

## Senior School Newsletter

Term 3 2019



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back!

We hope you have enjoyed your holidays and are ready for a new term, jam packed with lots of interesting learning opportunities for everyone.

### **Literacy News**

This term our big focus is on speech writing. The children will have an opportunity to present their speech using a 'Ted Talk' style. We are lucky enough to have some input from Albany Senior High School students.

### **Reading**

There is much more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. When children can read (or decode) texts with increased confidence, as many of our senior students can, the learning emphasis shifts towards developing a deep understanding of what they read, including making comparisons, judgements and forming opinions on the writing of others. Reading at home will strengthen comprehension and build vocabulary skills. These tips might help students and parents with reading outside of school:

- Aim to visit a local library at least once a term or during the holidays to increase the variety of books available to your family.
- Comparing opinions about articles in newspapers or magazines is a good place to begin, especially if your time is limited.

### **Mathematics**

This term the Year 5 and 6 classes will continue to cross group for maths three days a week. The teachers will continue working together to ensure that we provide a carefully targeted maths programme. The students will also take part in maths teaching in their own classrooms. Below are some websites that you may find useful:

[www.mathletics.co.nz](http://www.mathletics.co.nz)

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

<http://nzmaths.co.nz/families>

<http://www.math-exercises-for-kids.com/>

<http://www.prototec.co.nz/maths.html>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

### **Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)**

This term we will be working through a unit called 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. This programme is designed by the New Zealand Police force and it enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students will be taught how to recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships. The educational constable will meet with any parents who would like more information on Tuesday 13th August 2-2:45pm in the school staffroom.

### **Art Exhibition**

The students are working on a piece of art to display in our upcoming Art Exhibition. Please set some time aside to view the work. The exhibition will be open in the school hall on Wednesday 11th September from 3-4:30pm and again on Thursday 12th September 6-7:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

### **Activity Fees**

Thank you to those who have already paid their activity fees. If you still need to pay, please could you pay the fee (\$35 per term) for any unpaid terms. Your school donation is also very important to us to assist with curriculum related items. This can be paid online or to the school office. ASB 12 3109 0011698 00 (please put your child's name as a reference).

### **Future Dates To Note:**

Saturday 3rd August <b>Quiz Night</b>
Thursday 8th August <b>Rippa Tournament</b> (saver day Tuesday 13th)
Tuesday 13th <b>Keeping Ourselves Safe parent meeting</b> 2-2.45pm
Thursday 15th <b>Kristin Winter Sports Day</b> (saver day Friday 16th)
Thursday 22nd August <b>Storyline visit</b>
Friday 23 August <b>World of Maths</b>
Monday 26 August <b>Northern Bays Football Tournament</b>
Friday 6th September <b>Disco</b>
Wednesday 11 September 3pm-4.30pm and Thursday 12th Sept 6-7.30pm <b>Art Exhibition</b>
Friday 13th Sept (TBC) <b>FOGS Wine Tour</b>
Friday 27th Sept <b>Last day of term 3!</b> Normal finishing time at 3pm

Communication between the school and parents/caregivers is important. Please feel comfortable in contacting your child's teacher if you have any queries about their learning. You can also contact the team leaders if you need to:

Jenny Bate – Year 5 Team Leader: [jennyb@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:jennyb@greenhithe.school.nz)

Zara Fletcher – Year 6 Team Leader: [zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz)

We are looking forward to a fantastic third term.

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