

Gore Main School Newsletter

Week 2 GMS Newsletter 2022



What's Up Mr Puna???



Kia ora whanau - We hope everyone had an awesome Waitangi weekend. It has been a great start to the year for our tamariki and have all settled in really well. Our classroom programmes are all up and running and we are getting into some PAT testing in the coming week. Literacy remains one of our main focus areas this year and we will be working with other schools in the Eastern Southland Kahui Ako to help lift achievement across all year levels. Mrs McKenzie is the Kahui Ako Across School Teacher and is working closely with other schools and providing our staff with valuable professional development. Mrs Russell (GMS Deputy Principal) will be completing our Health

and PE Curriculum review and developing our GMS Curriculum Years 1-6. Miss Burgess is about to pick the Enviro-Council for 2022. Applications close next Tuesday.

Due to the current restriction we have decided not to hold the annual 'Meet the Teacher Night'. Teachers have been in touch with newsletters and are available via email or by appointment should you require a meeting (Please not all one to one meetings require parents and teachers to wear a mask).

We will be holding 'Parent Teacher Meetings' around week 4-5. These meetings are a great opportunity to set goals for the year and to look at what you can do at home to help your child's learning.

Reading Diaries are all out with your child. We want to get all of our children up to 200 reading nights by the end of the year. Diaries require a little bit of your help. 5-10 minutes a night or as many nights during the week as you can go a long way. We currently have a competition for the class to get the highest percentage of the class to 25 reading nights by the 28th February/1st March. This class wins a prize from Mr Puna. Parents we ask that you either help children to fill their diary out or sign it each week to acknowledge their hard work. Our teacher will keep track of their reading nights and to know when it is time to come and see Mr Puna.

Thank you to everyone who has been transferring over to eTap. We know it's annoying but we thank you for working through this. Communication is extremely important within a school and this app will give us immediate connection with all families. This type of app is also helpful in case of an emergency so it is extremely important that you have access to this. We don't know what is around the corner with Omicron, and if we need to isolate a class or classes we will need to contact everyone fast.

Athletics

Unfortunately because of the current restrictions Sport Southland have decided to postpone

Southland Athletics until Term 4. We have decided along with most of the other schools around Gore to carry on with our GMS Athletics Day on the 4th March. Unfortunately, like last year, parents/caregivers/spectators will not be able to attend this event. We are currently working through how to hold the event safely and to stay within the rules.

GMS RED Light Safety Plan. This plan follows the framework as set out by the Ministry of education.

- **All Year 4-6 Children must wear masks inside unless they have an approved medical exemption.**
- **We ask that parents provide their child with a mask but we will have some at school should they forget them.**
- **From the 4th February all children Year 4 and up are required to wear masks on buses.**
- **No Assemblies unless outside and classes are spaced apart.**
- **Children to be dropped off and picked up from the gate.**
- **We will have stagger finishing time to start with to reduce congestion.**
- **Room 1-5 2.50pm finish and leave at the middle gate and Room 7-9 3pm and leave at the crossing gate.**
- **No parents in classrooms other than in Room 1-2 and only to settle the child, and we ask that you leave when the child is settled/happy. These parents must wear masks and sign in at the top of the ramp.**
- **All other parents please drop off and pick up at the gate and maintain 1 metre distance from each other after school.**
- **Children from 5-11 years are now eligible to get vaccinated.**
- **If children are sick (with COVID or flu like symptoms) they must stay home and get tested.**

- **If you or your child get COVID please notify GMS as soon as possible so that we can start the process. This information will be kept confidential.**
- **We will seek advice from the Ministry of Education about how to deal with each case or notification.**
- **Parents should be prepared for children needing to stay at home and this could be for as long as 14 days.**
- **Children will not be allowed at school if instructed to isolate at home.**
- **Online distance learning will be made available if children or classes are required to stay home.**
- **Please make sure you have access to Seesaw via your classroom teacher.**
- **Our focus is still very much on education and progress of learning, if you need to talk with your classroom teacher please do so by email, phone or ask for an appointment after 3.15pm.**

Please follow all of the points stated above. We know that this topic comes with many different opinions. Some people don't agree with vaccinations and some of you might not agree with the mask wearing. We are only following what is set out by the Ministry of Education. Think of masks as just another piece of uniform like sun hats. This plan is about keeping everyone safe at school during this tricky time. Hopefully the framework/rules won't be required for long and we can move back to a sense of normality. We will keep you up to date with what is happening at school. If you have any questions or concerns about the current situation please direct them to principal@goremain.school.nz and we let the teachers focus on teaching.

