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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to everyone in the GMS whanau. An exciting year is ahead.

2019 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

We extend a warm welcome our two new members of staff – Mrs Leah Hambleton in Room 4 and Mrs Renee Jackson in Room 15b. Great to have you both here. Also you need to remember that 'Miss Nikolaison' has returned to school as 'Mrs Haronga' having got married in the holidays. Our staff for this year is made up of the following:

Year 1 and 2 Kowhai (Junior) Syndicate

Team Tahi Shari Mackay (NE) and Anna Murphy (NE) Team 2a Jane Carter (Year 1) Team 2b Leah Haronga (Year 1)
Room 3a Pixie Bryan (Year2) Room 3b Helen Harvey (Year 2) Room 4 Leah Hambleton (Year 2)

Year 3 and 4 Pohutukawa (Middle) Syndicate

Room 8 Ceirwyn Ware (Year 4) Room 9 Toni Miles (Year 4) Room 10 Jane McCosh (Year 3)
Room 11 Monique Cowie (Year 3) Room 14a Paula Kinsey (Year 3) Room 14b Sarah Groenveld (Year 4)

Year 5 and 6 Totara (Senior) Syndicate

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

Other GMS staff:

Principal – Mark Johnson Deputy Principal – Darren Holloway
Assistant Principal/SENCO – Allyson Ross Assistant Principal (Junior School) – Ali de Lange
Shona Milner - Reading Recovery Jane Lee - CRT release teacher

Teacher Aides:

Linda Cunningham, Lynne Canty, Hayley Jury, Carol Mardon, Kirsten Martin, Leanne Duncan, Vanessa Wells
Office Administrator – Sara Anderson Office Administrator - Carolyn Thorburn
Librarian – Kim Cook Sports Coordinator – Nicki Sunley
Property Maintenance - Paddy Mellon Cleaners - Heather Kennedy & Jess Harrison (maternity leave)
Canteen – Kim Batt Gardener - Louise Nicholson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI

Welcome to all our new students – twenty-nine children started with us this week.

We say 'Nau mai! Haere Mai!' to these wonderful children:

*Korey-Jay Brightwell-Mackey, Liliانا de Souza, Brianna Frame, Milan Healey, Dylan Hicks, Isobel Hicks-Gross
Floyd Howe, Misty-Blue Huata, Campbell Johnson, Finn Knibb, Kevin Lo, Mia Mynhardt, Ruben Mynhardt,*

Tangaroa Newbitt-Ruwhiu, Nathaniel Pearson, Chenique Pretorius, Ethan Pretorius, Kaylie Schoeman, Miane' Schoeman, Noah Sissons, Asha Taunt, Julia Theron, Tristan Theron, Manaia Waitai, Christian Whiting, Cayde Wilkins, Isabella Wilkins-Lloyd, Sophie Wilson and Allen Yang.

We have started the year with 443 children – the exact same number as in 2018.

SCHOOL CLOSED – WAITANGI DAY 6th February

No school tomorrow. See you all on Thursday.

WEETBIX TRIATHLON Tuesday NEXT WEEK

We are all set to go for the Sanitarium Weetbix Try on Tuesday 12th February at Frimley Park in Hastings with a large group from GMS heading along. It's still not too late to enter and link to our school, just visit www.tryathlon.co.nz for full information and registration.

CANTEEN OPENS 13 February

We have our canteen opening up again on Wednesday 13 February.

SCHOOL WELCOME FOR NEW FAMILIES AND WHANAU

On Friday 15 February (the end of Week 2) we are planning have a school powhiri to welcome all our new students and their whanau. All new families are welcome to attend. This will take place in the Heart of the School starting at 9.10am.

FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We have our first school assembly scheduled for Friday 8 February at 9.15am in the Heart of the School – weather permitting.

SPORTS NOTICE SENT HOME

We hope you spotted this on the first day ... a notice was sent home for all children giving the options for sports in Term 1. Great to see all the replies that have already come in this morning. We want all returns back by Thursday this week please.

FREE VIOLIN LESSONS – Mondays

Once again, the Ministry of Education is offering free violin lessons for Year 3 to 6 students in 2019. It is not necessary for students to have their own violin, as they can be hired through tutor, for \$60 for the school year. A charge may be made for a suitable music book as well. The weekly lessons are held on Monday after school at Taradale Intermediate School, Murphy Road. This year the tutor is Hannah Hales. Preference will be given to Year 5 and 6 students, and there will be a waiting list if all the spaces become filled. The classes are group lessons of two to six players, depending on the groups and the numbers enrolled. There are 30 lessons per year, spread over the four terms.

It's a well-known fact that playing music helps our development more than all other activities, and helps the learning of other subjects as well. Enrol by contacting Hannah with your child's name, age, preferred day and you will be contacted. Phone, text, or email: Hannah Hales 2809813, 022 1049867 or empowerlife@gmail.com.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

6th February School closed for Waitangi Day

11th February Totara swimming lessons starts

12th February Weetbix Triathlon

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

And finally on a very sad note, our sincere sympathies to the Ford family. Brian Ford, who was a very highly regarded and respected Principal of Greenmeadows School from 1972 until 1989, passed away recently. Brian was a very strong supporter of our school over many years, and was always visiting GMS, especially his two grand-daughters Ella and Millie who have only just left for intermediate school.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson

Principal



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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