

Friday 17th May 2019



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NEWSLETTER

May
27th Junior Cross Country
28th Junior Cross Country
Save day
29th Strike Day – school
will be closed
31st Teacher Only Day

June
3rd Queen's Birthday
(school is closed)
4th Yr 3-6 X Country
(Wainoni Park)
11am – 1.30pm
6th Save Day Yr 3-6
X Country
FOGS meeting

Term Dates 2019

31st Jan – 12th April
29th April – 5th July
22nd July – 27th September
14th October – December
(date to be confirmed)

For School Donations and
Activity fees:

School Bank Account
Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

Our PRIDE values of **Perseverance, Respect, Initiative, Diligence** and **Excellence** are very important to us at school. We really enjoy giving out PRIDE certificates when we catch children obviously showing our values, these are displayed in the office, before coming home with the children. It is always lovely to see the children bring a parent into the office to show them their certificate up on the PRIDE wall! In the last two weeks, the children who have gained these awards are: Leo Nielsen, Cooper Aldous, Owain Yin' Beale, Cole Harrison, Isabelle Butler, Jon-Henry Holman, Alexander Hartnall, Dylan Yin, Alicia Yang, Kyla Hurley, Azra Isara, Ella Williams, Sophia Baker, Lucia Pascoe.

I was fortunate to have been involved with the Enterprise Group over the last few weeks, a group of amazing year 6 children who organised and ran our Mother's Day Market. They organised the event, with some help from our wonderful FOGS (Friends of Greenhithe School) group. I'd like to say thank you to these children who used their lunchtimes and morning teas to plan such a great event and definitely showed the school value of **initiative**: Aria Tulp, Maisie Tjauw, Cohen Crawford, Zahara Tibbotts, Zara McDonald and Noah McNaughton.

We have some amazing things coming up at school, including a science roadshow, lots of wonderful trips and other cultural, artistic and sporting opportunities. In order to ensure these all go ahead, can we ask those of you who pay activity fees or donations termly to pop in and make your contribution for this term to ensure these activities and experiences for your child can go ahead.

Thank you to the FOGS groups for another fun filled disco. The children had a fantastic time and we couldn't put on these experiences without the volunteers who helped out. We really appreciate your time and hard work. We also held a mix and mingle in the year two block where we had the school charter up, which showed the direction for our school over the coming years, we had kids from Albany Senior High School sharing some of the impact projects that they are working on within our school. Our Community of Learning lead principal, Maree Bathurst from Albany Primary also came along to share some information about our local Community of Learning and the opportunities our children are getting as a result of Greenhithe School's involvement in the group.

We have two dates coming up that have already been shared on the website. The Teacher Only Day on **Friday 31st May** is a very important day for our teachers and leaders at school. The Community of Learning (CoL) Conference is a day that all the local community of learning schools come together to discuss how we can collaborate effectively to provide the best

education for your kids that we can. Teachers get the chance to work together and examine how the schools can share resources and ideas that enhance the learning experiences at all of the CoL schools.

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on **Wednesday 29 May** as the government has not moved to alleviate the problems we have within the teaching profession. The Board will send out a notification of the strike to parents later today.

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Stephen Grady
Principal
Greenhithe School

SPORTS CORNER

CROSS COUNTRY (practice walk)

Your child should have come home with a letter today about our School Cross Country practice day for Years 3-6 children. If you are able to help with the practice walk, please return the notice to your classroom teacher.

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Reminder, if you haven't completed the online registration for Year 3-6 children, please do so by next week. Thank you to those of you who have done it already.



CONGRATULATIONS

Jessica from Room 14 recently competed in a Stage 2 gymnastics competition and placed first! Jessica will be representing our school next month in the North Harbour Schools competition - good luck Jessica!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If there is anything that you would like included in the school newsletter, an achievement that you think is worth sharing, please email me at sharonh@greenhithe.school.nz

Sharon Hilton-Jones
Sports Co-ordinator

GREENHITHE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Some ideas for making reading at home a fun thing to do

It is hard to make time to read with your children these days, when there are so many other choices for things to do - and even harder to make it seem like fun! Here are a few ideas:

- Read jokes from a joke-book out loud to each other
- Do some baking together and get them to read the recipe
- Take turns reading each sentence of a story
- Read a website or blog together that is about your child's favourite thing - a famous person, dinosaurs, birds, Star Wars, Pokemon, football, chess, Harry Potter...
- Join the public library (our closest branches are Te Manawa next to Northwest shopping centre, Glenfield, and Albany) and choose some books from different areas - graphic novels, non-fiction, fiction
- Joining the public library also gives you free access to e-book borrowing, and to a massive amount of magazines (for both children and adults). Definitely worth a look, and it will work on your phone too!

Yr 5s and Yr 6s chosen for Northwest Book Battle Teams

After the tryouts for the 2019 Book Battle, I am happy to announce the 8 people that will be battling it out on Friday 28 June against many other schools, using their amazing knowledge of books:

Dan Bright, Seren Codd, Reuben Ebel-Brown, Isla Gilby, Sienna Houkamau, Taylor McCabe, Mikayla Reid, Maya Williams. We have already started training and hope to do well again this year!

