



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:

Cooper Whaanga

Neeva Dudson

Sophia Zeng

Paxton Abbott

Brooke Bailey is starting next week.

That means we will end the year with 505 pupils.

SCHOOL REPORTS

On Monday 11 December many children will receive their end of year school report. Having read reports on all the children in the school I am thrilled with the progress made this year. I urge you to take the time to share the comments in these reports with your child – they really tell the story of learning for each student over the course of 2017.

At that time all children will get a stationery list for the coming year when they visit their new room. Please note the arrangements for purchasing stationery in 2018 – it should be obtained from Hawkes Bay Office Products in Wakefield Street, Onekawa. There are options outlined on the information sheet of ways in which to get your child's stationery.

END OF YEAR BREAKUP AND PRIZE-GIVING

The school breakup and prize-giving will be held on Wednesday 13th December in the Heart of the School outdoor stage area. The start time is **6.30pm** and the ceremony is expected to last for about an hour. Parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend. All children are expected to attend and need to be lined up in class groups on the school field by 6.20pm. Parking gets difficult with the large numbers of vehicles, so please plan to get to school with time to spare.

All children need to wear school uniform to the prize-giving, but do not need their hats for the evening.

Please note that school will start at **9.30am**, and not 9.00am, the day after the breakup.

If the weather does not allow the prize-giving to go ahead on Wednesday, we will communicate it in the following ways:

- the GMS Facebook page
- an alert on the GMS App

If the prize-giving does get postponed, then it will be held on Thursday 14th December at 6.30pm.

CLASSES FOR 2018


The day the children get their reports, they will also find out their 2018 classes. They will be able to meet their new classmates, as well as their teacher for next year.

Numbers usually allow us to 'neatly' organize the syndicates into groups of two years. Kowhai Years 1 and 2, Pohutukawa Years 3 and 4 and Totara in Years 5 and 6. On a couple of occasions over the past few years we have had to mix some year groups between syndicates. This will be the case for 2018. A group of about ten Year 4s will be in Room 6 with Mrs Millner. Also Mrs Cowie will have some Year 2 students in her room in Pohutukawa syndicate (this has been the case this year). Why are we doing this? Simply to manage class sizes and numbers of children. It is common practice in many schools and is very beneficial to the children involved.

A number of children will be in collaborative teaching spaces. From the community survey recently sent out, a number of you stated that you would like to find out more about these types of classrooms and how they run. We will have a meeting very early next term (IN OUR HALL!) to give an outline of how this style of classroom will operate. We will have this on Thursday 8 February at 3.15pm as well as a repeat meeting at 5.15pm if that time is better for parents to attend.

Principal's Awards - Week 6 & 7 Term 4

Team 1	Harrison Comber Max Thompson Jaxon Pain Bennett White Mia Kamphuis Lasya Jandhyala Amneet Bedi Maisie Balck Ella Schrama Savannah Bell	Team 2	Aimee Fordyce Keeahn Miringaorangi-Turua Paiyton Dixon Daemon Smith
Room 5	Ella Lalonde-Perks Sophie Thompson	Room 6	Piper Tutt William Hogg
Room 7	Olive Raikes Emma Prichard Richie Matson	Room 8	Jasper Peet Sawyer Thompson Luka Jones
Room 9	Sayde Birch Scarlett Morris Peyton Brown Lennox Lancaster Connor Blunsdon	Room 10	Lucas Fordyce Brylee White Asbah Nawal Hunter Bickers
Room 11	Taraia Dickinson Brylee Jones	Room 12	Hannah Thompson Sophie Martin Lucy Duncan Emma Black Leila Weeks Zahra Jury Shiloh Johansen
Room 13	Mason Shaw Cole Dallimore	Room 14	Brooke Hansen Calais Terry-Moore Ella Martin Ashton Plapp Olivia Black Zane Langridge
Room 15	Jessica Pyott	Room 16	Cris Moetu Kalla Hays Seth Watts Maia Chernyshev
Room 17	Janelle Swain Bayley Allan Rosie Goody Matthew Harrison	Room 18	Wolfgang Samson Ellie Haines Tash Sibley -Ireland Brianna Mahoney Sithumi Ellegala Samuel Ennor
Room 19	Lachlan Burnett Liam Hammond		



