preparing for any civil defence emergencies. One thing to be aware of is, that should you hear of an emergency occurring at Greenmeadows School, either a Lock down or an Evacuation, unless directed to do so, please do not come to the school or phone the school as you will not be attended to.

Our priority is your children and our staff and to ensure we focus our entire response on them, your attendance at the school may cause not only a hindrance to our response, but potentially place yourselves in danger.

Either myself, or another member of our senior team will send out an App alert and/or text to you to advise you of the situation. From that initial contact, you will be directed to the website, where we will provide updates as often as possible.

In case of fire or earthquake we prepare to evacuate to our school field. In the event of a tsunami warning and the school is forced to evacuate, this will be to the grassed area in front of Church Road Winery.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

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

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
6 July	Matariki Evening at school
7 July	End of Term 2