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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

We have had the following three students enroll in the last couple of weeks: Kacie Garner, Holly Moylan and Leo Forster. A special welcome to school for the three of you, as you all start your school years. These children bring our final roll to 506 for 2018.

AND HERE IS THE END OF 2018 ...

This will be our last newsletter of this year. Note that school finishes Wednesday 19 December at 12.00pm. We are finishing a little later than lots of other schools, as we had a late start to the year to let the builders finish off in Rooms 14 and 15 ... all the way back in January.

This year has been such a successful one for our school - so much has happened over the last four terms. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our school this year. We have had a magical year with so many successes. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the school for their support, gifts of time and expertise, or simply being there to encourage our GMS kids.

We are so fortunate to be part of such a great team together.

2018 PRIZE-GIVING AND BREAKUP

All children are expected to attend. They need to be lined up in class groups on the school field by 6.20pm. Parking gets difficult with the large numbers of vehicles a school of our size seems to require, so please plan to get here with time to spare.

All children need to wear school uniform to the prize-giving, but do not need their hats for the evening.

If the weather does not allow the prize-giving to go ahead on Monday, we will communicate it in the following ways:

* via the GMS Facebook page * an alert on the GMS App

If the prize-giving does get postponed, then it will be held on Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm.

Please note that school will start at **9.30am**, and not 9.00am, the day after the breakup.

SCHOOL REPORTS OUT MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

End of year reports will be sent home on Monday 17 December. Our teachers have put an incredible amount of time and care into the preparation of these reports. We hope they can give you a very clear summary of how each child has progressed over 2018. I also love to read the children's summaries of their year which give great insight too.

Also on that afternoon, the children get the chance to visit their classroom for 2019. At that time all children will get a stationery list for the coming year when they visit their new room. Please note the arrangements for purchasing stationery in 2019 – it should be obtained from Hawkes Bay Office Products in Wakefield Street, Onekawa. Copies of these stationery lists are also to be found on our school website.



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STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2019

We are in the process of farewelling three long serving staff members who are retiring from our school. Catherine Webster, Wendy Currie and Sue Martin have given this school and the children an incredible amount over the years. Catherine and Sue both started here in 2009, while Wendy first entered our mighty kura way back in 1997. They have been positive and enduring influences on so many learners and colleagues at Greenmeadows School, as well as at other schools throughout their careers.

On Friday morning (weather permitting) at 9.10am there will be a special school assembly to enable the children to say goodbye to these three wonderful teachers. We wish them well for the future ahead into 2019 and beyond.

We also want to acknowledge Christina Heap and Katie Absolom who have taught in Team 2 alongside Jane Carter for most of this year. Along with Jacqui Geange, these wonderful teachers helped this amazing class carry on over the course of the year. They have been highly valued for all the positive learning experiences and fun they have brought to the lives of the children in this room. Hayley Prue has also worked extremely well in Room 5 with Anna Murphy and a New Entrant class that just grew and grew! Our thanks to Hayley for everything she has done working in this extremely busy learning space and giving the children such a wonderful introduction to their schooling years.

Two new members of staff join the GMS team in 2019. Renee Jackson has taught at St Mary's School in Hastings for a number of years, and comes to us with considerable experience in teaching Years 5 and 6. Leah Hambleton has been working at Tamatea Primary for the past few years in the New Entrants class. We welcome both in the school.

One of our cleaners, Jess Harrison, is about to start maternity leave. We are still looking for someone to replace her for the 2019 year. Are you interested, or do you know someone who might want a cleaning job for fifteen hours per week? Please let the office know if you are interested. We will advertise in the HB Today early in the new year if we can not fill the position from within the GMS community.

2019 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

The following will be our staff from the start of next year:

Principal	Mr. Mark Johnson	Deputy Principal	Mr. Darren Holloway
Assistant Principal	Ms. Allyson Ross	AP (Junior School)	Mrs. Ali de Lange

Kowhai ('Junior') Syndicate

Team 1a	Miss Shari Mackay (NE)	Team 1b	Mrs Anna Murphy (NE)
Team 2a	Mrs Leah Nikolaison (Year 1) ... however she will return next year as 'Mrs Haronga'		
Team 2a	Mrs. Jane Carter (Year 1)	Room 3a	Mrs Pixie Bryan (Year2)
Room 3b	Mrs. Helen Harvey (Year 2)	Room 4	Mrs Leah Hambleton (Year 2)
Room 5	To fill during 2018 as New Entrants enrol during the year		

Pohutukawa ('Middle') Syndicate

Room 8	Ms. Ceirwyn Ware (Year 4)	Room 9	Miss Toni Miles (Year 4)
Room 10	Miss Jane McCosh (Year 3)	Room 11	Mrs. Monique Cowie (Year 2/3)
Room 14a	Mrs. Paula Kinsey (Year 3/4)	Room 14b	Mrs. Sarah Groenveld (Year3/4)

