



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

The second half of the year already!!! Great to see everyone back at GMS for the slightly soggy start to Term 3.

WELCOME

We want to acknowledge our latest new arrivals at our school: Dylan King, Isaac Fear, Emma Harkness, Wilbur Johnson, Liam Wilson, Fletcher Menzies and Dian Moss. A warm welcome is extended to you and your whānau. These new students bring our roll to 468.

Also we welcome back Mrs Christy Turner who had her first day teaching with the Year 6 children in Room 12 yesterday. In addition Mrs Sarah Townsend has started back with us as a Teacher Aide.

SURVEY FEEDBACK

You will be aware of the various changes we have had operating at school since returning from the nationwide lock down. At the end of last term the school sought feedback from the students, staff and community about some of the changes we had trialled. It was fantastic to have the 179 parents responses to the survey which is so helpful in our decision making.

As a result of this feedback we have:

i) Allowed children back into the school grounds before 8.30am. They are to wait in front of the school's main block by the Library. This is for those children who need to be dropped off or are on road patrol. We would prefer to keep the numbers as low as possible for this. OSCAR is available at this time for working parents, which is the preferred option as direct supervision is provided

ii) Decided to continue with the staggered release times to the end of the day. The responses were overwhelming - 82% of parents were in favour of the end of day continuing. Overall staff and community feedback were both well in excess of 90% in favour or 'having no preference either way'. It is certainly much safer in terms of traffic and less stress getting the children away from school.

A couple of concerns were expressed about missing time in the school day. These are valid points to raise. To counter this we have slightly reduced the lunch break ... and we do not have to make up any extra days at end of the year either.

iii) Chosen to return to eating at the beginning of break times. This one had the most discussion throughout the whole school community. It was trialled for a couple of reasons. One was the fact that many schools have implemented this and found that it worked well getting children out moving, and then calming down by sitting and eating afterwards once back in their rooms. We certainly noticed an immediate reduction in litter as another positive. We were also trying to manage the many extra-curricular activities that so many of our teachers and students are part of - that have practises during break times. However the later times in our daily timetable worked against the potential impact and a number gave feedback of growing hunger during the day. With the split opinions across the entire school, we then decided to return to eating at the start of the break times. This applies to both morning tea (10.50-11.00am) and lunch (12.50-1.05pm).



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PARENT INTERVIEWS – 3RD AND 4TH AUGUST 2020

In just over a week and a half the whole school will be holding parent-teacher interviews. We urge all families to participate in these interviews and have set aside two afternoons and evenings for these to occur:

Monday 3 August 2.15 pm - 7.15 pm

Tuesday 4 August 2.15 pm - 7.15 pm

Thursday 6 August 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 14b with 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 **a5zax**).
- 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. Each child will have a summary sheet of their achievements and progress so far this year prepared for them available at the interview.

Because of the interviews school will **close early at 2.00pm on both Monday and Tuesday.**

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.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

There is a teacher only day planned for Friday 21st August. We will remind you again next month closer to the time but it would be a good idea to start thinking about alternative childcare for that day. On this day all the staff will be receiving first aid training.

The after school care providers will be operating as usual, their contact details are on the school website under 'frequently asked questions' or contact the school office.

NEW ENTRANTS FOR 2021

We are now at the stage of planning for the 2021 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 2021 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.

You can either phone the school or email Sara at saraa@gms.school.nz



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CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that the GMS Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. The Kindo system for online orders is working really well and we strongly encourage parents to use this system to eradicate the handling of cash. To order through Kindo you will find the link on our school website (www.gms.school.nz) under the 'Canteen' tab. Sports registrations also must be completed through Kindo, so once you've registered you can access both sports and canteen orders.

Sometimes parents have placed a lunch order for their child in advance and then the child falls sick or ends up being away that day. Please remember to cancel your order through Kindo as we cannot refund your money once the lunch is made.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Book Club



Scholastic Book Club is coming home this week. Orders are due back to school by **Friday 7 August**. Please ensure you include your child's name and class number and the correct cash. Or you may prefer to order online via LOOP (Linked Online Ordering for Parents).

Go to: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz>

Your order will automatically attach to the School Order which will be forwarded to Scholastic on the closing date. All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School. Happy Reading Everyone!

GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that The Warehouse and Schooltex have our school uniform available to purchase online through the warehouse website. There is also an option now for part pay.

The links for these are below:

<https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/greenmeadows-school>

Click and Collect Information for ordering online

<https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/customer-service/click-and-collect.html>

GMS PTA MEETING

Wednesday 22 July 7.30pm in the staffroom - preparing for the GMS DISCO!!!! All are welcome to come along - especially people who have never been before!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

31st July	Greenlock Shield - Year 5 and 6 students in sports against HN Primary
31st July	PTA Disco - more details to come
3rd and 4th August	Parent Teacher Interviews
21st August	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
1st September	GMS Cross Country @ Anderson Park

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



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