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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Eight new tamariki have started at our school since the last newsletter. These students are: Ella Blair, Carter Mundi, Savannah Whiteman, Quinn Matheson, Skylah Lawton, Hamish Chong, Quinn Gibbs and Harvey Tanoa. The warmest of welcomes to you and all in your whānau. Our roll has now reached 499.

NEW ENTRANTS FOR 2020

We are now at the stage of planning for the 2020 year. It is really important that we have as clear an indication of new enrolment numbers as possible.

If you have a child who is going to turn five at any stage in 2020 and they are going to attend GMS, please let us know as soon as possible. This also applies to any relatives, neighbours or friends you may have who are in our zone and wish for their children to come to our wonderful school. Even if you think we may already know, there is no harm in telling us (again). Many thanks for your help.

NAPIER INTER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We had such a disrupted preparation for the cross-country season, yet still managed to assemble a very dedicated and competitive squad for the interschool events. We entered teams into each of the different age races for Napier schools event. Here are the results:

GMS runners who finished in the top 30 were:

Year 3 Girls	Xian O'Brien 2 nd	Stephanie Chandra 12 th	
Year 3 Boys	Drew Glentworth 1 st	Campbell Hansen 21 st	Braxton Hooper 24 th
Year 4 Girls	Claudine Meerlo 11 th	Emma Donnelly 12 th	Greer Hambleton 17 th
Year 4 Boys	Dylan Steyn 18 th		
Year 5 Girls	Rosa Angland 22 nd	Olivia Field 28 th	
Year 5 Boys	Samuel Ennor 3 rd	Tristan Theron 12 th	Riley Teikamata 16 th Kalan Wedd 18 th
Year 6 Girls	Jaimee Steed 3 rd	Ruby Heywood 8 th	Belle Hambleton 12 th
	Maia Moore 14 th	Makenzie Moore 17 th	Mattie Geange 21 st Rosie Sayer 30 th
Year 6 Boys	Sawyer Thompson 13 th	Carlos Bell 17 th	Tyler Parkinson 21 st

Our team results were impressive. Year 6 girls were 1st, as were the Year 5 boys. The Year 4 girls team also finished 2nd. We finished as third best school overall out of the Napier primary schools in a very close contest in which only two points separated the first three schools!

And yesterday the last cross-country event - the Hawkes Bay champs were held at the HB Showgrounds. We had a team of 23 runners who braved tough conditions and large fields. There were many great efforts, especially Drew Glentworth who won his race and is now Hawkes Bay Year 3



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champion (to go with his Napier title). We also need to mention Jaimee Steed who finished in 6th place in her race and Samuel Ennor who was 8th in his Year 5 race. Top stuff everyone.

Thanks to all the parental support we have received for our various events.

SUN HATS

Term 4 is the time when we need to have all children wearing sunhats. There have been a couple of days when the sun has definitely been burning. Let's see if we can remember them from the first day of next term.

WALKATHON

Wow - what a fun event. It was an afternoon enjoyed by all! Your children were so dedicated and showed incredible perseverance keeping themselves moving for the entire hour. The sight of the children moving and keeping the effort going for the time was impressive. The school has raised an incredible \$9940 so far! If you are holding onto money please return this by the end of this week. It would be amazing if we could reach \$10,000!

BORROWED SCHOOL UNIFORMS FROM OFFICE

Our supplies have run out... if your child has come home from school in one of the office uniforms, can you PLEASE, PLEASE return them ASAP.

FOOD FAIR - 22ND NOVEMBER 2019

The annual Greenmeadows School Food Fair is rapidly approaching! We had such a fabulous evening last year and are planning an equally fun event this year. This event wouldn't be as successful without all the help we get from our school community.

White elephant sale - If you are having a clear out and spring clean, we would appreciate your unwanted items. We will be taking donations from the beginning of term one.

If anyone has access to any equipment (generators, bain-maries, chillers, tents, etc) we would love to hear from you. We usually have to hire this equipment so if we are able to borrow this equipment it helps keep our costs down. In term 4 we will also be asking for donations of items suitable for lucky dips/mystery envelopes/raffles, etc. If anyone has any ideas we would love to hear from you! We would love to include some different food items so if you have expertise in this area we would also love to hear from you. The best way to contact the PTA is via our email address pta@gms.school.nz or leave your details with the school office. Many thanks.

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER - 'SHAKE OUT DAY'

On Shake Out Day we are going to hold a tsunami evacuation drill for Greenmeadows School. This is going to be a major exercise, as our tsunami evacuation point is the grassed area at Church Road Winery. As part of the drill we want to practice releasing children to their parents, if they are available and want to pick them up. This has proven to be quite a challenging situation for schools that have suffered real emergencies (e.g. immediately following the Christchurch earthquake in 2011). We will provide more information in the first week of term 4, week 1.



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ABSENCES

A reminder that when your child is absent, please ensure you contact the school office prior to **9.00am**. The office staff are spending a lot of time following up children's absences from school each day. We also need to know the reason why your child is away, so please leave that information.

If your child is absent you asked to do one of the following:

- * phone and leave a message on the answerphone,
- * send a text to 0279 264 452 or
- * list your child's absence via the app under the tab "Absentee".

If you **do not** contact the school office, then we are required by the Ministry of Education to mark your child as 'truant'.

GMS OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME OCTOBER 2019				
Providing a safe, caring, stimulating and fun place for children				
Monday Sept 30	Tuesday Oct 1	Wednesday Oct 2	Thursday Oct 3	Friday Oct 4
 <p>Shelters</p>	 <p>Greenmeadows Exploration</p>	 <p>Martial Arts With Shayne Cox</p>	 <p>BATTLE CAVE 8 years old and over OR Funky Farm All ages</p>	 <p>sculptures</p>
Monday Oct 7	Tuesday Oct 8	Wednesday Oct 9	Thursday Oct 10	Friday Oct 11
 <p>WEIRD AND...</p>	 <p>Sc BEADS AND / OR bay skate</p>	 <p>... WACKY</p>	 <p>NERF WARS</p>	 <p>THE SENSES</p>

Open from 7.30am – 5.30pm for Primary School aged children.
 Our friendly and caring staff have many years of experience in the wonderful world of holiday programmes.
 Alongside the daily themed activities all home days include games, crafts, baking, sports and heaps of fun things to do.
 MSD OSCAR Accredited – OSCAR Subsidy available to working or studying parents.
 Phone 027 603 4568 or email gmoscar@xtra.co.nz for enrolment information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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| 27 September | End of Term 3 |
| 14 th October | Start Term 4 |
| 21 st - 24 th Oct | Optimist Yachting Year 6 |
| 24 th October | Shake out Day |
| 25 th October | HB Anniversary day (School Closed) |
| 28 th October | Labour Day (School Closed) |
| 19 th Dec | Last Day of Term 4 |

Enjoy your holiday break - stay safe and happy!!!
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



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