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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

Our crazy year continues ... with the flooding this week to accompany everything else 2020 has thrown at us. We were very fortunate to have minimal flooding impact at our school on Monday evening. The school was inspected around 9.00pm that night. We had surface water across the field and around the court area (especially by the sandpit), but not too much else. Thankfully there was no water near any buildings. It appears that the stormwater project from a couple of years ago and redesign of the surrounding streets on Gloucester Street, and particularly Osier Road, helped divert a lot of the water away from our school site.

It is obvious that so many of the homes of our school whānau were not as lucky with us hearing about considerable damage suffered in a number of cases. We send our very best wishes and offers of support to all those affected.

WELCOME TO GMS!!

There are some new faces who have started with us since the first week of this term. The latest arrivals at Greenmeadows School are: Carter Brocklebank, Tamarah Messervy, Indee Norgate, Lilly Simpson and Rufus Turner. A very warm welcome to you all! Our roll is currently 495.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MID-TERM ELECTION RESULTS

Our school operates with elections every eighteen months for half of the Board of Trustees. This means that we keep continuity going for the BoT that might not be there if all the trustees were up for election every three years.

A message from our chairperson Emma Taylor-Meynell:

The Greenmeadows Board of Trustees recently called for nominations to fill vacancies on its board. We are delighted to announce that Hannah Dudson and Kiel Hutchings are our new board members.

We would like to thank Corrie Pascoe and Ivan Angland who are stepping down from the board after more than three years of service. Both Corrie and Ivan have contributed hugely to the board. Corrie has been our treasurer for the last three years and Ivan has worked tirelessly on the continual property work (which will begin soon!). We welcome Hannah and Keil to the new board and would also like to congratulate Chris Burgess on standing again.

Your parent representatives on the GMS board are: Emma Taylor-Meynell (Chair); Ryan Hambleton; Kate Fox; Chris Burgess, Hannah Dudson and Kiel Hutchings.

SPARE/REPLACEMENT CLOTHING

A reminder to return any spare clothing we have sent home with your children. This is after the tamariki have had something requiring them to change their clothes e.g. slipping in the mud. Our supplies have been reduced, so them arriving back clean would be greatly appreciated.



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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

We are aware that the times we have been having our assemblies have been moving around a bit of late - this is due to different commitments and activities ... tomorrow we will be having assembly starting at 12.00pm. There will be some cultural performances that all parents and community members are free to come along and view.

GMS CULTURAL EVENING AT TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

Although the flooding on Monday has caused issues with Tamatea High School's plans for this week, we are still going to have the evening performance this evening as planned. The children have been preparing with such commitment - it will be a great show!

GMS HIGHLIGHTS

Just to name a few of the amazing things going on at GMS of late:

- Jump Jam dominance of the Hawkes Bay Strictly Jump Jam champs on 31 October: all SIX teams from our school who entered won trophies!!
- Author visit - Steff Green on 30 October. It was neat to have Steff visit our school and hear about her story and the way she writes. Find out more at <https://thespinoff.co.nz/author/steff-green/>
- DigiAwards success on 4 November for children all across the school. There were so many children involved from Greenmeadows School and so many winners as well. We like Mr Ball's unofficial scoring system that had the following results for the primary schools involved:
 - 1st GMS 32 points (from 3 points = 1st in a category; 2 points = 2nd; 1 point from a 3rd)
 - 2nd Bledisloe 13 points
 - 3rd equal Napier Central and Porritt 12 points

SCHOOL READERS - PLEASE SEND THESE BACK!!

We need back all school readers (numbered junior books and school journals) that are out in 'Greenmeadowsland' ... please check for any that may be at home: bedrooms, wardrobes and school bags. Each book we don't get returned costs us at least \$10 - we would rather spend our money buying new books rather than replacing lost ones we have already purchased.

LIBRARY RETURNS

All library books need to be returned to school by the end of Week 8 - which is the 4th December (not that far away whanau ...). Avoid any invoices for outstanding books by starting hunting now!

CANTEEN NEWS

Our school canteen is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. Some parents have had issues recently accessing the Kindo system through the internet and via the school App. The most reliable form of Kindo is downloading the App we have been advised. The App can be found on the App Store, under 'myKindo'. We strongly encourage parents to use this system. Cash is no longer accepted. Orders need to be placed before 9am.

PTA NEWS

The Christmas raffle was sent home today with the children. There are some wonderful prizes to be won - many, many thanks to Turfrey's and Greenmeadows New World for all their amazing support of this fundraiser.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club is coming home this week. This is the last Book Club for the year. Orders are due back to school by Friday 20th November. Please ensure you include your child's name and class



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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!

UPDATE ON THE GREEN FAMILY TARADALE POOL

FROM THE TARADALE COMMUNITY POOL TRUST:

'It has been so exciting to see the visible progress made as each week rolls by. As with any building project of this size and complexity, not to mention cost, there are many moving parts that we are working with. With the end so nearly in sight, we are nearly in a position to announce the new Operators who are in the process of planning, developing and designing a new Swim School, with an intended start date of late January 2021. Learn to Swim classes will be available from Term 1 of 2021, every weekday afternoon and on a Saturday from 9am until 2pm. The Learn to Swim programme encompasses pre-school from aged 3 years, up to school aged children. Unfortunately, at this stage no Parent & Child classes can be offered. Online bookings will be open, (all things going to plan) in Mid December.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list to be kept up to date with opening dates, timetable and prices please leave your details here <https://forms.gle/GinvWnMc9KXQkF4WA> Thank you for your continued patience!

HB PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON - 2ND DECEMBER 2020

Tōtara Syndicate - we missed the Tough Guy & Gal this year - so come and have a go at the HB Primary Schools Triathlon at Frimley Park instead ... You can enter as an individual or a team - this is tons of fun for all Year 5 and 6 pupils, with easy distances to achieve in each stage. Everyone who enters is in line for awesome spot prizes and giveaways. Information and entry forms are with class teachers, at the school office, and on the school website.

SANITARIUM WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON - 16TH FEBRUARY 2021

Entries are now open for the Weetbix Kids TryAthlon on 16th February 2021 at Frimley Park. Anyone aged from 6-15 years can have a go - either as an individual or part of a team. We would love to see as many GMS kids head along as possible - we will have the school gazebo set up there as our meeting point. If you are keen to participate or just find out more there are notices at the school office and on the GMS school website. All entries are made online from home, visit <https://tryathlon.co.nz>, make sure you link to our school group and we'll see you there!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

12 November	Cultural performance Tamatea High School Auditorium 6.00pm
18 November	GMS Athletics sports
23 to 27 November	Camp week for Years 5 and 6
17 December	Last day of school - 12.00pm finish

Have a great week ahead!
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



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