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GMS Values Medals

Congratulations to these fantastic students who were presented with the GMS values medals in the two last assemblies:

Perseverance –
Sophie Bailey
Mila Wishnowsky

Respect –
Zahra Jury
Lexie Turner

Excellence

Kaylen Jones

Sarah Wedd



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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2018 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

The following will be our staff from the start of next year:

Principal	Mr. Mark Johnson
Deputy Principal	<i>appointed for Term 2</i>
Assistant Principal	Ms. Allyson Ross
AP (Junior School)	Mrs. Ali de Lange

At some stage soon we are going to do some renaming of the classrooms as the remodeling takes shape around the school. But for now we will use the 'old' system!

Kowhai ('Junior') Syndicate

Team 1	Miss Shari Mackay (NE)
Team 1a	Mrs Christina Tareha (from T2)
Team 2	Mrs Wendy Currie (Year 1)
Team 2a	Mrs. Jane Carter (Year 1)
Room 5	To fill during 2018
(the new prefabs called Rooms 18,19,20)	
Room 18	Miss Leah Nikolaison (Year 1&2)
Room 19	Mrs. Helen Harvey (Year 1 & 2)
Room 20	Mrs Sue Martin (Year 2)

Pohutukawa ('Middle') Syndicate

Room 8	Ms. Ceirwyn Ware (Year 4)
Room 9	Miss Toni Miles (Year 4)
Room 10	Miss Jane McCosh (Year 3)
Room 11	Mrs. Monique Cowie (Year 2/3)
(new learning space that were Rooms 15 & 14)	
Room 15	Mrs. Paula Kinsey (Year 3)
Room 14	Mrs. Sarah Groenveld (Year 4)

Totara ('Senior') Syndicate

Room 12	Mrs Pixie Bryan (Year 6)
Room 13	Miss Rebecca Start (Year 5)
(new learning space in Rooms 16& 17)	
Room 17	Mr Greg Bain (Year 5)
Room 16	Ms. Kim Davidson (Year 5 & 6)
Room 6	Mrs Shona Millner (Year 4 & 5)
Room 7	Mr. Marty Gibbs (Year 6)

Other GMS staff:

Catherine Webster - Reading Recovery
 Jane Lee - CRT release teacher
 Sara Anderson - Office Administrator
 Carolyn Thorburn - Office Administrator
 Librarian Kim Cook
 Sports Coordinator Nicki Sunley
 Teacher Aides - Linda Cunningham, Lynne Canty
 Hayley Jury, Carol Mardon, Kirsten Martin
 Leanne Duncan

Property Maintenance Paddy Mellon
 Cleaners Heather Kennedy and Jess Harrison
 Gardener Louise Nicholson

TARADALE AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS

Last week our interschool athletics team took part in the annual athletic sports. GMS had a great looking team on paper and our athletes had shown impressive form in our own school sports event. We had not won this event since 2009, but this has been our year. GMS won by a mere half a point from Taradale Primary. We had some excellent individual performances from GMS competitors.

These students finished in the top ten of their events:

Phoenix Turner 1 st 10 years
Kalla Hays 2 nd 11 years
Jesse Beals 2 nd 10 years
Amanda Kinzett 2 nd 8 years
Rylan O'Shea 2 nd = 11 years
Zoe Ennor 2 nd = 10 years
Samuel Ennor 3 rd 8 years
Jaimee Steed 3 rd 9 years
Tyler Parkinson 4 th 8 years
Eila-Jay Beams 3 rd = 8 year
Kalal Miringaorangi-Turua 4 th 8 years
Ellie Meynell 5 th = 11 years
Rylin Glenny 8 th = 10 years
Khaydnce Miriaorangi-Turua 10 th = 9 years
Karn Johansen 10 th = 8 years