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I welcome any queries, suggestions and ideas from children and parents about our library service - my email is krisp@greenhithe.school.nz.

The Greenhithe Library blog is at <http://gh-c-library.blogspot.co.nz/>

Happy reading!

Mrs Parlane

Yummy Apple Sticker Promotion

The Yummy Apple sticker promotion has started again. Your child has been sent home with a sheet to collect Yummy Apple stickers.

The promotion runs for Term 2 and Term 3. At the end of Term 3, we will send out sticker sheets in and redeem them for sports equipment. The sports equipment restocks our PE shed and we donate a portion to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Please drop completed forms off to the office and collect a new sticker chart. Your participation in this promotion is greatly appreciated.

Coding Club

Our year 3-4 Coding Club completed their Level 1 certificate in term 1 learning how to create web pages in HTML. This term they're learning Javascript and are programming their own web-based calculators. Coding Club is a weekly after-school program and is run by Daniel Williams with the assistance of Mike Gilby. Contact daniel@w5.nz



Uniform Centre

School Uniform Centre retail store will be closed Friday the 24th and Saturday 25th of May.

We will be reopening Monday the 27th of May at our new retail store across the road at:

588 Remuera Road (the old Bruce McLaren/Upland Rd Motors).

Our online store is still open, please be aware orders placed during the closure of the retail store will be dispatched on Monday the 27th.

Hockey Programme

Please see below for our grass roots hockey programme called Fun Sticks, it is designed for children aged 5 - 7 year olds. They are a perfect way to provide your pupils a hockey experience so that they can play for their school once they are older. In this programme they will learn basic hockey skills, build motor skills and create an understanding of the game. Being involved with this programme will hopefully translate into more interested children wanting to play hockey for their school from Year 3 onwards.

We would greatly appreciate any promotion of this programme within your school. This email has been designed so that it can be copied and forwarded on (see line below). Registration and website links are included for parents.

Attached is a flyer for distribution around your school. We run this programme at 6 different locations with the aim to have one close to your school. This is to reduce the logistical nightmare of travel and transport that we know some parents have to juggle. Therefore please promote the satellite closest to your school, they are listed below.

Thank you

Fun Sticks is our grass roots hockey programme that is designed to give interested and keen kids a chance to have a go at hockey. It is aimed at pre-primary grade players and new entrants.

Year 1, 2 & 3 (ages 5 - 7)

Have fun, play, learn, explore and make new friends!!

The programme runs during Term 2 & 3

- A highly engaging environment that keeps players active and involved throughout the programme
- Designed to develop basic hockey skills and create an understanding of the game
- Build essential motor and fundamental movement skills
- Skill based activities and small-sided games
- **A two week trial period is available at the beginning of each programme** **please complete registration and submit without making payment*
- Sticks are available onsite for new players

Rosedale Fun Sticks

Venue: Harbour Hockey Stadium

When: Saturday Mornings 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Term 2: 18 May, 25 May, 8 June, 15 June, 22 June, 29 June

Term 3: 27 July, 3 Aug, 10 Aug, 17 Aug, 24 Aug, 31 Aug

Cost: \$100.00

Devonport Fun Sticks

Venue: Takapuna Grammar School

When: Tuesday Afternoons 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Term 2: 21 May, 28 May, 4 June, 11, June, 18 June, 25 June
Term 3: 23 July, 30 July, 6 Aug, 13 Aug, 20 Aug, 27 Aug
Cost: \$100.00

Albany West Fun Sticks

Where: Kristin School Turf
When: Saturday Mornings 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Term 2: 18 May, 25 May, 8 June, 15 June, 22 June, 29 June
Term 3: 27 July, 3 Aug, 10 Aug, 17 Aug, 24 Aug, 31 Aug
Cost: \$100.00

Beach Haven Fun Sticks

Venue: Beach Haven Leisure Centre (Shepherd's Park)
When: Wednesday Afternoons 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
Term 2: 22 May, 29 May, 5 June, 12 June, 21 June, 26 June
Term 3: 24 July, 31 Jul, 7 Aug, 14 Aug, 21 Aug, 28 Aug
Cost: \$100.00

Hibiscus Coast Fun Sticks

Venue: Metro Park Hockey Turf
When: Saturday Mornings 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Term 2: 18 May, 25 May, 8 June, 15 June, 22 June, 29 June
Term 3: 27 July, 3 Aug, 10 Aug, 17 Aug, 24 Aug, 31 Aug
Cost: \$100.00

Huapai Fun Sticks

Venue: Huapai Primary School
When: Tuesday Afternoons 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
Term 2: 21 May, 28 May, 4 June, 11, June, 18 June, 25 June
Term 3: 23 July, 30 July, 6 Aug, 13 Aug, 20 Aug, 27 Aug
Cost: \$100.00

See website for more information and to register. www.harbourhockey.org.nz

Participation Programmes - Fun Sticks