Schools & Kura at Red



Masks are required to be worn by students Year 4 and up when indoors

Teachers and staff must wear masks when teaching and supporting children in Years 4 and up.

Ākonga year 4 and above must wear masks on school transport and public transport from 4 February.

Curriculum related activities - activities with large numbers of students should not go ahead

Non-curriculum related events should be limited and may only go ahead if a vaccination certificate is required.

Support for off site learning will be provided for those who are advised to stay at home

Schools and Kura are OPEN with staff and students onsite

Junior School News

Junior Syndicate News

Kia ora Everyone,

Last week we had all our wonderful children very excited to be back at school. We heard lots of amazing stories about their holidays and it sounds like all families had a great break. All children have settled into school and class routines so quickly and are happy to be back learning and playing with their friends.

The junior school is going to be doing lots of fun activities this year and we are looking forward to having you all along on our learning journey with us.

Please ensure you have logged into your child's seesaw account as soon as possible to ensure you keep up to date with your child's class activities and any important information.

Please feel free to contact us at any time via seesaw or email.

Email addresses:

Room 1: cathypuna@goremain.school.nz

Room 2: reneesinclair@goremain.school.nz

Room 3: emmaburgess@goremain.school.nz

Room 4: kature@goremain.school.nz

Room 5: rosemckenzie@goremain.school.nz

Here are some photos of each class in our junior team this year- check us out!





Senior School News

Kia ora Everyone,

Welcome back to school and the very first newsletter message from the Senior Team. This year, we welcome Denise Hall into our team. Denise will be working every morning in Room 8. Denise has a wealth of teaching experience and it is great to have on the team. There are 92 awesome children in the senior team split between the three classrooms. All the teachers can always be contacted by email.

Room 9 - Julie Bensemann
juliebensemann@goremain.school.nz

Room 9 - Lana Williams
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Room 8 - Kath Russell
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Room 8 - Denise Hall
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Room 7 - Natasha McColl
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Wearing masks in the classroom has been a new experience for everyone and on hot days definitely not an enjoyable one. We are having regular breaks outside so the masks can be removed. The children have been coping extremely well with the masks.

Athletics is still going ahead on Friday 4 March. We will be practising athletics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, weather permitting. The children will practise with their class rotating around the different disciplines.

Room Eight News

There are 35 children in Room 8 this year and two teachers. We have spent time over the past eight days getting to know everyone and establishing routines and expectations. The children have worked collaboratively to establish a class treaty which sets out how they want all to behave in the classroom. Writing will be a major focus in Room Eight during 2022 and all the children have designed their own writing folders where they will store and share their published work.

Have a great week.
Regards
Kath Russell
Deputy Principal



GMS Stationary List

All stationary lists are available online via our website or you can request a list at Paper Plus Gore. [Link to stationary list](#)

School Uniform

Time for the sunhat reminder. Still some children with no sunhat. Please ensure that your child has their school sunhat at school every day.

Teacher Only Day

On Friday 11th March 2022 school will be closed for staff professional development. This means a long weekend for you and your whanau.

Subway Friday

Subway orders are every Friday and must be placed before 8am each Friday morning.

Piano, Keyboard Lessons

Any child interested in taking piano or keyboard lessons you can contact: Mrs Sutherland who lives close to the school and her number is 2081741 if interested.

Enrol Today

If your 4 year old is not enrolled then come and see us today. We have limited spaces left for 2022. Call the office and book an appointment with Mr Puna. If you know someone who should come to GMS then tell them to get in touch with us today.

GMS Discovery Time Transition Programme

Turning 5 and starting school can be a stressful time for 5 year olds and also for parents. At GMS we are making that transition as seamless as possible. When you enrol at GMS and from around 4.5 years old, you can bring your child along to Discovery Time. Discovery Time is every Wednesday from 1.30-2.30pm. This gives your child time to become familiar with teachers, classmates, older children and the principal. There is no limit to the amount of sessions you can come to. By day 1 your child will be running into school.

