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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 Anabella McDonald & Harrison Comber.

The current roll is now 465.

## Farewell To Mr. Shroff

This Friday sees us say goodbye to Mr Antony Shroff. Antony has taught at our school since May last year. This year he has been covering in Room 6 for Mrs Harvey while she has been on study leave.

Antony has been a very dedicated member of our staff and worked to create some wonderful learning opportunities for the children in his classes. He has also contributed a lot in terms of cricket coaching for the junior students last summer. We wish him well for the remainder of the year.

## END OF TERM 2

The half way point of the year is upon us! The holiday break is coming ... have a very safe and enjoyable time over the coming two weeks. See you all on Monday 24 July

## GMS Matariki Evening – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

This Thursday evening, we will host our third annual Matariki celebration. It will be a relaxed and enjoyable whanau event for our community.

Traditionally, Matariki signifies the beginning of the kumara planting season and the Maori New Year. Our celebration supports some of the classroom learning about Matariki.

Details: Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

We will begin in the 'Heart of the School' with a welcome waiata and a shared reading of a story based on the legend of Matariki.

Following this, we will go on a hikoi (walk) with our torches and lanterns from the Heart of the School through our Osier Road entrance and head to our Gloucester Street entrance and then out onto the sports field.

Braziers and seating will be placed out on the sports field for your family to toast some marshmallows, have some kai from the PTA and enjoy some good quality family time. To conclude the evening, we will enjoy a brief performance by our senior Kapa Haka group and Pohutukawa and Totara students.

Whilst hosted by our school, students must have parental supervision for the duration of the evening. If the weather is inclement, we will have to cancel this event. We will attempt to inform the students by 3.00pm. We will also post notifications via our Facebook and GMS school app services.

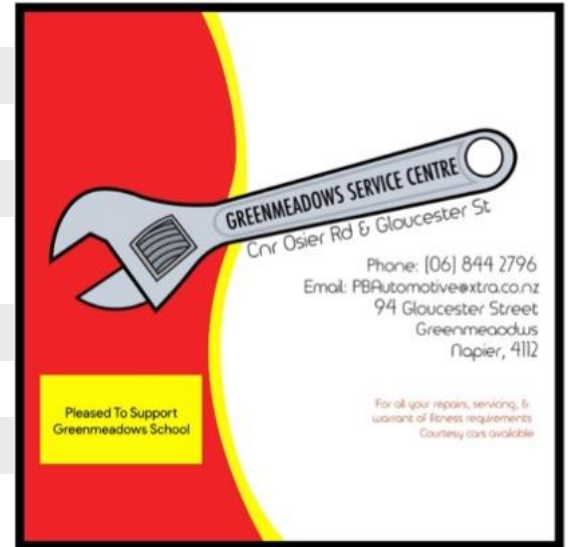
What to bring:

- A torch or lantern
- Warm clothing
- Money for some PTA kai! The wonderful GMS PTA will have sausages sizzling for \$2 each, a bag of Marshmallows for \$1 and a lovely drink for \$2 to wash it all down.
- Long skewers/sticks to toast your marshmallows with

We look forward to sharing this time with you all!

## Principal's Awards - Week 9, Term 2

Team 1	Amalia Weeks	Team 1	Kate Davis
Team 2	Hannah Beere	Team 2	Hunter Cowan
Room 5	Ella Lalonde-Perks	Room 6	Aylah Bunn
Room 7	Ceira-Jane Savage	Room 8	Shamrock Huata
Room 9	Maraea Simpson-Stafford	Room 10	Angue Hawthorne-Gray
Room 11	Lacey Skilton	Room 12	Chloe Skilton
Room 13	Calais Bell	Room 14	Josh Ratcliffe
Room 15	Sean Moylan	Room 16	Tayla David – Lockie Seerden
Room 17	Hunter Harris	Room 18	Brooklyn Mullins – Leanne Martin



## Student-Led Conferences

Thanks to all who braved a cold and wet evening to attend the Student-Led Conferences on Monday 3 July. These were our most successful Student-Led Conferences yet – your children were absolute stars at leading the discussions about their learning. Throughout the school the children showed that they could talk about the way they have been learning and show the progress they have made.

Unfortunately a few families were not able to be free for Monday evening, especially with some of the illness around at present. Please take the time and effort to set some time aside to share what your children have been doing at school – they all love the chance to share their achievements. You can talk to your child's teacher to arrange a time that suits you to catch up with a conference

## Stars Of Canoe Polo

On Saturday both the GMS Canoe Polo teams made the finals of their grades they have been playing. This is quite a new sport for our school and it is neat to see the children doing so well and enjoying the exciting game! Ka mau te wehi!



## GMS Values Medal

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

Perseverance - Zhiheng Zhou

Respect - Jasper Peet

Excellence - Camryn Gibbs

## School Assembly

The final assembly for the term will be at 11.30am this Friday. Let's hope the weather stays fine for the day (and for Matariki).

GMS School app alerts will keep you posted about any cancellations



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

Check the school App or [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) website for details on the events coming up.

- 6 July Matariki Evening at school 5.30pm
- 7 July End of Term 2
- 24 July Term 3 starts
- 31 July Tough Guy & Girl Challenge
- 11 August Disco – Winter Onesie / PJ Theme
- 18 August Spooner Shield
- 30 August GMS Cross Country – Anderson Park

Have a great week and a very restful holiday. Be safe and relax!!!!

Nga mihi nui. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson, Principal

