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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 Jack Fogarty, Olive Menzies, Lakyn Moore & Charlotte Meyer-Tucker.

The current roll is now 482.

2018 ENROLMENTS

2018 is coming around fast. If you, or any one you know, has a child due to start with us in Term 1 2018 please email the office saraa@gms.school.nz to confirm your child's enrolment.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please remember if your child is going to be away from school please do one of the following before 9am:

Call 8447024,

Text 027-9264452

email admin@gms.school.nz

or use the school app.

The office staff spend a lot of time 'finding' children.

GMS SPORTS DRAWS

All sports draws are available on the school website and App or on the notice board outside the office. Please check these places first before contacting the office.

GMS PTA PYJAMA DISCO

What a brilliant disco last Friday! The children had a fantastic time, DJ Gibbs was bring the venue to its knees and the organisation was tops! Thanks to everyone who made it a wonderful night for the children. Biggest feature of the entertainment had to be the HotShots Photobooth NZ which was a huge hit. Many thanks for their support.

GMS CROSS-COUNTRY WED 30 AUGUST

The following information sets out the timetable for the day:

10.30 – 10.50am Early interval for the whole school

11.30am Kowhai classes (Rooms 1 to 7) get organized to walk to Anderson Park before the rest of the school. They depart when ready.

11.45am Pohutukawa & Totara classes walk to Anderson Park

12.10 – 12.25pm Shared lunch/pre-race snacks

12.25 – 12.40pm Walk the course

12.45 – 2.30pm Races (order & approximate lengths)

Year 6 girls, then Year 6 boys 1250m

New Entrants/Year 0 approx. 450m

Year 1 girls, then Year 1 boys 490m

Year 2 girls, then Year 2 boys 600m

Year 3 girls, then Year 3 boys 800m

Year 4 girls, then Year 4 boys 800m

Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys 1100m

2.35pm Return to Greenmeadows School

Sausages that have been pre ordered will be available after each race. Kowhai classes will walk back to school after the Year 3 races.

A notice will come out next week to enable sausage orders to be made. The PTA are still looking for parents to help with their stall, so if you can spend some time assisting that would be fantastic.

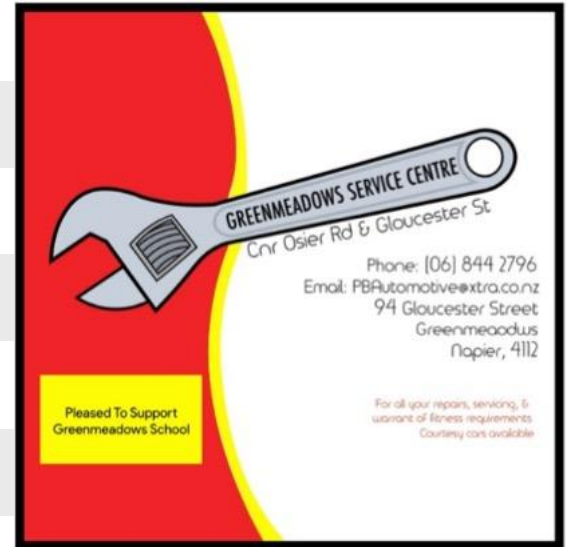
Parents often request to take their children home after their race. Although we would prefer that all students stayed until the end of the event, we are happy to let this happen.

If you do take your children and notify the class teacher, we do ask that they leave the venue immediately – and stay off the children's playground. Postponement date (if required) is set for Thursday 31 August. We look forward to seeing plenty of parents along to support our keen runners!

Please note that the School Canteen will not be open on the day of the cross-country.

Principal's Awards - Week 2&3 Term 3

Team 1	Ronynn Siddells, Castro Churton	Team 1	Charlie Richards Kaylee-Rose Tatu
Team 2	Tyson Beams Ethan Waterrus	Team 2	Mia Haerewa Alexis Scott
Room 5	Zilin Zhao Payton Vaughan	Room 6	Monique Brown, William Hogg
Room 7	Joey Li Noah Walls	Room 8	Kayla Hooper Caitlin Adams
Room 9	Ena Huata Finley Glentworth	Room 10	Angus Hawthorne-Grey, Jayden Konia – Amelia Wilkins
Room 11	Kayla Smith Lachlan Webber	Room 12	Bree Martin
Room 13	Eshal Ali Rylin Glenny	Room 14	Matilda Burne Raven Howse
Room 15	Lucy Angland Casey Thompson	Room 16	Luke Hawkins Daniel Geange
Room 17	B.J Bloomfield Sara Petuha	Room 18	Max Fisher, Eli North Jesse Tutt – Ellie Goodson



GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these very worthy students who were presented with the GMS values medals in the last two assemblies.

