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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENROLMENTS

Greenmeadows School continues to welcome new students to our kura. Karlia-Dawn Tatu, Amelia Bott and Donnacha Fitzsimons are the latest to enroll here and have all arrived ready and excited for learning. All the best for your years of learning ahead!

## CORONAVIRUS

We receive regular updates and advice from the Ministry of Education to be prepared for the prospect of an outbreak of coronavirus. Many of you will be aware that three of the four cases of COVID-19 confirmed in New Zealand have had links to four school communities. This could be unsettling for some of you so we wanted to provide you with an update.

It was reassuring to read the information from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service that the children in these families are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are doing well. Because the children continue to not show any symptoms, they were not infectious when they were at school and the Ministry of Health is confident there is no risk for the students and staff in those schools. You will also be interested to know that research published by the World Health Organisation notes that children and young people under 18 account for only 2.4% of all reported cases of COVID-19. This means we are unlikely to see widespread cases in schools and early learning services in New Zealand.

The Ministry of Health's current advice is that with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. So we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19. Our school staff and leadership remain well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur we are confident we can put our plans in place and know we will be supported by regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education.

I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent risk of infection. The best preventative steps are:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

Our school values continue to play an important part in all our activities. A reminder they are respect, perseverance and excellence. It is so important we continue to care for and support all members of our wonderful school community, especially those who may be impacted by COVID-19 in some way.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 please make sure that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly -



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<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

A reminder that anyone who is ill should not be attending school. The COVID-19 symptoms are a fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) (or [+64 9 358 5453](tel:+6493585453) for international SIMs) or their doctor immediately.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS 2020

Thanks to all of you who made the time to come to the interviews about your children. We have deliberately set out to make these a two way conversation between family and school, and the value the teachers got from them was significant. More than 430 interviews took a significant amount of effort from all concerned.

## ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING - RECYCLING

A number of children at school show real concern for the environment and reducing our waste going to the landfill. One is Year 3 student Joshua Pawson - Joshua has set up a collection bin for the following items to be brought from home:

- HDPE Grade 1 and 2 Bottle tops
- Clean Glad wrap, ziplock bags
- Batteries - any shape or size (including hearing aid batteries)
- \* Bread bag tags
- \* Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, dental floss containers
- \* Printer ink cartridges and toner

These items can be left in the box in the Library.

## SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Lucky Book order forms are being sent home today.

Orders will close at 9.00am Friday March 27th. There are three easy ways to pay:-

1. Credit Card - visit [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://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".

If you wish for your order to be a 'gift', please make it as such and it will be left at the office for your collection. Thanks for supporting GMS. Every order earns Free books for our school library.

## GMS PTA NOTICE

Look in school bags for the green paper ... this is the PTA notice outlining what is due to happen this term, as well as information regarding the AGM.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Check the school mobile phone app or [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) website for more details and events:

3<sup>rd</sup> April School Disco: GMS Hall 5.30 start for Years 1 to 3 or 6.45pm Years 3 to 6  
9<sup>th</sup> April End of Term 1

Have a fantastic week.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal



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