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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO 2020

The year has started very positively and the classrooms are humming with enthusiastic children.

The following list of fantastic learners have started at GMS this year:

Rudra Garhtan	Janna Gudsell	Tom Baker	Jessie Oldham
Piper Hutchings	Rākai Pitt	Grayson Standeaven	Cleo Turner
Madison Bruin	Mia Davis	Khylan Vibert	Amber Salmon,
Cooper Pollard	Addison O'Brien	Tasmyn Christison	Marnix Meehan
Deva Aswathy Sarosh	Levi Woodford	Alyssa Russi	Lorena Martin
Zhante' Van Vuuren	Kara Gous	Phoenix Chase Katene	Klara Tomczak
Minette Enslin	Luhan Enslin	Isabella De Meyer	Calvin De Meyer,
Jayden Zhou	Ava Barron	Leigh-ann Landman	Awhinatiaa Te Nahu Hungahunga

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

As this newsletter is the first of the year, it has been produced as a paper version. In most cases our whole school newsletter will be sent out electronically to the email addresses we hold for each family. Only those families who request a paper copy, or without an email address, will be given one in the coming weeks.

When newsletters are sent out (usually every fortnight), there will be a link to it on our GMS Facebook page and a notification on our school app. The school website www.gms.school.nz also has all our newsletters saved there.

TRAFFIC CHALLENGES FOR GMS THE NEXT TWO DAYS

- 1) The Gloucester Street gate is out of use until Thursday afternoon as the footpath gets replaced. Children can still exit from the Osier Road gates and use the pedestrian crossing on Gloucester Street. A temporary footpath will be in operation while this work is occurring.
 - 2) A funeral at St Mary's church Wednesday 12 February in the afternoon means that the church car park on Osier Road is not available for school parking. Morning drop offs are fine for tomorrow, but please do not try and enter the car park on Wednesday afternoon.
- Many thanks for all your cooperation.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen re-opens on Wednesday 19th February. For those of you who are new to Greenmeadows School the canteen is open each week for Wednesday to Friday. The menu is on our school website and available to view as you order on Kindo. In this hot weather we sell a lot of Juicies and Moosies which you require \$1.50 cash for if you have not used our online Kindo service.



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PARENT INTERVIEWS – 9TH AND 10TH MARCH 2020

In just over three 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. It is also an opportunity for the teachers to find out more about your child, which helps them immensely.

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

Monday 9 March 2.15 pm – 5.30 pm 6.15 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 March 2.15 pm – 7.00 pm

Thursday 8 March additional times for Rooms 14a and 14b collaborative classroom interviews from 3.15pm. Note: when booking for the Room 14 classes you will meet with both teachers, so only book with Room 14a and b - Mrs Groenveld.

You can request an interview by using our online booking program. Go to our school website www.gms.school.nz and click on the 'Parent – Teacher Interviews 2020' 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 'yz44f'). 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 2.00pm on both Monday and Tuesday.

WANTED – DISCOVERY LEARNING STUFF!

The Kowhai syndicate classes are collecting various items of 'trash/treasure' to help us with Investigation Time. If you have any of the following items to donate, please send along to school.

- * cotton reels
- * milk/juice bottle lids
- * cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes (including whiteware boxes)
- * duvet covers/sheets in good clean condition
- * reusable untreated timber suitable for sawing, or hammering in nails
- * building tools, for example, hammers, saws, vice, unused nails and screws, building tape or rulers
- * old appliances with screws that can be unscrewed and put back together (plugs removed please)
- * natural objects from the environment, eg: pinecones, pumice, driftwood, shells, feathers, leaves, seed pods, coloured stones, buttons
- * fabric, wool, etc
- * complete puzzles
- * newspaper

If there is anything else you may have that you would like to donate, please do! Teachers will happily collect the items in their classrooms.



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SPORTS REGISTRATION FOR TERM 1

Our sports coordinator, Nicki Sunley, has done a magnificent job of collating the online registrations into squads to be ready for the forthcoming summer sports. All the best for those of you who are in our teams.

ROAD PATROL

Thank you to our wonderful road patrollers who work hard to keep all of our children safe whilst crossing our busy roads. Parents can help set a good example to their own children by using the patrolled crossing points. This reinforces good habits for your children and also shows respect towards our road patrollers.

UPDATING STUDENT DATABASE

Next week we will be sending home your child's contact details and health information that we hold on file. Can you please read over this and return to school whether there are changes or not.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Lucky Book orders have been sent home. Orders will close at 9am Friday February 21st. There are three easy ways to pay:-

1. Credit Card - visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school order.
2. Cash - please enclose the correct cash as no change will be given.
3. Cheque - please make cheques payable to "Scholastic New Zealand".

Make sure you check out the Book Club quiz at [BookClubQuiz](#) - all the answers are in the Book Club brochure with great book prizes for winners. Good luck!

SCHOOL WELCOME FOR NEW FAMILIES AND WHANAU

On Thursday 20th 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

14th February	First school assembly 9.10am in the Heart of the School
20th February	Powhiri for new parents and whanau, 9.10am in the Heart of the School
21st February	School Art Deco day
9th March	Parent Interviews - school finishes at 2.00pm
10th March	Parent Interviews - school finishes at 2.00pm

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



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CANTEEN & SPORTS REGISTRATION WITH KINDO ONLINE

The Kindo logo consists of the word "kindo." in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid teal rectangular background.

Working together with Kindo, Greenmeadows School can now bring you a fantastic way to order your children's lunches, register your child for sport and pay online. No more hassles of fishing around for cash or racing to the money machine. If you wish to still pay by cash that service is still available.

No cash, no paper, no hassle! Shop anytime, anywhere with our Kindo online Shop.

The menu and prices are the same online as they are paying by cash.

Setting up an account

Click on the link below to register and log in to our canteen and sports registration shop online, via Kindo.

click on the 'create an account' option and fill in your contact details and your child's name

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/join.shtml?shop=Greenmeadows%20Primary%20School>

then simply enter their email address and password (as set by you) to log in.

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Greenmeadows%20Primary%20School

Payment options

Choose to pay-as-you-go using our instant top up options:

- POLi - links to internet banking and is fee free
- Credit/Debit Card - will incur 2.5% surcharge and a 50c fee

Or have regular payments topping up your Kindo account:

- Bank transfer - allow two days for processing

See it in action

We have a tutorial on how to use the shop to help you get started: <https://youtu.be/Ozq8ibaMrso>

Questions

Contact the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636), or email



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