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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Our numbers keep increasing. Four students have started here at GMS in the last fortnight: Harper Birnie, Isaac White, Theia Dowick and Leander Kelly have all enrolled with us. This brings our roll to 497. It is neat to have you all start with us at our kura.

## STAFFING CHANGES AT GMS FOR 2019

Earlier this term the school was notified of the retirement of three of our longest serving teachers.

Mrs Wendy Currie has been on leave all this year and has made the decision not to return to school in 2019. Mrs Currie has been at Greenmeadows School for more than twenty years, having started here in 1997. She has been a well-known presence in the junior school all that time and has taught hundreds of children as they start their journey through the primary school years.

Mrs Sue Martin has taught here for almost ten years. She has had a very long, successful and varied career in education and taught in a variety of schools. Sue has been involved in an incredible number of ways in our school including triathlon and leadership in the Digi Awards. Sue was also a former pupil at Greenmeadows School so has seen an incredible number of changes over the years.

Mrs Catherine Webster has taught Reading Recovery at Greenmeadows School for ten years now. Catherine has been involved supporting junior and middle school classes in many different ways, as well as delivering the reading support programme which is her main role. She has some very ambitious travel plans for 2019!!!

We will farewell these three wonderful teachers later on at the end of the term with a special school assembly. We will let you know when this is going to happen closer to the time.

## FOOD FAIR – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

**Parent helpers** - a notice went home on Monday asking for parent helpers for the food fair. We need 100 helpers to make the night successful. The more people we have the less each person has to work so they can enjoy the night with their family. If you can help, please fill in the notice and return it to the office.

**White Elephant Donations** - we have been getting some amazing stuff for our stall. Please keep these donations coming in, they can be left in the school hall.

**A Kiwi Xmas Raffle** - Raffle donations can be left in the office, one donation per family please. It can be anything festive e.g., Xmas paper, sunblock, paper plates, chocolate, chippies, tomato sauce, beach towels.

**Cake Stall** - On Monday the eldest child will come home with a plate for the cake stall. If you could fill this with your amazing home baking and return it to school next Friday morning. The baking can be left in the school hall please. Note that there will only be one plate per family.



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## SCHOOL FEES AND PAYMENTS

We are still needing fees to be paid, especially for the senior camps and junior swimming which is coming up in the next fortnight. Please help us by getting your accounts cleared.

We also need payment of sports fees. It is fantastic to see so many of our school students involved with sports this year. Many in our community may not realise this ... but our school subsidizes much of the true cost of sports subscriptions that children are involved in throughout the year.

Greenmeadows School chooses to do this to make it as easy as possible to have as many children involved in sport. We also do everything we can to keep subscriptions below a capped amount. The school pays the subscription amounts up front and often before the season or term has started. We then carry this cost until families pay the fees for their children through the invoices we send out. There are many outstanding accounts for sports involvement to date.

Please help us and pay all sports fees ASAP.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS - 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Each child has been given an envelope to order their photograph(s). This envelope must be returned by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**No Late Orders Please.** The procedure for ordering is as follows:

Please enter all details correctly on the order envelope

Enclose the correct amount of money. **NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN**

Return envelope to class teacher before **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

A separate envelope is needed for each child to order their class and individual photographs.

You can also order online at [www.lcscott.co.nz](http://www.lcscott.co.nz).

If you order online **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN** envelope to school.

Please ensure your child's details are absolutely correct as no responsibility for incorrect orders will be accepted by the school or by the photographer.

## KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

This Friday our kapa haka group will be performing at the Taradale combined schools kapa haka festival held at Pettigrew Green Arena.

There will be two performances one at 12.30 until 2pm and the second one is from 6.30pm until 8pm.

Tickets are still available at the office for \$2.00 each. Head along to support our amazing kapa haka group as they perform.

## NZ CHESS FINALS

Well done to Thomas Anderson, Emma Blake, Chloe Skilton, Lelia Weeks and Fynn Taylor who attended the team event of the National Chess Tournament in Auckland on Sunday. Emma Blake also played in the individual competition held on Saturday.

They each played nine games and the results were excellent with our school placed 22nd in New Zealand.

Well done everyone for showing fantastic perseverance and doing our school proud. These children have received fantastic support from whanau as well as Mrs Bryan and Mrs Cook who have helped so much with their preparation for this event.



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## JUMP JAM SUCCESS!!!

Our amazing jump jam teams headed to Tauranga last weekend. What a great time they had.



The 'Superstars' competed in the Year 4-6 Open division and were placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Our 'Uptowners' competed in the Year 4-6 Novice division and were 3<sup>rd</sup> and received a trophy. Well done everyone you did an amazing job!

Thanks to all the teachers



and parents who were such great supporters too!

## GMS ATHLETICS DAY 31 OCTOBER

At this stage the weather is looking ok for tomorrow's athletics day for our Pohutukawa and Totara Syndicates. The athletics will start at 9.30am and run all day.

Children can wear their house colours, not uniform. Remember a hat, drink bottle and lots of sun block. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come down and support their children.

If it is postponed it will be held on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> November

## DIGI-AWARDS 31 OCTOBER 2018

Congratulations to all finalists from Greenmeadows School who have been selected to take part in the DigiAwards. Twenty-seven children are involved - Tino pai to mahi! Best wishes to you all.

Our school has a very strong tradition in this event and we look forward to seeing the GMS children take the stage! Also it was neat to hear about the wonderful turnout last Wednesday for the GMS Digi night.

## NZEI ROLLING STOPPAGES

At this stage there appears to be a strong likelihood that Tuesday 13 November will see NZEI members of the teaching staff take strike action. This is planned to be a week of rolling strikes throughout the country. Hopefully some agreement can be reached, but families and whanau need to prepare for the possibility that school may be closed on that day.

Please note whether the strike goes ahead or not, this will not affect the school camps that are planned for this week.



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## INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL EVENTS

Our school has an incredible amount of different activities and events that children are involved in. Your children are so fortunate that they have access to so many different things that interest them.

We do everything we can to keep parents and whanau informed about the things your children might be involved with. This happens with:

newsletters (a copy of each is on the school noticeboard)      our school website  
Seesaw      Facebook      the GMS smart phone App

We ask that you make these the first places to look when you are looking for times and details about events. It gets very difficult for the office staff when we get multiple phone calls asking about information that we have already published. We all want to help and be cooperative, but our office staff are extremely busy and do a fantastic job. We put out notices so that the community can get the information they need.

The school also receives phone calls from whanau asking to pass messages onto children. Please do not hesitate to ring in case of emergencies and messages concerning the health and safety of your child. If you need to communicate something to your child, please do this before 2.00pm if at all possible.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

31 <sup>st</sup> October	GMS Athletics Sports DigiAwards, Napier Municipal Theatre
1 <sup>st</sup> November	GMS Athletic Sports postponement date Year 5 and 6 Camp meetings
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Taradale schools Kapa Haka Festival at Pettigrew-Green Arena
9 <sup>th</sup> November	GMS PTA Food Fair
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Camp week commences
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for 2018
4 <sup>th</sup> February	School commences 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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