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Dear Parents and Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa

Here we are at the end of the first week of the new school year. What a wonderful summer we have had. It is great to see all the children back at school and ready for learning. Every child will receive one of this newsletter. From the next newsletter in Week 3 they will be distributed to the eldest child in each family.

WELCOME TO GMS!!!

Each new school year we welcome a number of new students and this week we have thirty-four new students with us to start 2013. We welcome these all new students to our school and wish them all the best for their learning journey at GMS:

Thomas Anderson	Saffron Barnett	Jacinda Bayley	Maia Bosman	Bianka Burke
Xavier Burton	Jaxon David	Levi David	Tayla David	Tyson David
Emily Davidson-Payne	George Fellowes	Emily Hawkins	Kaden Heke	Shyla Heke
Raven Howse	Kaylen Jones	Judge Jury	Isabella Knibb	Cyrus Lett
Lachlan Marshall	Tyler Ounsworth	Macy Penn	Jessica Pyott	Willow Shingleton
Maninder Singh	Kruz Single	Bayle Smith	Aidan Solomann	Micah Talo-Tyler
Hannah Thompson	Amelia Weekley	Ernest Woolward	Cohen Worsnop	

With the staff for 2013 we have Ms Mel Davis teaching part-time in Room 5 with Mrs. Johnson. Mel previously taught at Reignier School. Our science extension classes of last year were very successful, so these will continue with Miss Ruby Gannon in 2013. We are thrilled to have both become part of our team.

HOME AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Today each class teacher has sent home a letter to families introducing themselves and outlining some of their expectations and class routines. We hope you find these notices informative.

As attendance at our syndicate meetings have been quite small over the past few years, we have decided not to hold them this year. Instead we encourage families to make individual contact with your child's teacher. This way families and teachers can build personal contact which can only enhance opportunities for each child over the course of the year. Please feel free to make a time to talk to your child's teacher if have anything you would like to discuss.

In the middle of this term each child will have a report created for them outlining their start to the year and their own goals they have set to work on in 2013. It is effective when these are shared and supported by families and whanau.

ABSENT OR LATE TO SCHOOL?

Our administrative staff do an excellent job of checking each day if all children are accounted for at school. If we have a child who is absent and we have no explanation, then Ms Garrett will ring or text the family and then emergency contacts in an attempt to find out where the child is and check that they are safe. If there is no information as a result of these calls, then our school's policy is to inform the local truancy officer and involve them. This happens as a result of our concern for all children and doing all we can to make sure they are safe.

You can help making sure the school knows if your child is going to be absent or late for school before the start of the school day. A message on the school's answer service, email or note should be provided if your child will not be at school to start the day at 9.00am.

Please note we do not shorten the school day if it is wet. School always finishes at 3.00pm.

WIDE-BRIMMED SUN HATS

All children are required to wear a sun hat when coming to school during Terms 1 and 4. You are able to choose your own hat but these must be wide brimmed hats that provide cover for the whole head including ears and back of the neck. Baseball caps do not provide this degree of sun protection.

Postie Plus and the Warehouse are two shops that sell dark blue coloured hats that fit perfectly with our school uniforms.

WALKING BUS

Our Walking Bus has started again. The next walking bus is Thursday 21 February, leaving Park Road at 8.05am. Everyone is welcome to walk with us or bring their scooters.

GMS CANTEEN

The school canteen opens again for business on Wednesday 13 February. Your child will receive list today.

THE MINSTREL PERFORMS

The first performer to come our school this year is The Minstrel who performs on Monday 18 February. The whole school will part of the audience. The cost to each child is \$2 and this amount will be included in on your school account. If you do not want your child to attend please send a note to your child's teacher.

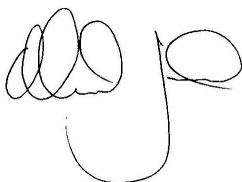
GMS SCHOOL FEES 2013

The survey last year gave a very clear indication for the school not to increase school fees. As a result the Board of Trustees have left the school fees as they were last year (\$50 for one child, \$100 for two children and \$110 for three or more children). There is a 10% discount for school fees paid by the end of Term 1.

The cost for the bus transport when your child has swimming lessons is \$15 per child. This amount can be paid once you have received your account. Invoices will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Have a great week. Enjoy your weekend.
Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal



TAEKWON-DO classes at Greenmeadows School Hall. now taking place.

General Class 6.00pm-7.30pm, Monday & Wednesday (includes adults)

Mini kids (5-7 yrs) 5.00pm - 5.45pm Monday only

FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSONS - Family discounts available

Run by experienced, mature, internationally qualified Instructors

Check out <http://www.rtrtkd.co.nz/> or phone 0210323233

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at Greenmeadows School. SUMMER SPORTS EXTRAVANGANZA is designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. The coaches this term will be Ihaia & Dan. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enroll please fill in the registration form or for further info contact Alex Jones athb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8434219.

For Singing, Keyboard / Piano and Theory tuition
Please phone Rose Whiting on 8452900

SCHOOL BANKING

This has started again for the year. Our day for banking is Thursdays.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ)

13 Feb Greenmeadows School canteen reopens

15 Feb School assembly 12.20pm start

18 Feb The Minstrel performs at GMS

1 Mar Term 1 reports sent home

