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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

*Three quarters of the year about to click over ... and here is our final newsletter of Term 3 for you to read and digest over the holiday break!*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Our numbers keep increasing steadily. Four students have started here at GMS in the last fortnight. Elsy Gudsell, Lachlann Heward, Peyton Dickinson and Caleb Nikora have all enrolled with us. This brings our roll to 492. It is neat to have you all start with us at our kura.

## NEW ENTRANTS FOR 2019

We are now at the stage of planning for the 2019 year. It is really important that we have as clear an indication of new enrolment numbers as possible. If you have a child who is going to turn five at any stage in 2019 and they are going to attend GMS, please let us know before the end of October, if at all possible. This also applies to any relatives or friends you may have who are in our zone and wish for their children to come to our wonderful school. Many thanks for your help in this.

## YEAR 4-6 SWIMMING SPORTS

We have had to adjust our date for the swimming sports. We are now going to have the heats on the **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 - MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER!!!** This will be from 9.10am (when we depart from GMS) until about 12.30pm.

Our finals day will be on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> October. We know this is going to be a challenge ... but our term four calendar is almost completely filled with activities. There will be school App and Facebook reminders at the end of the holidays for year 4-6 students and their whanau. Bus transport will be provided to and from the Aquatic Centre.

## THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER – ‘SHAKE OUT DAY’

On Shake Out Day we are going to hold our first tsunami evacuation drill for Greenmeadows School. This is going to be a major exercise, as our tsunami evacuation point is the grassed area at Church Road Winery. As part of the drill we want to practice releasing children to their parents, if they are available and want to pick them up. This has proven to be quite a challenging situation for schools that have suffered real emergencies (e.g. immediately following the Christchurch earthquake in 2011).

We will provide more information in the first week of term 4, week 1. However, if you want to use the opportunity of picking your children up to start the long weekend you could do so. We anticipate our drill will finish just after 12.15pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. All those children who are not picked up will return to school for the afternoon.

## KOTAHITANGA WEEK

This is the third year in a row that we have dedicated most of a week to totally reorganising the school classes and running whanau roopu groups instead. All children (apart from Room 5) have been mixed up into new class groupings that range from years 1 to 6. It is a really exciting time that builds an even stronger school culture and allows your children to mix in new groupings as well as meet new teachers. This year's focus is on science and we have had previous themes linked to dance in 2017 and Maori focus theme in 2016. Thanks to all our parents and community members who have shared their expertise and interest to support this exciting way of learning.



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## HANGI FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

We have a hangi fundraiser again this week to raise funds for our students travelling to the NZ Chess Nationals in Auckland. \$12 per hangi, pick up is 3pm from school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Order forms available from the office.

## GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The weather was very kind to us for the cross-country earlier this month wasn't it?! What a fantastic turnout of whanau we had and the conditions were perfect for some fast times. A delicious lunch from the PTA (thanks so much yet again!) helped make the day even more successful. Thanks to the parents who came down early to help with supervising the children as they walked from school to Anderson Park.

Here are the results of the 2019 races:

NE Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Paiton Konia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ruby Hall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Zoe Steyn
NE Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Cooper Whaanga	2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlie Scott	3 <sup>rd</sup> Phalen Smith
Year 1 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Tori Cahill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ella Schrama	3 <sup>rd</sup> Isabel Seerden
Year 1 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Lakyn Moore	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reggie Turner	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bennett White
Year 2 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Joey Li	2 <sup>nd</sup> Xian O'Brien	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kaira Shroff
Year 2 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Drew Glentworth	2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlie Richards	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ethan Waterrus
Year 3 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Claudine Meerlo	2 <sup>nd</sup> Greer Hambleton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Peyton Vaughan
Year 3 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Richie Matson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jordy Hill	3 <sup>rd</sup> Archie Lancaster
Year 4 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Rosa Angland	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amanda Kinzett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Olivia Sinden
Year 4 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Riley Teikamata	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kalan Wedd	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hamish Pyott
Year 5 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Jaimee Steed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rosie Sayer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Maia Moore
Year 5 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Carlos Bell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tyler Parkinson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oscar Li
Year 6 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Zoe Ennor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Maddison Leipst	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mikayla Stanton
Year 6 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Daniel Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zane langridge	3 <sup>rd</sup> Casey Thompson