An outstanding effort from you all. This means we have won all three interschool sporting events in 2017 (although oh so close in each one!):

Spooner Shield
 Napier Schools Cross-country
 Taradale schools Athletics Sports

MATHLETICS RESULTS

Two weeks ago we had two teams compete in the Taradale schools Mathletics competition held at Reignier Catholic School. Our teams did extremely well against some very tough competition. GMS 1 made up of ZhiHeng Zhou, Ava Humphrey and Luke Hawkins finished second to a very strong AMS team. Our team made up of Clara Newman, Lockie Seerden and Upashna Sundar finished tenth. Ka rawe!!!!

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SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please note the school canteen will be closed from Monday 13th December. The last day for the canteen will be Friday 8th December. Thanks to Mrs Batt for the fantastic service she runs operating our canteen

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

In case you didn't know ... some GMS superstars will be performing on the big stage at Anderson Park tomorrow evening. They are getting more famous by the day ...!!!!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Our new Board of Trustees is now officially operational! They meet for a planning day tomorrow. We welcome our two new trustees Chris Burgess and Corrie Pascoe who will be great additions to the Board. Both are very enthusiastic to get working on setting out the vision for our school going ahead. We welcome them into this important role.

Two of the previous Board members did not seek re-election. Janine Thompson has been the Treasurer for the past two years and brought considerable business expertise to her role. Many thanks Janine for your contribution and interest shown in our school over the past three years.

Boyd Gross joined our school's Board in March 2009 and was Chair from early 2010 until the end of 2016. He remained on the Board this year until last month. He has been a fine leader and total supporter of the school in this time. Boyd has made an immense contribution towards the successful school we see today, always working very professionally and with the total interests of your children as his priority. Our sincere thanks Boyd.

2017 COMES TO AN END!!!

And here we are with the final newsletter of 2017 ... where does the time go?

This year has been such a successful one for our school - so much has happened over the last four terms. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our school this year. We have had a magical year with so many successes. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the school for their support, gifts of time and expertise, or simply being there to encourage our GMS kids.

We are so fortunate to be part of such a great team together.

Have a very safe and happy festive break.

LIBRARY CORNER!



SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

We have a large number of unreturned library books we desperately need back. Can families make sure that all outstanding books are either paid for or returned. Please ensure this happens before the end of the school year.

SCHOOL READER AMNESTY

Please check under beds, behind couches and in your bookcases. We have lost \$4000 of school readers this year. These are the books that come home every night for home reading. They cost between \$10-12 so it is important we get as many back as possible ASAP. Please return any books, no questions asked.

E-BOOKS OVER XMAS

Our GMS Library may be closed over the summer holidays, but if you are in year 3-6 you can still be reading. Our e-book collection will also include audio books this summer and has some great titles for you to read. Visit: gms.wheelers.co to browse our collection.

SPORTS NOTICES

TERM 4 SPORTS END OF SEASON DATES:

Our last days of play for Term 4 sports teams are as follows:

Hockey:	Wednesday 6 th December
Basketball:	Thursday 7 th December
Cricket:	Friday 8 th and Saturday 9 th December
Teeball:	Saturday 9 th December
Volleyball:	Monday 11 th December
Junior Netball:	Thursday 14 th December
Touch Rugby:	Friday 15 th December

All sports shirts must be returned to the school office directly after your final games. NETBALL and TOUCH RUGBY players must return their shirts after games this week - you will play your final games in your school uniform polo shirts.

It is vital that we get all sports shirts back before the end of term!!!!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

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

13 December	School breakup and prize-giving 6.30pm start
15 December	End of Term 4 - 12pm Finish

2018

Thursday 1 Feb	Start of Term 1 (note change)
Monday 5 Feb	School closed (makes a four day weekend Sat- Tues

Nga mihi nui. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson, Principal