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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou

## **PARENT INTERVIEWS – 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

In just over two weeks the whole school will be holding parent-teacher interviews. We are having an interview early in the year so teachers and parents get the opportunity to talk about the learning ahead and work together in the best interests of the child.

We urge all families to participate in these interviews and have set aside two afternoons for these to occur

Monday 4 March 2.15 pm - 5.30 pm 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm

Tuesday 6 March 2.15 pm - 7.00 pm

Thursday 8 March additional times for Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 14 collaborative classroom interviews from 3.15pm

Note: when booking for these rooms you will meet with both teachers. So only book with these teachers:

Team 1 - Mrs Mackay

Team 2 Mrs Carter

Room 3 a and b - Mrs Harvey

Room 14a and b - Mrs Kinsey.

You can request an interview by using our online booking program. Go to our school website [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) and click on the 'Parent - Teacher Interviews 2019' tab. There you will see instructions to take you to the interview booking website, along with the necessary code for booking dates and times at our school (remember to use the school code which is '4w37a'). Once your booking is completed you will receive an email confirming your interview. These details can be rescheduled if your availability changes.

If you are unable to access the school's website, then you can ring or visit the school office and Carolyn or Sara will book a time for you.

We expect a 100% attendance of families at these interviews, so please let us know of any difficulties you may be having booking a time.

Because of the interviews school will close early at **2.00 pm** on both Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March.

### **GMS APP**

We have considerably more than one thousand users who follow our school app. This is great way to communicate quickly.

One of the things we are trying to reduce this year is the sending out of messages to **all** our subscribers, that may only apply to a select number of users.

An example may be that a netball game is rained off at the last minute - rather than the 1250 users seeing the text, we just want those linked to netball to have to receive this. The worry is that when too many messages come through, people will stop looking at them and then possibly miss the important ones ...

You can select which alerts to follow by looking through 'Alert Groups' and choosing the ones your family may be affected by.

### **WEETBIX TRIATHLON**

We had a large number of students competing in this event on Tuesday, who had a lot of fun being involved in the challenge of a triathlon. Not only did so many of our athletes give a great account of themselves, but our school was also fortunate enough to be drawn out as the school to receive a \$300 sports voucher! Ka pai!!!



### **SCHOOL WELCOME FOR NEW FAMILIES AND WHANAU**

On Friday 15 February we are planning to 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.

### **GMS PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

The first meeting for 2019 will be held next Wednesday in the staffroom. All are welcome to come along, especially new parents to the school - come and find out what a fun time being on the PTA is!

### **TARADALE RUGBY & SPORTS CLUB JAB WEIGH IN DATES**

Friday 15th February 3:30 - 5:30      Saturday 16th February 9 - 11

Thursday 21st February 5 - 7      Sunday 24th February 3:30 - 5:30

(Only need to attend one)

If you require any further information please contact Rachael Wedd on 0276023015

## THANKS TO DEBBIE DUDDING FROM TREMAINS

Debbie Dudding has been supporting our school for a couple of years now through the 'Team Up with Tremains' project. Not only does this initiative provide thousands of dollars cash for our school, Debbie has also provided some wonderful prizes for our school duathlon events we have each year. If you list a property with Tremains make sure you let them know you want Greenmeadows School to benefit from this when it sells.

Many thanks to Debbie for this ongoing support!

## LUCKY BOOK CLUB

All Book Club orders close Friday 22 February 9.00am. As we need to get the orders away we cannot accept any late orders.

## INSPIRING GMS STUDENTS

Rosemary Mair, who attended Greenmeadows School for her primary years, represented New Zealand in cricket last week. She played for the White Ferns against India in the T20 series and has made the ODI squad to play Australia later this month. What an amazing achievement! It is great to see so many of our girls signing up for cricket skill development running in the next few weeks.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

- 15<sup>th</sup> February            Mihi Whakatau for new parents
- 18<sup>th</sup> February            Hot Shots tennis sessions start for whole school (no cost - school covering fee)
- 19<sup>th</sup> February            Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> February            GMS PTA Meeting at school - 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> March                 Parent Interviews - school closes at 2.00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March                 Parent Interviews - school closes at 2.00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> April                 End of Term 1

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

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

	<p><b>If you are thinking about moving, let's work together to help both YOU and Greenmeadows School achieve a great result.</b></p>		<p><b>Debbie Dudding</b> Direct: 06 835 5006 Mobile: 027 306 6073 <a href="mailto:debbie.dudding@tremains.co.nz">debbie.dudding@tremains.co.nz</a></p>
	<p><small>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.</small></p>		<p><b>TREMAINS</b> Results through excellence MREINZ <small>Tremains Real Estate Limited Ltd Licensed Real Estate Agent MREINZ 2018</small></p>