



Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

## WELCOME TO GMS!!

Yesterday was a perfect first day for us all here at GMS. Our school is a hive of industry with contractors on site building the new classroom block as well as the astroturf, which is only a couple of weeks away from completion. The children have adapted well to the fences and restricted movements. And the classrooms are buzzing with keen children very pleased to be back at school (YES!!).

A very warm welcome to our twenty three new students who had their first day with us yesterday.

We say 'kia ora' to:

Mason Pugh-White

Izaiah Kihī

Jensen Ledger

Blair Husband

Charlie Cottle

Autumn Wilkins-Lloyd

Victoria Pugh-White

Caitlyn De Wet

Jake Heron

Ember Duffield

Finnian Gudsell

Charlotte Gibbs

Yike Hu

Chyler De Wet

Jacob Bokkerink

Asher Healey

Jack Mullins

Carter Jeffares

Bianca Ridler

Kayden Ledger

Kyro Shaw

Phoebe Zhao

William Currie

It is neat to see our two new members of staff enjoying the first day at Greenmeadows School. Miss Mahia Isherwood (in Team 2) and Miss Jess Gates (in the Hall also known as 'Room 12') are wonderful additions to our school whānau.

## 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](http://www.gms.school.nz) also has all our newsletters saved there.

## WANTED - SCHOOL CLEANER!!!!

We need a dedicated, reliable and skilled cleaner to join our team here at school. Are you interested? There is a very competitive rate of pay and all equipment is provided. Three hours each day plus holiday work. Ask for more information at the office if you are interested. Start date can be negotiated.

## SCHOOL WELCOME FOR NEW FAMILIES AND WHANAU

On Thursday 18th February we are planning to have a 'mihi whakataui' to welcome all our new students and their whānau. All new families are warmly invited to attend. This will take place on the school field starting at 9.10am. We will share more details early in Week 3.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 1 MARCH

School will be closed on Monday 1 March when teachers are involved in training courses linked to maths, mindfulness and developing skills throughout that day. This date was the one where we could get the instructors into our school.



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## PARENT INTERVIEWS – 22 AND 23 FEBRUARY 2021

In just under three weeks the whole school will be holding parent-teacher interviews. We are having an interview early in the year so teachers get the opportunity to find out more about your child, which helps them immensely. It also allows the chance to talk about the learning ahead and work together in the best interests of your child.

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

Monday 22 February	2.15 pm – 5.30 pm	6.15 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 23 February	2.15 pm – 7.00 pm	

You can request an interview by using our online booking program. Go to our school website [www.gms.school.nz](http://www.gms.school.nz) and click on the 'Parent - Teacher Interviews 2021' 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 '4tdcg'). Once your booking is completed you will receive an email confirming your interview. These details can be rescheduled if your availability changes.

You could follow this link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=4tdcg>

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 that week.

## LOST PROPERTY AT SCHOOL

We are having a slightly different approach to dealing with lost property this year. The lost property will be displayed outside Room 9 with access around the school a little restricted due to the building work going on.

We have items of clothing that stay in the pile for weeks and months ... and this just grows and grows. So much of the clothing is unnamed or not identifiable as to who it belongs to. This year we are going to avoid this happening and will be disposing of any unnamed items of abandoned property after holding it for a period of a fortnight. Whānau can help us by getting all the clothing belonging to your child NAMED!!!! Many thanks for your help in this.

## GMS SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that the sun hats for the children at our school need to be the wide-brimmed hats with the 'Greenmeadows School' logo on them. These hats provide the best sun protection for the head, ears and face - better than the bucket variety of hat.

## PTA NEWS

The first PTA meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday 17 February. All new and current members of this group are most welcome to come along. Start time of 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Bring a friend or two - this is a great group to be part of.

Our major focus areas for the PTA are new adventure playgrounds for all the students. Interested in making this happen? Come along!



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## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 1

Term 1 sports registrations for after school and team sports are now open. We have a huge range of options available across all year groups.

Information notices about the various sports were sent home in school bags yesterday - copies of this newsletter are also available from the school office and are on our school website.

All registrations have to be made through 'Kindo'.

How do you find 'Kindo'? The most reliable way to access Kindo is to download the 'Kindo' (or MyKindo') app from the Play Store or Apple App store and register from there.

These sport registrations must be completed by TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY in order to secure a place in a team. Avoid disappointment and do this right away ... don't delay!

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will re-open on Wednesday 10th February. Please download the 'MyKindo' app if you haven't already - as well as updating your child's classroom for 2021 if you registered last year.

## TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 3rd February to 16th April

Term 3 26th July to 1st October

Term 2 3rd May to 9th July

Term 4 18th October to 16th December

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

3rd February	First day of Term 1 - if you got this newsletter you made it!!!
8th February	Waitangi Day - school closed
9th February	Tōtara syndicate swimming commences
10th February	Canteen re-opens
16th February	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
17th February	PTA Meeting in staffroom 7.30pm
18th February	Mihi whakatau for new students and their whānau
22nd/23rd Feb	Parent interviews <b>School closes at 2.00pm both days</b>
1st March 2021	Teacher Only Day <b>School closed</b>

Have a great week everyone!

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal/Tumuaki



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