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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

HEALTH UPDATE – GMS GASTRO OUTBREAK

What an unexpected week we have all been through at GMS ... having so many in our school community falling ill and suffering with the aggressive bug (which has been confirmed as 'norovirus').

I want to acknowledge everyone in our community for the way they have coped since last Friday with the gastro outbreak especially:

- our incredibly resilient staff and students who unfortunately fell ill;
- the very supportive families of those who were sick;
- our amazing staff who did everything they could to share information and manage the situation as best they could
- community support agencies Hawkes Bay DHB and Napier City Council (who immediately organised for our water to be tested on Saturday afternoon once realized we had something serious to deal with)
- so many other schools and community organisations (e.g. Salvation Army) who sent gifts and best wishes.

Today is the first day this week we have had absences below one hundred, so we are starting to feel like we are getting back to normal. We can still expect some children and staff to be susceptible to getting sick over the coming days, but hopefully we are over the worst. There still needs to be care taken with hygiene and handwashing for the coming weeks and we will keep reinforcing this at school.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Four new tamariki have enrolled since the last newsletter - Judith Skea, Mason Ross, Katie Hughes and Boston Dixon. The warmest of welcomes to you and all in your whānau. 492 students would be here today if everyone was healthy!

KOTAHITANGA WEEK

Next week is Kotahitanga week at Greenmeadows School. This is a great opportunity to mix with other teachers and children across our school. All children (other than those in Room 5 and in the Hall) will be with a different class grouping for three days.

The theme for this year is 'Fashion Week' and each class will be working on a wearable art to display to our Fashion Parade on Thursday at 11:30 on the netball courts. Parents may feel free to join us for the parade (weather pending) or contact your home class teacher if you think you can help out in any way beforehand. Children will spend most of each day (Tuesday to Thursday) in their whānau rōpu group, but the start and end of the day will still be with your normal home class.



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GMS SPORTS NOTICES – TERM 4

Term 4 Sports information notices will go home in school bags on Monday 9th September. Spare copies will be available at the office and on the GMS school website www.gms.school.nz. A reminder that all registrations must now be made online, follow the links under the 'Sports' tab on our website, www.gms.school.nz. Registrations close on Tuesday 17th September.

Tennis Eastern are holding their Primary School competition on Wednesday 30th November at the Greendale Tennis Club, for both experienced (championship) and social players. Full information is available on our school website and sports noticeboard. To register email Nicki at nickis@gms.school.nz.

GMS CROSS-COUNTRY – 6th SEPTEMBER

Timetable for the day: found in the previous newsletter dated 22 August and on Facebook posted last night ...

The weather forced our hand this morning causing us to postpone the cross-country ... and then it cleared! With a similar weather forecast due tomorrow (rain early in the morning, then clearing as the day goes on) we are going to do our best to go ahead with the cross-country if at all possible.

Friday is a better day in the week to have an event like this - an activity that can be wet, slippery, and muddy that we can all head home from to wash and warm up ... so parents will be free to take their children away once their child's race is completed. We always say cross-country is a winter sport - and we have seen GMS is a very hardy bunch!

GMS GROWS ANOTHER ROOM

The time has come for the Hall to relinquish being a Hall again as our roll keeps growing ... and will officially become 'Room 16/Hall'. Eight New Entrants will start in this space on Monday, and it is looking great. Teachers in there will be Mrs Ali de Lange and Mrs Jacqui Geange. Just as well we were able to hold off long enough to let the 'splendiferous' Team 2 production of 'The Lion King' be performed earlier this week.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

30 th August	Kids for Kids concert Pettigrew-Green Arena 7.00pm
6 th September	Cross Country - Whole School @ Anderson Park
13 th September	GMS Walkathon

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Mark Johnson
Principal



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