Congratulations to these top 3 place getters. The overall house competition positions have been determined. The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Ahi	543 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marama	411 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ngahere	367 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Moana	307 points				

## NAPIER INSTERSHCOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We entered teams of six into each of the different ages races for Napier schools event. GMS runners who finished in the top 20 were:

Year 3 Girls	Claudine Meerlo 7 <sup>th</sup>	Greer Hambleton 12 <sup>th</sup>	Syntheia Woolward 19 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4 Girls	Rosa Angland 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Year 4 Boys	Riley Teikamata 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kalan Wedd 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Year 5 Girls	Jamiee Steed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby Heywood 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie Sayer 14 <sup>th</sup>
Year 5 Boys	Carlos Bell 3 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan van den Munckhof	Sawyer Thompson 14 <sup>th</sup>
	Tyler Parkinson 17 <sup>th</sup>		
Year 6 Girls	Zoe Ennor 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mikayala Stanton 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maddison Leipst 6 <sup>th</sup>
	Teaghan Jackson 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Pyott 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Year 6 Boys	Rylin Glenny 15 <sup>th</sup>		

Our teams results were impressive. Year 6 girls were 1<sup>st</sup>, Year 5 Girls and Year 5 boys were both 2<sup>nd</sup> and Year 3 girls were second equal. We finished third best school overall out of the Napier primary schools - tino pai!!!!

And yesterday the last cross-country event - the Hawkes Bay champs were held. We had a team of 26 runners who braved very tough conditions and gave it everything! A great effort, especially Zoe Ennor who finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place in her race. Thanks to all the parental support we have received for our various events.



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## TERM FOUR IS SUPER BUSY

When we started planning for this year the teachers at GMS thought they were going to make the pace of life a little easier.... but that has not happened. Term four is chock full of activities. These are all listed on our school calendar which you can find on our school website or via our school App.

We have more than a thousand registered users of our App and this is a really helpful way for us to communicate. Keep looking at the calendar to keep a track of what your child is doing each week.

## SUN HATS

Term four is the time when we need to have all children wearing sunhats. Let's see if we can remember them from the first day of next term.

## FOOD FAIR – 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

A notice went home Monday - please read it as there is important information about the food fair and the areas the PTA need your help in. Please note the food fair starts at 4.30pm and goes through till 6.30pm.

We will be looking for parent helpers and will start collecting names early in the new term. Please help us if you can. It will only be for half an hour, with a PTA member in charge of the stall.

We are also looking for items for the white elephant stall. Please note that we do not want any clothing, linen, computers, screens or televisions.

There will be a canteen survey next term when we are looking for your feedback about the ways you see the canteen running. Keep an eye out for that!

## NAPIER FAMILY CENTRE – PARENTING PROGRAMMES TERM 4

The Napier Family Centre have the following free course on offer next term for any parents who are interested:-

Building Awesome Whanau, held in Hastings on Thursday mornings from 9.30-11.30am from the 1<sup>st</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December. The same programme will be held on Monday evenings in Hastings at 5.45 -8.00pm, 6 sessions, 29<sup>th</sup> October going through to 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

For any further information please contact the school office.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

28 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of term 3
15 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 4
15 <sup>th</sup> October	GMS Swimming sports trials
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Safe Boating Programme for Year 6 students
17 <sup>th</sup> October	GMS Swimming sports finals
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Shake Out Day - hikoi to Church Road Winery
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Hawkes Bay Anniversary - School Closed
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Labour Day - School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 Oct	Optimist Yachting for Year 6 students
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for 2019

Please check the school website or school app for times and event venues - have a great holiday break if you have on scheduled. We will see you all again when it is summer!!!!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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