Perseverance:

Jordan Sullivan
Kaydice Birch

Respect:

Grace Henriksen
Grace Hall

Excellence

Kate Davis
Emma Donnelly

Wear those medals with pride kids and well done!

SPOONER SHIELD

Tomorrow is the annual Spooner Shield tournament for the eight local Taradale schools at Bledisloe School. Last year Greenmeadows School finished in second, so very close to Taradale Primary. How will the competition go for 2017??? All our teams were selected several weeks ago and have been training and preparing keenly for the big day.

We have teams competing in:

- Hockey
- Football boys and girls
- Rugby
- Netball.

Parents are most welcome to come along and watch. Food will be sold by Bledisloe School so there We wish our teams all the very best for tomorrow's day out.

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

With Spooner Shield on and so many children and staff out of school, there will not be a school assembly.

MUFTI-DAY FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

A number of our senior students have shown an interest in raising funds for the SPCA. Earlier this week a cupcake stall organised by Isobella in Room 17 collected approximately \$150 for this cause. What an effort! This was very well supported too.

Next Friday there will be a muftiday for the whole school. Children are set the challenge of wearing clothes with an animal logo or picture on them in their mufti gear. If you wear mufti you are asked bring a gold coin. This will also get donated to the SPCA. Caitlin and Bella from Team 18 will get the funds raised to the SPCA. Many thanks for supporting this ... and the children always enjoy leaving the uniforms at home for a day.



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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GMS SCHOOL APP

There are more than 500 subscribers linked to our app, which is one of our main forms of communication.

We encourage you all to download the GMS App from the Google PlayStore or through iTunes. It is free. All the school information is right there! This includes sports information and draws, as well as all newsletters and lots of other information. Straight to your phone – what more can you want?

Remember to check the ‘Alerts’ you subscribe to – so you get the messages that are relevant to your children and the different activities they are involved in.

HB TEACHERS RUGBY

Tomorrow evening the Hawkes Bay Teachers rugby team plays again. They are playing at Tareha Reserve under lights with a kick off at 6.30pm. Mr Bain and Mr Papuni will be taking the field against the Tairāwhiti teachers team who will travel from Gisborne and East Coast for the big game.

All are welcome to come along and watch.

LIBRARY CORNER!



Keep reading books from our GMS Library to earn your **FREE 333** pizza from Hell. This challenge will continue until the end of Term 3 so keep reading.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – OSIER ROAD

The student warden-controlled road crossing on Osier Road is working well, especially considering the amount of vehicles that arrive at peak times at the beginning and the end of the school day. While many drivers are being very cautious around the car park, we ask that you all continue to take extra care and watch for children in this space. This includes entering the carpark, as well as exiting, which should be done from the eastern end.

Please remember this car park was not designed with school-aged children use in mind, and we are very fortunate to have access to this safe drop off point. The church is very accommodating of our school and our parents. Thanks for not parking on the grass areas around the parking area – we just have to accept sometimes that there are no parks available and park in the neighbouring streets.

Also we ask that all people crossing from the carpark use our Kea crossing – when children see adults modelling safe behaviour they are more inclined to do the same. We have had some near misses with children crossing the road away from the Kea crossing and being in potentially dangerous situations.

Thank you for assisting us this way of keeping all our students safe.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

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

18 August	Spooner Shield
25 August	Muftiday for SPCA
30 August	GMS Cross Country – Anderson Park
12 September	Napier & Districts School Cross Country
	Future of schooling GMS Parent session Mark Osborne
29 September	End of Term 3

Have a great week. Be safe and relax!!!!

Nga mihi nui. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson, Principal