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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS!!

The latest arrivals at Greenmeadows School are:

Aiyla-Mae Delamere, Katia Williams-Paniani, Kenzie Haynes, Parker Dymond, Oliver Jones, Isabel Taylor, Rio Nguyen, Harper Fromont, Marlow Harmer-Perry, Josiah Gardner, Ellie Kelly, Laila Mzerra, Mohsen Mzerra, Paiyton Dixon and Boston Dixon.

Our roll is 491.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

The school holidays can begin a day early for all the children as all the teachers will be involved with training on Friday 25 September.

GMS CULTURAL WEEK - Monday to Thursday Week 10

During Week 10 we will be involving all our children in a week of cultural activities. These activities are designed to celebrate all the cultures within a class and give all tamariki the opportunity to share about their heritage. We will also be exploring 'New Zealand culture'. This will be the main focus for these four days of school - a neat way to end the term.

NEW ENTRANT CHILDREN FOR 2021

We are now right into the stage of planning for the 2021 year. It is really important that we have as clear an indication of new enrolment numbers to help us plan.

What does "need to plan" you ask?

- different class and year groupings
- where we put classes in rooms
- when do we open NE rooms and how we staff them
- where we put teachers
- how we will cope as the year progresses

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

TERM 3 - SURVEY FEEDBACK

Earlier this term we sent out an email link to all families. We were wanting feedback on your thoughts about children bringing devices (including mobile phones and smart watches) to school, as well as seeking your thoughts on the recent interviews and midyear summaries on each child.

If you want to complete one of these surveys but have not yet done so, then contact the office for either a paper copy of the survey, or for the electronic link. The summaries will be discussed at the next Board of Trustees meeting next week.



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GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Here are the results of the 2020 races held at school last week:

NE Girls	1 st Amelia Bott	2 nd Dot Symonds	3 rd Tiana Wilson
NE Boys	1 st Blake Henn	2 nd Rakai Pitt	3 rd Liam Wilson
Year 1 Girls	1 st Maddie Ball	2 nd Adilynn Caroll	3 rd Charlie Tavai
Year 1 Boys	1 st Mason Ross	2 nd Quinn Matheson	3 rd Nate Townsend
Year 2 Girls	1 st Aleah Cooper	2 nd Aria Horton	3 rd Manaia Waitai
Year 2 Boys	1 st Joel Nunan	2 nd Caleb Nikora	3 rd Milan Healey
Year 3 Girls	1 st Mia Kamphius	2 nd Ella Schrama	3 rd Willow Hambleton
Year 3 Boys	1 st Lakyn Moore	2 nd Cooper Whaanga	3 rd Charlie Bott
Year 4 Girls	1 st Stephanie Chandra	2 nd Aora Shroff	3 rd Kaira Shroff
Year 4 Boys	1 st Drew Glentworth	2 nd Campbell Hansen	3 rd Ethan Wattereus
Year 5 Girls	1 st Claudine Meerlo	2 nd Greer Hambleton	3 rd Lacey Skilton
Year 5 Boys	1 st Dylan Steyn	2 nd Max Weeks	3 rd Vasilis Palasantzas
Year 6 Girls	1 st Rosa Angland	2 nd Tasmyn Christison	3 rd Olivia Field
Year 6 Boys	1 st Samuel Ennor	2 nd Riley Teikamata	3 rd Kalan Wedd

Congratulations to these top 3 place getters. The overall house competition positions have been determined. The results are as follows:

1 st Ahi	560 points	2 nd Ngahere	404 points	3 rd Moana	367 points
4 th Marama	257 points				

This was a beautiful day weatherwise and the children were fantastic the way they adapted to the change in venue for the course. Great to see so many safely distanced parents watching from the footpath too. And thanks to our PTA cooks and all their helpers for the delicious sausages for lunch.

Unfortunately the Napier interschool cross-country has been cancelled this year. We looked at several different options in ways to run this event, but with the uncertainty over gathering sizes, it was just too difficult to coordinate an event that draws in excess of 500 competitors. Very disappointing for all.

Cross Country

Here are two excellent pieces of writing about the GMS event from contrasting points of view of children!

When I got to school everyone was so hyped up about cross country except me. It felt so weird. It felt like a slushy was in my stomach.

When the class hobbled over to the race, it was so hot it felt like an oven outside. The little kids were first. They raced off and then some fell over.

The Year Five Boys were called up to wait for the girls. We made jokes about, "I'm gonna come last on purpose," and, "Why don't we all come first and tie?" But we all knew we wouldn't do that.

