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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

*Welcome back everyone!!! A giant newsletter ... sorry folks: but as promised, there is so much going on this term. What a great buzz around school already ...!*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Our school had six new enrolments yesterday. The children who have joined the GMS whanau are: Aleah Cooper, Thea Dol, Kyra Pahi, Shay Pinto, Mim Siriphong and Riley Bright. A very warm welcome to you all. We now have 495 tamariki here at our school.

As our numbers in the New Entrant class in Room 5 have grown to twenty-four students, Miss Hayley Prue has started working alongside Mrs Murphy for three days per week for the remainder of the term. It is great to have Hayley as part of our GMS team. Welcome to her.

## YEAR 4-6 SWIMMING SPORT FINALS – WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

We had the heats for the swimming sports yesterday and it was fantastic to see the effort put in by all those who remembered to bring their togs (a challenge for the first day of term ...).

The finals are set for tomorrow – any children who did not bring their swimming togs yesterday can still take part in the finals. So all Year 4 to 6 need to bring their towels and togs again tomorrow!

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

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, and is part of a New Zealand wide focus on being prepared for an earthquake and tsunami.

At 9.30am we will have a school earthquake drill – this followed by an evacuation practice out onto the school field. After that we will return to our classes and do a variety of activities on our learning about coping with an emergency.

The GMS tsunami hikoi to Church Road Winery:

- At 11.40am we will start our tsunami hikoi. – via the crossing over Gloucester Street and up Osier Road.
- Our evacuation point is the grassed area at Church Road Winery. This is accessed from Tironui Drive.
- This is a walk of 1.7km from our school via Osier Road and through Knightsbridge.
- As part of the drill we want to practice releasing children to their parents, if they are available and want to pick them up. They will then be released for the remainder of the day and do not need to return to school.
- We anticipate our drill will finish just after **12.25pm** on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- All those children who are not picked up will return to school for the afternoon.

If parents are going to pick up their children please park on Church Road. Please do not park in the winery carpark. Be aware that Tironui Drive is very narrow and turning around is very difficult

It would be a great help if you could please fill out the form attached to this newsletter to give us an idea of the numbers of students who will be leaving from Church Road Winery.



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## SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen will not be open this Thursday (tsunami hikoï day) or next Wednesday 24 October.

## SUN HATS

Term four is the time when we need to have all children wearing sunhats. Great to see so many students arriving with their potae this week.

## GMS PTA FOOD FAIR – 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 4.30 TO 6.30PM

More information is coming about this – stay posted!!!!

## SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

There is another edition of the Scholastic Lucky Book coming home this week. Orders need to be in by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## SCHOOL APP

For all our new families who have recently joined Greenmeadows School we have our own school app. To download this go to the app store and search Greenmeadows School and install. This lets you receive notifications, newsletters, sports notices etc.

# A KIWI CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year the GMS PTA have decided to run a raffle based around the theme of a “KIWI CHRISTMAS”.

### Donations:

We are asking if each family could donate a grocery item or an item suitable for a ‘KIWI CHRISTMAS’ raffle. All items need to be new and in date please, and also items that will keep. We also can’t accept alcohol.

Some ideas....

Reduced cream/onion soup, potato chips, nuts, crackers, Christmas decorations, sellotape, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, sunscreen, soft drink, stocking fillers, baking ingredients, chocolate, olive oil, biscuits, Christmas cake, Christmas confectionary, kids bucket/spade, beach towels, beach games, tomato sauce, cordial, pretzels, chocolate sauce, condensed milk, coffee, serviettes, hand soap, tea towels, paper plates, BBQ utensils, citronella candles, playing cards....!

Donations can be left at the school office or sent in to your child’s class. All donations need to be in by Wednesday 31 October.

### Tickets:

Each child will be given 10 raffle tickets to sell. Families with two or more children will receive 20 tickets to sell. We will launch the raffle at the Food Fair on the 9th November, and begin selling tickets on the evening. Children will receive their tickets on Thursday 8 November.

Tickets should be a fairly “easy sell” as we plan to have some impressive prizes!

Thank-you for your support. Please contact us on the following email address if you have any questions.

[pta@gms.school.nz](mailto:pta@gms.school.nz)



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Optimist Yachting for Year 6 students
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Taradale schools Kapa Haka Festival at Pettigrew-Green Arena
9 <sup>th</sup> November	GMS PTA Food Fair
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for 2019

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

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

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PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 9.00am (hand in to class teacher of eldest child)

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 18 October - Hikoi to Church Road Winery (**please tick one**)

- I will pick up my child from Church Road Winery at 12.15pm
- I have arranged for someone else to pick up my child from Church Road Winery. This person is:

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- My child will return to GMS and they will be picked up as normal from school

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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