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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI

Our school has had more new enrolments since the last newsletter – a very warm welcome to Leo Scullin, Fletcher Carroll, Jessica Eardley and Te Kaharoa Simpson-Stafford. We wish you all the very best for your time at GMS. Our roll is currently 449 students.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS – MONDAY 5 AND TUESDAY 6 MARCH

It is great to see the numbers of parents booking interview times – we already have half of the school booked in. We want to make contact with every parent of all our children, so please follow the instructions in our last school newsletter, or contact the office, to book a time.

Remember - because of the interviews, school will close early at 2.00 pm on both Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## SCHOOL WELCOME FOR NEW FAMILIES AND WHANAU

We will be having a welcome for new families this term. This will be next Thursday 1 March at 9.10am. It will be a 'mihi whakatau' which is less formal than a full powhiri. This is the first time we have attempted this at our school and we are looking forward to the welcome.

## SUMMER SPORT ALL RUNNING

It is neat to see all our sports teams involved in the different sporting codes this term. Thanks to all the supporters and coaches! Junior kids cricket skills starts this week after school on Friday.

## CHILD SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

There were reports yesterday (Tuesday) of two separate incidents where intermediate aged students were approached by a male in a vehicle asking them to get into a car. They did not get in the car, and the children reported this immediately to the schools concerned. This makes a timely reminder to talk to your child/ren about staying safe when they are walking to and from school. This could include:

- walk with a friend or group whenever possible'
- tell parents/teachers of any incidences when they feel unsafe
- stick to any plans made and follow the same route each day

## PTA MEETING

There was a great turn out for our first meeting of the year, and organisation of the Food Fair is going beautifully. Refer to the Food Fair notice overleaf.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

1 March	GMS mihi whakatau for new families and whanau		
5 and 6 March	Parent interviews (2.00pm finish)	23 March	GMS PTA Food Fair
15, 16 and 19 March	Kowhai classes trip to Estuary	13 April	Term 1 ends
30 April	Term 2 commences		

Have a great week. Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

Principal

# GMS FOOD FAIR

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

4.30pm - 6.30pm

The GMS Food Fair is less than five weeks away! It is always a fun, well-attended event which the kids love. We are bringing back all the favourite stalls and we have a few new items too. We think we have solved the 'loooong line' at the hot chips stall!

Last year we introduced mystery envelopes and lucky dips which were hugely popular, alongside the traditional winning wheel. We are asking if families could help by donating the following items over the next four weeks.

Date:	Items Required:
26 <sup>th</sup> February - 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Week One	A Lucky Dip Prize: A new small item suitable for a children's lucky dip prize - hair clips, water balloons, toy cars, card games, etc.
5 <sup>th</sup> March - 9 <sup>th</sup> March Week Two	A Mystery Envelope Prize: A new item suitable for a mystery envelope prize - bottle of wine, drink bottle, coffee voucher, bar of chocolate, cap, drink bottle, etc.
12 <sup>th</sup> March - 16 <sup>th</sup> March Week Three	\$10 which will be used to purchase meat packs or frozen chickens which would be raffled on the winning wheel. Can pay into GMS PTA account (ASB 12 3479 0004591 00 - use child's name/class as reference).
19 <sup>th</sup> March - 23 <sup>rd</sup> March Week Four	A Winning Wheel Prize: A new item suitable for a winning wheel prize - bottle of wine, box of chocolates, board game, toiletries, etc.

Please send goods in with your child to their classroom. We will be awarding a prize to the class with the most donations! Alternatively, goods can be left at Oscars and the school office - there are Post-It notes available to write class number on. If you know of a business that could donate any of the above items we have a donation letter which can be given to the business. These are available from the school office.

### White Elephant Stall:

Donations have started to come in! If you are having a clean-up we would love your unwanted items. We will be storing everything in the back of the hall. There will be a PTA member to collect Monday and Friday between 8.30am - 9am. Outside of these times please leave donations by the hall. No clothing, linen, televisions/computers please.

### Can you help with???

Do you have access to any of the following - marquee/gazebo, bain-marie, chiller, generator, bouncy castle, etc. Each year we pay to hire these items and it would be great to reduce this cost! If so, please contact Kerri Burgess on 021 027 47591 or let the school office know.

We are looking forward to a great night!

**Greenmeadows School PTA**

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