CLAP everyone sprinted like me. It felt so good after my first lap, so I kept running hard. After a few minutes I was on my last lap. I was puffed, and my legs were dying. I felt like I was in zero gravity. I finally crossed the finish line and collapsed onto the hard ground. I was surprised that I came seventh. I was the first reserve. I was dying for my sizzling sausage.

Archie



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"Oh great!"

Today is cross country.

"Yay" (sarcastic voice!)

I'm not nervous at all, I just REALLY, REALLY don't want to run. Some people run for fun! How? I find running absolutely absurd! How do they expect us to run 4 whole laps?! There is no way I want to run!

As we exit the classroom to watch the Kowhai races, we see them line up at the starting line then,

"Go!"

All the kids surged forward like wild horses having a stampede. One kid fell and I felt sorry for them. I cheered for Ngahere and we won the first race!

The Year 5 girls are up, and I have been dreading this moment for the entire morning! I squeezed myself in between two other girls, and while they were stretching I just stood there, not knowing what to do!

"BANG!"

I leap forward, not caring about pace and tear off towards the corner, I pass three people but as I reach the 3rd corner I regret my decision to go fast.

"Only three more laps to go," cries Mrs Millner. I realised that a lot earlier, I thought to myself. Suddenly my legs are like jelly, I don't collapse, but I slow down and a person laps me!

"Grrr!" I am annoyed.

Infuriated, I start to run again, my heart is leaping around in my chest and my lungs feel like they will explode. I'm on my third lap, and I ain't excited at all! Finally I finish my third lap and bolt around the course.

Nobody is cheering for me! A bit disheartening, don't you think?

But I still cross the finish line and apparently no one knows what place I came.

Oh well!

Reanna

SPOONER SHIELD – FRIDAY 11 September 2020

Tomorrow sees the six different sports teams from GMS head to various venues at the competing schools to contest for the Spooner Shield. Like the EPL and NBL, spectators and supporters are unable to attend - which is a real change from the way this usually runs. The forecast looks a little unsettled for tomorrow so we will have to see what eventuates. If there is a postponement, this will be put on our Facebook page and an alert sent out through the GMS App.

YEAR 7 2021 INFORMATION

1. **Taradale Intermediate** - we have cancelled our Open Day due to Covid-19 restrictions, and rather than not do anything, we are planning Transition Tours for Weeks 1 - 4 of Term 4. We are putting the information up on our website and Facebook page too. We are using Parent Interviews as the booking portal for parents to use, your parents may be familiar with this,

Important information:

- Transition Tours are 30 minutes long
 - Tours take place from week 1 - week 4 of term 4
 - Parents use Parent Interviews to book their tour - this information is available on our website
 - Parents and their child(ren) are expected to attend
 - This does not replace any additional transitional tours that may be required for certain learners
2. **Tamatea Intermediate** - follow this link for a virtual tour of the school. Please go to our website for enrolment information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paQq7dq6Ecg>



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GMS EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Below is a notice we have prepared so that families and whānau are aware what may happen should there be a major emergency forcing an evacuation of the school. This could be an earthquake, or tsunami alert, or any other event we are directed to relocate (e.g. major chemical leak).

- The decision will be made to evacuate upon advice from the Civil Defence, an announcement on the radio or following a significantly powerful earthquake.
- A verbal warning will be issued by senior management and office staff to students and staff present at school, to evacuate the site to higher ground.
- Parents will be notified through the school App and/or a text. From the initial contact parents will be regularly updated via alerts through the App.
- Teachers are to collect registers and assemble children quickly on the school field. All children and staff will be accounted for before departing on foot to our designated evacuation site for Tsunami warnings.

Our evacuation site is at the rear of Church Road Winery, 150 Church Road, Taradale.

- Students and staff will walk up Osier Road, through Knightsbridge to the rear of Church Road Winery. Senior staff will do their very best to arrange a vehicle for any students/staff who may be incapacitated or unable to walk.
- In the case of a distant earthquake Civil Defence may organise buses to transport local schools to our evacuation point. In the case of a local tsunami we will move quickly by foot to our evacuation point.
- All staff and students will again be accounted for once assembled at the evacuation site on Church Road.
- **IMPORTANT** - please be aware: Parents must collect their children from the evacuation area, not from school or along the way. For everyone's safety, parents must not try to come to school and not try to collect their child en route to the evacuation point. This will only cause confusion and slow progress if individuals are getting picked up - it is hard enough moving a group of children this distance, without having other distractions of people arriving as the group is moving.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

11 September	Spooner Shield
25th September	Teacher Only Day - School closed (start of term break)
12 October	First day of Term 4

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



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