Totara ('Senior') Syndicate

Room 12	Mr Greg Bain (Year 6)	Room 13	Miss Rebecca Start (Year 5)
Room 15a	Mrs Christy Turner (Year 5)	Room 15b	Mrs Renee Jackson (Year 6)
Room 6	Mr Chris Sullivan (Year 5)	Room 7	Mr. Marty Gibbs (Year 6)

Other GMS staff:

Mrs Jane Lee - CRT release teacher	Mrs Shona Millner - Reading Recovery
Mrs Sara Anderson - Office Administrator	Mrs Carolyn Thorburn - Office Administrator
Librarian Mrs Kim Cook	Sports Coordinator - Ms Nicki Sunley
Teacher Aides - Mrs Linda Cunningham, Ms Lynne Canty, Miss Hayley Jury, Mrs Carol Mardon, Mrs Kirsten Martin, Mrs Leanne Duncan, and Mrs Vanessa Wells	
Property Maintenance Mr Paddy Mellon	Cleaners Heather Kennedy
Gardener Mrs Louise Nicholson	Canteen Mrs Kim Batt



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SCHOOL READER & LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

Please check under beds, behind couches and in your bookcases – school readers and Library books are out there in Greenmeadows... there are still a number of valuable books not where they should be!!!!

These are the books that come home every night for home reading, especially in the junior school. They cost between \$10-12 each so it is vitally important we get as many back as possible, ASAP. Please return all books, no questions asked – we just need them back. We want to spend our school funds on buying new books, not simply replacing the missing ones.

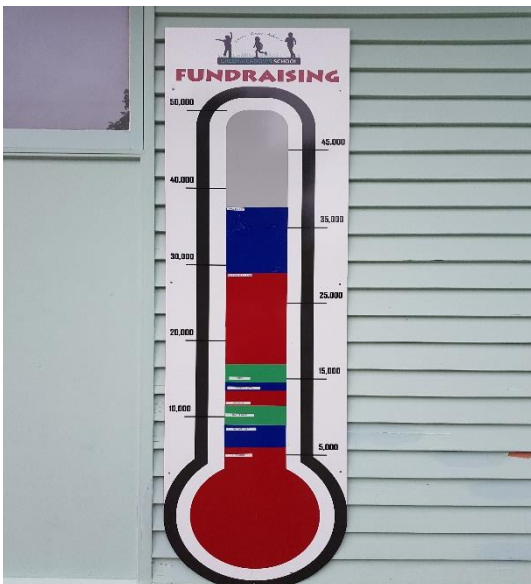
BOOK SALE

On Friday December 14th we will be holding a book sale in the GMS Hall from 8.30am – 9.00am. This is to sell ex-library books which are either damaged, are excess copies or no longer needed in the library. Books will be 50c each or 3 for \$1. Only cash is accepted.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please note the last day for the canteen will be Friday 14th December. Thanks to Mrs Batt for the fantastic service she does operating our canteen.

PTA – WHAT A YEAR!



In case you haven't spotted it ...the fundraising thermometer is a wonderful sight!!! Our PTA have been absolutely incredible this year with their energy, dedication and fund raising ability. Close to \$40,000 has been raised this year which is an exceptional total. Kerri Burgess and her amazing team need to be thanked for this effort. Enjoy your holiday break – you certainly deserve one.

We have been raising money for an astroturf. When we can look at installing this will depend on when the school hears when Rooms 12 and 13 are due to be rebuilt (which will happen at some stage). This work will be completed before putting in a turf. We should find this out soon, and this can allow us to plan ahead.

We also need to thank everyone who was involved with the PTA Xmas Raffle - which was a massive fundraiser to end the year with. There is so much support for our school and we are very grateful for all this!!!

Kiwi Christmas Raffle Results:

The winners were:

1st - 4861 Hayden Anderson

2nd - 1311 M & A Gibbs

3rd - 4079 Jodi Taylor

4th - 0130 Suzie Barra

5th - 2453 Ann Taylor

6th - 2418 Cherry

All winners have been notified.

Thank you to our raffle sponsors:

Farmlands Napier

Turfrey Hastings

Crackerjack NZ

Stihl Shop Greenmeadows

Repco Napier

and to all the families that donated items!



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Scenes from our last assembly on 30 November!!!!



Have a very safe and happy festive break.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or www.gms.school.nz website for more details:

13 th December	Junior Tabloids, Year 6 Social
17 th December	End of year reports going home
17 th December	Prize giving
18 th December	Late Start 9.30am
19 th December	Last day for 2018 - school closes at 12.00pm
4 th February	School commences for 2019
6 th February	Waitangi Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou (Season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year),

Mark Johnson
Principal



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