Shooting Star Awards

Room 1: Kyle Johnson - amazing at sounding out words.

Hayley Bradley - being happy to give everything a go.

Room 2: Rome Hufkie - fantastic reading with Miss Sinclair this week.

Shelby Baxter - working super hard on all her work.

Room 3: August McKay - getting onto his writing quickly & quietly.

Maaka Rangiuiaia - working hard at his numbers before & after.

Room 4: Pomme Grimaldi - giving 100% at everything she is asked to do.

Toby Brown - made a fantastic start to Year2.

Room 5: Oscar Swindells & Ollie Heywood - an excellent start to Year 3.

Room 7: Charlie Grant - great descriptive writing.

Billie Smith - great vocabulary choices in writing.

Room 8: Tyson Williams-Parima outstanding work habits - always completing all your work.

Kade Allen - always being on task & giving 100% to everything.

Room 9: Felicity Cullen - great job at Maths.

Riley Clarke - super job at writing.

Values Awards

Room 1: Isaac Raymond - helping others without being asked.

Room 2: Annie Lamb - showing integrity during group work & encouraging others to follow.

Room 3: Janina De Waal - showing integrity by always doing the right thing.

Room 4: Khloe Wylie - being an awesome person of integrity that can always be trusted to do a great job.

Room 5: Hunter Scott - amazing maturity & shows integrity at all times.

Room 7: Jordan Goodwin - always on track & doing the right thing!

Room 8: Kobi Mercer - always acting with integrity.

Molly Williamson - always doing the right thing.

Room 9: Vada Peterson - always doing the right thing even when no one is watching.



Dates Term 1

- 2nd February - Term 1 starts
- 7th February - Waitangi Day (School Closed)
- 9th February - Discovery Time starts at 1.30pm
- 4th March - Athletics Day
- 11th March - Teacher Only Day
- 11th April - Year 6 Camp
- 14th April - Last Day Term 1

Outstanding fees

Hi everyone, this is a reminder regarding overdue fees.

Over the next week or two there will be invoices sent home only to students/families who have accounts outstanding to be paid. The invoices are for activities that the students have participated in during 2021 and the odd one in 2020. I would really appreciate it if these could be paid as we are now running into activities for 2022 and would be good to have the previous years cleared.

These same invoices were sent out in Term 4 2021 and may have been overlooked which I do understand happens.

Any queries when you do receive the invoice please let me know.

Many thanks Jan.

New StoryWalk Book

The Travel Bug by Benjamin Gilmour is a wonderful story about the journey of a bug with an identity crisis who doesn't know who he is or where he's from. While journeying the world to find answers he meets wonderful creatures, sees amazing sights, and eats delicious food.

Bonus learning alongside boosting literacy:

Objects to find hidden in the pictures on each page

Map to take from the first StoryWalk® post to fill in country names as you go

Flags to match with the countries from the Welcome Trail signs

Heaps of virtual travel links on the last StoryWalk® signpost

StoryWalk® Up Mid Jan - March 2022

Pack a snack bag and travel the world on this newest StoryWalk®! Challenge yourself to seek and find the objects on each page.

THE TRAVEL BUG
Benjamin Gilmour
James Gulliver Hancock

Grab a map from the start of the StoryWalk® or the Gore Library to fill in as you go.

GORE DISTRICT LIBRARIES

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Have your contact details changed?

If your contact details have changed or you feel as though you haven't heard from us in a long time then we might have the wrong contact information. Please contact Jan in the office today and let us know.

HAVE A GO PICKLEBALL
FOR FREE 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Sunday 27 February / Sunday 6 March

COME CHECK OUT THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN NEW ZEALAND!

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- Equipment provided
- Instruction
- Free admission

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SchoolStream is Ending Soon

Please remember we will be changing from SchoolStream to eTap Parent App by the end of term 1.

Be sure to stay up to date with what is going on at Gore Main School by liking our Facebook or visiting our website

<https://goremain.weebly.com>

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