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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI

We say hello to Millie Shaw who has started in Team 1. She has made a wonderful start to schooling here at GMS as she heads off on her learning journey. Our roll is now 474.

## POHUTUKAWA CLASSES SWIMMING

It has been great to see all the children in Pohutukawa remembering their togs and towels, despite the weather not feeling like swimming time. Your last session in the pool is on Monday 2 July.

## GMS BOOK FAIR

What amazing support we received from the community for the Book Fair. Over the week there were total sales of \$5204, which means we will receive a very healthy percentage for our Library.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs Cook for all her effort and dedication towards organizing and running this Book Fair - it simply would not happen without her. Many thanks Kim.

## TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING THIS THURSDAY

Greenmeadows School will remain open while teachers attend a meeting in Napier on Thursday afternoon.

## MATARIKI EVENING – THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 5.30PM TO 7.00PM

Children and their families will be able to come along to school in the evening to celebrate Matariki. The GMS PTA will be running a sausage sizzle and marshmallow stall - it will be a great night out! Our kapa haka group will also be part of the evening. Thanks to the Pohutukawa classes for making the soup. We are still on the hunt for parent helpers to assist on the night - please contact the office or one of the PTA if you can assist (even if it is just for a small time). Children dress up warmly and bring your torches. It is supposed to be cold, but fine!

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES - MONDAY 2 JULY 2018

We have more than three hundred conferences booked, and still six days to go before the day. These are for students of ages, right from five years through to Year 6. It is not too late to book a time.

If you are unable to access the school's website, then you can ring or visit the school office and they will book you a time. We expect a 100% attendance of families at these SLCs, so please let us know of any difficulties you may be having booking a time.

Please note children **do not to have stay at school** until their conference once 12.50pm arrives on the day. Virtually all children leave the school at 12.50pm. We also ask that younger children are not present in the room for the conference - we can supervise them in the Library if necessary.

## ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE

We tried assembly at 2.00pm last week, and it went really well. We will do so for the next two weeks.

## PARENT HELPERS SIGNING IN

We are so fortunate having the numbers of parents who come into school and help in an enormous variety of ways. If you do so during school hours, even if you're just here taking a sports practice on the field, can you please sign in at the office. This is so if there is an emergency and an evacuation is required we know exactly who is on site.



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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## ABSENT CHILDREN? IMPORTANT REMINDER

Thank you for your continued support in contacting the school before 9.00am with your child's absence. Remember to text 0279264452, ring the school or use the GMS school app to report an absence. It is IMPORTANT that you tell us WHY your child is absent e.g. cold, tummy bug, strep throat not just sick or away. This allows us to keep track of what is happening around the school.

## FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – TAEKWON-DO

**16-20 JULY 10AM-11AM**

Taradale St John's Hall, [366 Gloucester St, Taradale](#) (next to Caltex petrol station). Limited parking  
All ages 5 years to adults

A chance to experience Taekwon-Do rather than committing yourself without knowing - try before you buy (no obligation). Try all 5 classes FREE. On-line enrolments - <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/contact-us.html>  
Click here for more info <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/>

## OUTSTANDING FEES ON STUDENT ACCOUNTS

We have today sent out up to date statements for all students. Please ensure all your outstanding activity and sports fees are paid in full by the end of this term. There are a large number of sports fees outstanding which falls back on the school as we are paying the registration fees on student's behalf. A number of the sports fees are subsidized by the school to keep fees at an affordable price for parents. We appreciate all payments even if partial payments are made. A number of families have automatic payments setup which works really well.

## CAN YOU HELP SOLVE THIS MYSTERY????

Somewhere in Greenmeadows land the new rugby set number 13 jersey is hiding - have you seen it?? We need it back for the coming games of tackle rugby we have coming up.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) website for more details:

- 11 June-2 July Pohutukawa Swimming
- 28 June Matariki Evening
- 29 June Reports go home (Year 4 to Year 6 only)
- 2 July Student Led Conferences - children can be picked up from 12.50pm
- 6 July Last day of Term
- 23 July Term 3 Starts

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues

Have a great wintery week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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