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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Our school continues to grow ... over the last fortnight we have seen Harper Greig, Vasilios Palasantzas and Freyja Roper enroll. We have also welcomed back Paiyton Dixon who has returned to GMS! We extend the warmest of greetings to you all and your whānau. These four children bring the total on the current school roll to 489.

SPOONER SHIELD SUCCESS AGAIN FOR GMS!!!

We had such a successful day at Spooner Shield on the 9th August. We were a close third in the overall standings with 98 points, following second placed Bledisloe School on 101 and Taradale Primary who collected 102 points to take the shield home! GMS teams won two of the competitions (hockey and boy's football) and tied a third (rugby) which is our most successful haul of individual trophies in many years. We want to acknowledge all the children who represented our school with pride, giving their best. Thanks also to the fantastic supporters, school umpires/referees and team management who were there cheering us on to make this a wonderful experience for all.

THANK YOU!

The Kapa Haka boys are so happy with the new taiaha that they have thanks to the amazing work of John Bayley. We now have over 30 new taiaha and they are just perfect. Thanks so much John and thanks Emma and Lucy Hutchinson for having such a lovely Grandad!

CANTEEN ONLINE

The online ordering system is working really well - plenty of users are ordering this way. Ask at the office if you would like to do this but are unsure of how to set the system up.

GMS SPORTS TEAMS - TERM 4

We are making a change to the way families get their children involved in sports from the start of next term. For many years the school has subsidized a proportion of the costs involved with sports teams linked to our school. Unfortunately the ongoing expense to our school is becoming too significant for us to continue. We also have hundreds of children involved in sports teams each term, and organizing this is a real challenge. To streamline this, we are going to put in place a system that sees families register their children for a sports team online, and registration fees are collected at the same time.

All will be explained in the Term 4 sports notice that comes out Week 8 (9th September). This will also appear on the school website for your reference as well.

JUMP JAM DISCO FUNDRAISER

The Jump Jam DISCO is on this Friday! There is a \$2 entry fee and there will be sausages, snacks, drinks and glow sticks for sale. Water and fruit will be available free of charge.

- Years 0 to 3: 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Years 3 to 6: 6.45pm - 8.00pm

DJ GIBBS will be entertaining in his usual outstanding way ...



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GMS CROSS-COUNTRY - 3RD SEPTEMBER

Timetable for the day (approximate times):

- 11.40: Assemble children for walking to Anderson Park
- 11.45 - 12.00: Walk down to Anderson Park
- 12.00 - 12.20: Shared lunch at Anderson Park
- 12.20 - 12.30: Course walk through
- 12.40 - 2.20: Cross-country races
- 2.20 - 2.50: Walk back to GMS

Order of races:

- Year 6 Girls - approx. 1250m
- New Entrant Girls - approx. 450m
- Year 1 Girls - approx. 490m
- Year 2 Girls - approx. 600m
- Year 3 Girls - approx. 800m
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KOWHAI CHILDREN TO LEAVE AFTER THE YEAR 3 RACES (AT THE LATEST - IT COULD BE EARLIER)

- Year 4 Girls - approx. 800m
- Year 5 Girls - approx. 1100m
- then Year 4 Boys - approx. 800m
- then Year 5 Boys - approx. 1100m

Our children's safety at the cross country is a major priority for us, so please note the following:

- You are welcome to take your child home with you from Anderson Park after they have raced, but you must speak directly to your child's teacher about this so they are aware of this.
- Please do not take your child to the playground if they leave early with you. We understand Napier's brand new facility will be really tempting for our children. If they see any friends or other GMS tamariki playing on it, they may be tempted to leave their supervised area which poses a real problem for us.
- If you want to congratulate your child on an awesome run (THIS WOULD BE AMAZING), please come over and see them in the supervised area and not in the parents' area near the creek. We want all of the children who are not running to be in the supervised area for their safety.

Some other information to note:

- The children will eat their sausages after they have run their race. The only exception to this is the Year 4 and 5 children who will eat their sausage at the beginning of the Cross Country as they have their races at the end of the event.
- The top six runners at the cross country may have the chance to be selected for the GMS Interschool Cross Country Team. However, this will be finalised after the cross country and other factors may come into the selection of this team.

MORE HELPERS REQUIRED FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE - GUARANTEED YOU CAN WATCH YOUR CHILD RUNNING IF YOU HELP ...

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

- 30th August Kids for Kids concert Pettigrew-Green Arena 7.00pm
- 3rd September Cross Country - Whole School @ Anderson Park (postponement day 5th Sept)
- 13th September GMS Walkathon (information coming next week)

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Mark Johnson
Principal



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