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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. There are a number of you here enjoying the GMS scene for the first time.

Our newest enrolments are - Amneet Bedi, Bennett White, Jaxon Pain, Kathryn Thomson, Olivia Mahoney, Ella Schrama, Layla Middleton, Amy Liu, Maisie Black, Bella Lawrence, Shourya Garhton, Savannah Bell, Chenul Attanagoda, Ruby Drew and Jacob Fox.

The current roll is now 477.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be held each Friday at 11.20am – weather permitting. Quite obviously we have had a bad run with the weather of late, which has meant it has been a while since we have had an assembly. At times like this we do miss our Hall!

GMS School app alerts will keep you posted about any cancellations.

BUILDINGS ARRIVE IN THE NIGHT!

Anyone who has driven along Osier Road will have noticed that two of the three relocatable classroom buildings have arrived at school. These have come from an intermediate school in Rotorua and turned up at 4.30am last Friday morning. The third classroom is due to arrive from Mount Maunganui College early next week. It will take a few weeks to get the necessary consents and preparation work on the rooms completed before we can begin to use them.

All three rooms will be raised up off the ground. There will be a board walk constructed at the same height as the verandah running outside the rooms for Team 1 and 2 to make a useful space, as well as good access. Although it is not ideal to have the rooms where they are, our school is adamant that we not lose any space on our field and to protect this wonderful open area we are so lucky to have. Once the third room arrives, the fences will be moved back to allow people to be able to walk past the rooms and get around the classrooms to other areas of the school.

One of the three rooms will house a class of the growing numbers of New Entrants we have at school. This should be available late this term for use later in September, or from the start of Term 4 (have a guess which is most likely ...?!?). The other two rooms will be used this year to rehouse senior classes as work starts on renovating Rooms 14 through to 17.

These prefabs will be gone by the end of 2019 – and the intention is that we will have brand new buildings in the school by then!



GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL PTA

DISCO

Wear your Onesie or PJs!!!

Friday 11th August 2017
Scout Hall, York Avenue, Napier

Years 0, 1, 2 and 3 (5.30 - 6.30)
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (6.45 - 8.00)

Entry \$2

Photo Booth \$1

Prizes for the best moves!

With DJ Gibbs

Sausages, snacks, drinks and glow sticks will be on sale throughout the evening. Fruit and water will be available free of charge.

HOW TOUGH ARE WE?!?!?!?

An incredible number of children from GMS showed just how much they love mud, freezing water and dangerous obstacles when they took part in the Tough Guy'n' Gal competition on Monday. Clifton Station hosted over 1200 young competitors, and almost 200 came from GMS!!! The day began bitterly cold, then became beautifully sunny ... and by lunch time could almost have been described as warm.



Thanks to all the parents who provided transport for the day, as well as Mitre 10 who also supplied our school 'uniform' for the event! Enormous thanks to Nikki Sunley who organized this so fantastically - yet again.

SLIME RAISES FUNDS FOR STARSHIP!

Two Year 4 students Brianna and Brooklyn decided that they wanted to raise money for Starship Hospital. They made 'slime' to sell to students as a project. The girls took responsibility for everything - writing the newsletters, making the slime, bagging up the coloured 'goo' and distributing it to the students who wanted to purchase some. This proved to be extremely successful and they managed to raise more than \$160 for Starship. Initially they ran out of their supply - it was so popular. As a result they then had to go into extra production to meet all their orders and commitments.

Well done girls on your very selfless and generous thought.

Pictured below: The line grows for those who wanted to purchase Slime last Friday.



PTA NEWS

PTA Disco - Friday 11 August in the Scout Hall on York Avenue. Look out for the attached flier that sets out all the details.

GMS School Cross-country on Wednesday 30 August. The venue is Anderson Park and the whole school is involved. The PTA will be selling sausages that day. Any offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Just let one of the PTA know if you are able to do some cooking on the BBQ. Plenty of sausage cookers let everyone have the chance to see their own children running too!

PTA Quiz - Friday 22 September

Keep an eye out for notices coming in a few weeks selling tickets for this very popular event on the PTA calendar

**TEAM
UP**
WITH TREMANS

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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Book Club



Book orders close on Friday 11 August.

If you are returning your order to school please ensure you send the correct cash with your order or that your cheque is made out to 'Scholastic NZ Ltd'.

The other hassle free way to order is through the LOOP system. LOOP is the easiest way for parents to order and pay for their child's Book Club order, if they wish to pay by credit card. From Issue 5, the Credit Card Payment Slip on Book Club is no longer an option. Parents who would like to pay by credit card will need to register and place their child's order through LOOP.

If you register and order through the LOOP you will start earning free bonus books.



More Tough Guy'n'Gal action as the orange clad GMS team blitzed the course!!!

WINTER SPORTS – TERM 3

There are plenty of school based sports happening this term. We really want to protect the children's uniforms while letting the kids keep energetic and active on the field that can get a little muddy at times. We encourage children to bring a change of clothing to play football or rugby in. A number also get involved in the bull rush games we have as well, so again they need to have different clothing. It is a good idea to pack this clothing for each day. Juniors are as much a part of this as seniors, in case you were wondering!

GMS MASTER PLANNING TO 2042!

Our school is currently in the process of developing a plan for the next twenty-five years – in terms of buildings and setting a programme for the types of learning going ahead. This is an exciting process for our school, and one that few schools have the opportunity to be involved in.

As part of this process, internally known educational consultant, Mark Osborne, will be visiting our school on Tuesday 12 September. He will lead an evening session for parents to come along and discuss the future of education and how our school could develop. It will be a fascinating meeting, so it would be great to have plenty of input from our community.

Mark it on your calendar.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

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

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| 11 August | Disco – Winter Onesie / PJ Theme |
| 18 August | Spooner Shield |
| 30 August | GMS Cross Country – Anderson Park |
| 12 September | Napier & Districts School Cross Country |
| | Future of GMS Parent session Mark Osborne |
| 29 September | End of Term 3 |

Have a great week.
Nga mihi nui. Ka kite ano.
Mark Johnson, Principal