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**NEWSLETTER NO. 8**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa**

## **WELCOME TO GMS!!!**

The new students just keep coming and four more New Entrants have started their schooling with us. We warmly welcome these happy and eager learners to our school:

Lilly Edwards                      Matilda Burne  
Lachlan Richards                  Amy Cairns

We wish them all the very best for their school years ahead.

## **ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book orders have been distributed today, Wednesday 2 May. Book Club orders will need to be returned to your child's teacher by **Wednesday 9 May**. Please note we are unable to accept late orders, as there are strict deadlines to meet with the Book Club.

Please ensure you complete the form correctly as incorrect orders will have to be returned to you, and your family will miss the order being placed with the school's bulk order. The responsibility is with the family placing the order to ensure it is handed in on time. Cheques need to be made out to 'Scholastic Book Club'. If paying with cash, please include the correct amount as we are unable to give change.

Have a great week and long weekend (if you can arrange it).

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson  
Principal

## **SKY TOWER CHALLENGE**

Hello, my name is Paula Kinsey. I am a part time teacher at GMS. In my spare time I am a volunteer fire fighter. On May the 19<sup>th</sup> I will be participating in the Sky Tower Challenge. I will don my full fire fighting kit, including BA, and will attempt to climb up the 1103 steps of the Sky Tower. This is to raise funds and awareness for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

Every day 6 children and adults in New Zealand are diagnosed with a blood cancer like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. I would appreciate it if you would consider sponsoring me in this endeavour. There are two ways you could donate. You could go to [http://www.firefightersclimb.org.nz/view\\_event\\_profile/1001](http://www.firefightersclimb.org.nz/view_event_profile/1001) and donate online or you could donate directly to me.

Thank you  
Paula Kinsey

## **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

There is a Teacher Only Day this Friday 4 May – so children can stay at home and enjoy a long weekend. School is closed that day.

## **SCHOOL SHIRTS AND SHORTS**

We have just been informed that our suppliers of the school uniforms are no longer in business. We are looking at sourcing alternative stocks of shirts and shorts. We ask families who have made orders, or planning on getting new shirts or shorts to wait until we can make new arrangements.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

We have had to postpone the BoT meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 May to Thursday 10 May. Start time is 5.30pm.

