



P: 06 844 7024 | E: admin@gms.school.nz | www.gms.school.nz



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

GMS JUST KEEPS GROWING!!

Warmest welcome to our latest enrolment who has started in Room 13 – Sarah-Lee Maihi. It is great to have you here with us.

MATARIKI EVENING – THURSDAY 13 JUNE

Our kura is holding its annual Matariki evening next week. The PTA will be having a sausage sizzle, selling marshmallows and delicious vegetable soup (made by the wonderful children in Totara). Times are:

- 5.00pm to 5.30pm - arrival
- 5.30pm - gather in Heart of the School
- 5.45pm - hikoi along Osier Road and Gloucester Street and back via the deck on the OSCAR building
- 6.00pm - roasting marshmallows, sausages and soup
- 6.25pm - Kapa haka group performance
- 6.40pm - end of Matariki celebration

GMS SWIMMING SPORTS – FINALS DAY FRIDAY 7 JUNE

The heats for the Year 4 to 6 tamariki went very smoothly yesterday ... now we are all ready and warmed up for the finals day tomorrow. Times will be similar as for yesterday's event.

GMS CANTEEN

A reminder that the canteen will be open for business tomorrow – even with the Year 4 to 6 students heading to the Napier Aquatic Centre for the swimming finals. They will be back in time to have some delicious kai from our fantastic Kim Batt's canteen.

Remember the canteen is open very Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

With the swimming finals being held tomorrow involving half the school, there will not be an assembly this week.

PTA PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Pay a \$10 sitting fee and receive a FREE 10" X 13" photograph of your children or family. The photographer will take three different photographs which will also be available to purchase. Bookings can be taken at the school office or alternatively call Raeleen on 027 4635066.

PTA CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER

The cheese roll fundraiser is moving along very nicely! Remember that the order forms are due back to the school office by Friday 14th June. There is still time to order these, and for everyone who orders 3 dozen or more cheese rolls will go into the draw for a real Highlanders jersey!!!

Cheese rolls will be made on Sunday 23rd June and can also be collected that day from school.



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.



Debbie Dudding
Direct: 06 835 5006 Mobile: 027 306 6073
debbie.dudding@tremains.co.nz

TREMAINS
Results through excellence
MREINZ
Tremains Real Estate Limited is a Licensed Real Estate Agent REAA 2008

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES - MONDAY 1 JULY 2019

We are now nearing the time when mid-year reporting takes place. Reports will be sent home on Friday 28 June for Year 4 to 6 students. We will also be having 'Student-Led Conferences' on Monday 1 July.

What Are Student-Led Conferences?

Student-Led Conference (SLC's) will be as its name suggests - led by the student. Your child will celebrate what they have achieved and talk about what they are learning to do. There will be plenty of evidence of their work at the conference. It will be in a variety of places e.g. in their books, in their group's work book/modelling book or maybe on the walls as part of the class's display.

We hope that you will see your child's Student-Led Conference as a chance to learn more about their classroom and their progress. SLCs are an opportunity for your child to talk about their work, what they can do and what they need to do to reach the next level. As your child prepares for their conference they learn to describe and reflect on their work. Describing and reflecting on our work is important as it helps us to learn.

The benefits of SLCs are seen in many ways. For example, the children are actively involved in their learning process by taking responsibility for sharing what they have learned. This involvement adds relevance and meaning to their learning. Also Student-Led Conferences give you an opportunity to participate directly in your child's learning process.

The Student-Led Conference will be held in your child's classroom. The room will be set up to accommodate quiet areas called 'stations' so your child can sit with you to share their work. Each SLC will be 25 minutes long. As this is a chance for your child to talk, the teacher will only be available for roughly six or seven minutes should you have any questions for them. Parents wanting a longer or private session with the class teacher can make an appointment with them for later in that week.

What Role Do Parents Play in Student-Led Conferences?

We consider SLCs to be professional meetings and so we expect that parents arrive on time. ***Please turn all mobile phones off before entering the room.*** We will provide a child minding service for toddlers and siblings in the Library while the conference is on.

In SLCs your role will change. You become active listeners who:

- are partners with your child in their learning
- provide reinforcement, encouragement and praise for the effort your child has made
- ask questions that help your child to look realistically at the quality of their work and facilitate deeper reflection.
- assist your child to set goals that help them manage themselves

The following list of questions may be of help to ask your child during their conference. They will have prepared some notes on how to lead the SLC, although your questions will help the discussion keep flowing.

Some examples of questions can be:

- *Show me/us your favourite piece of work and give us some reasons why you chose this piece?*
- *Describe your favourite activities or learning areas at school (e.g. maths, science, music).*
- *What activities or learning areas are hard for you?*
- *What do you do to help you learn new things?*
- *What things at school do you like the most?*
- *What things frustrate you the most?*
- *What are the most important things you are learning this year?*
- *What goals have you set or do you want to set for your learning for next term?*
- *How can we help you with your learning?*

How to Book a Time for a SLC?

The preferred method is to use the Greenmeadows School website: and follow the link to the online booking service we use. You can find this under the 'Student-Led Conferences 2019' tab. Please use our school code: **rjztf** to make your booking.



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.



Debbie Dudding
Direct: 06 835 5006 Mobile: 027 306 6073
debbie.dudding@tremains.co.nz

TREMAINS
Results through excellence
Tremains Real Estate Limited is a Licensed Real Estate Agent REAA 2008

If you are unable to access the school's website, then you can ring or visit the school office and they will book you a time. We expect a 100% attendance of families at these SLCs, so please let us know of any difficulties you may be having booking a time.

As we value your feedback we may ask you to take time to comment at the end of the process.

Please note children **do not to have stay at school** until their conference once 12.50pm arrives on the day. We also ask that younger children are not present in the room - we can supervise them in the Library if necessary.

Please come to us with any questions you may have -remember this is something new for the whole school!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Lucky Book Club catalogues are coming home today. These will close on Friday June 21st at 9am.

If you wish to pay by credit card, you will need to visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the app. To pay by cash or cheque (made to Scholastic NZ Ltd), please complete the order form in the catalogue with your child's name and class and return to school with the correct money. If you would like your order to be a 'gift,' please make sure when you order online that you have chosen this option. All 'gift' orders will be kept at the office for collection.

A THANK YOU FROM THE 'FEED THE BUS' CAMPAIGN

Dear Staff, Students and Parents

The trustees of the Napier Community Foodbank Trust would like to thank you once again for your involvement in the 2019 Feed the Bus Fuel the Family initiative.

We had a particularly successful drive this year which saw 122 banana boxes filled with your wonderful donations. These donations contribute to the Napier Foodbank distributing food parcels through over 35 different health and welfare services supplying those in our community that are struggling in various situations of hardship.

Clients are able to access two food parcels a year. A third parcel may be accessed if still deemed necessary by the agency clients are working with but only through an accredited budgeting service. This ensures the fair and equitable distribution of donations received and that clients are accessing other available services to help them in their need. It is only through the support and generosity of people such as yourselves that we are able to continue our service to the local community and we are very grateful.

Thank you once again for your continuing support and involvement in Feed the Bus it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Diana Ellingham Chairperson Napier Community Foodbank Trust

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

7 th June	Swimming Sports Finals - Years 4 to 6 9.30am until 12.30pm
13 TH June	Matariki Evening
1st July	Student-led Conferences
5 th July	Last day of Term 2

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

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.



Debbie Dudding
Direct: 06 835 5006 Mobile: 027 306 6073
debbie.dudding@tremains.co.nz

TREMAINS
Results through excellence
Tremains Real Estate Limited is a Licensed Real Estate Agent REAA 2008