#### Thursday 3rd September 2020



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## NEWSLETTER KAWERONGO

#### September

23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Interviews – 3.30 – 7.30pm 24<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.30pm

Term Dates 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> April 28<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 20<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> October - TBC

For School Donations and Activity fees:

School Bank Account Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

**Uniform Shop Hours (onsite)** 

Tuesday 2.45 – 3.15pm Thursday 8.30 – 9.00am Our children at Greenhithe School are amazing! Yet again they have come in and adapted to the new systems in place. The children have been happy and smiling coming through the gate that I am on in the morning, engaging in cheerful conversation. They have responded well to the hand hygiene and the other safety procedures we have put in place to ensure the wellbeing of your children and our community as a whole. Our teachers have done a great job in preparing the learning for the return and ensuring the health protocols are embedded.

It was absolutely vital that we had full confidence in our hand hygiene measures and reorganisation of the school routines, such as staggered lunches and morning tea times, cleaning routines and the many other little protocols we have brought in, before we open the school to our regular providers and also allow more movement around the school. Once the children have got the routine of washing and sanitizing hands as they leave and enter any room, without prompting, we can be confident that we have a safe environment to reintroduce some of our providers.

We will continue with all our gate, entry and exit routines that the children have adapted so well to. Due to the requirement for us to record the details of anyone, including parents, who enter the site, only staff and students will be allowed on the school grounds (other than if a parent has an urgent need to visit the school office). Therefore we are continuing to require ALL parents to drop their child at the gate and allow them to come in on their own, with a friend or supported by a teacher, who will be at the gates. As you know, the school gates will open at 8.30am, please ensure your child doesn't arrive before this time. Children must be picked up from outside the gates at the end of the school day, not within the grounds, please do not come on the site to collect/drop your child.

We will maintain all the health and safety protocols that are in place. However we will begin to let some of the 'extras' begin. Things like the in class groups with our amazing learning assistants, music groups, some educational facilitators from outside agencies, Kapa Haka and our Kairangatira Programme (GATE) will be allowed to restart with some different protocols, including group size limits. Please feel assured that whoever comes on site next week will have to adhere to all our safety protocols, sign in and tracing procedures. People who come to work with individual students from outside of our school bubble also will have their own spaces to work in, not the classrooms, and these areas will be subject to our heightened cleaning routines. These activities continue to reintroduce the routines that feel more normal to our children, but behind the scenes, I want you to be assured that we are not compromising our very high safety standards that I know you expect from us. Only Jiggerbobs after school care and the Before School Programme in Room 28 will be running onsite until the end of term. All other after school programmes have been postponed until after the upcoming school holidays.

#### Key Factors For the Ongoing Safety of the Children

Again, our overriding priority is the safety of the children in our care. Please support this by reminding children about:

- The importance of handwashing/sanitizing hands
- Coughing into elbows
- No sharing food or stationery/devices they are bringing from home
- If your child is sick or displaying cold symptoms, they must be kept at home
- Your child will require a water bottle, as fountains are closed
- The need to stay out of each others' breathing zone
- Ensure they are clear on their after school pick up routine

#### Maths Photo Competition

Thank you to all of the students who entered our maths photo competition for Maths Week. There were some wonderful entries showing maths in all sorts of different ways. Congratulations to the following students:

1st place junior syndicate- Ash Hurst Rm 3 1st place middle syndicate- Tristan Bhosale Rm 15 1st place senior syndicate- Piper Harrison Rm 20 Runner-up middle school- Jessica Allen - Rm 14 Runner-up senior school- Aayoung Joung - Rm 24

#### **Contact Details**

Please ensure your phone numbers, email, home address and emergency contact information for your child is up to date! If your child gets hurt or is sick it is vital we have the correct information. Please contact the office if your details have changed so we can keep our records up to date.

#### Parent Conferences

We were disappointed to have to postpone the conferences earlier this term. Especially as these formed part of the reporting cycle, with the discussion around the progress that was indicated on the shortened report, designed to be taken together to form a full picture of progress and next steps in learning. We are rescheduling these conferences for Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September. Obviously there will be some new protocols around entering the site, waiting for a conference time etc, however, despite these protocols making the conferences more complex to organise, we want to go ahead and ensure we can keep you informed both how we are supporting your child's learning and also how you can support your child at home.

Below is the link and the access code to sign up for an interview. We will send out specific information about the exact protocols for the conferences nearer the time, ensuring we are meeting all the requirements of the Covid Alert Level at that time as well as ensuring the health and safety of the staff and community.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Code: e2nr5

We thank you for your support of the changed routines and systems we have put in place. Everything we are doing as a school is designed to maintain the safety of our children, staff and community.

Ngā mihi

Stephen Grady Principal Greenhithe School

### SPORTS CORNER Korero hākinakina

#### Sport Update

We wish that we had more information to share with you, however, since the Covid situation is ever changing we can only reassure you that all sporting codes are working very hard to develop Covid 19 procedures and policies and come up with ways how to safely continue with sport. Thank you all very much for your patience. Unfortunately all sports are still on hold until we have a further update. Nothing has been officially cancelled, including hockey, netball, flippaball, miniball, and rippa rugby – everything has been postponed. This includes all training here at school for now.

Please keep in touch with your coaches and managers if you need any information. We try to pass on every email, however, all the sporting codes depend on the government, the level of lockdown we are in and the permitted size of gatherings. So we all just have to wait and see.

**Sharon Hilton-Jones** 

**Sports Coordinator** 





Tuesday, 1 September 2020

#### To our Auckland whānau

This letter is to inform you about the service delivery for the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service).

During Level 3, there were national restrictions on the health services able to be offered to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19. This included restrictions on routine dental treatments and check-ups. Because of this, we have now commenced our COVID-19 Recovery Plan. This means we need to firstly offer appointments to children who have been identified as requiring treatment and those waiting the longest for their routine examination. We also offer an acute service for any child who is experiencing dental pain. In addition, during the transition to Level 2 there may be some restrictions in the range of dental treatments that we are able to provide.

We apologise in advance for the delays this will cause for some children who are due a routine check-up. Please be assured that we will contact you as soon as we are able to offer your child an appointment with our service.

In the meantime, if your child is in pain or you have immediate concerns with their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH (0800-8255-83384). Our staff will be available to discuss your concerns with you directly, and will offer your child an appointment if required.

For more information as well as our top tips for keeping your child's smile bright, please search 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website – <u>www.waitematadhb.govt.nz</u>.

Kind regards,

Adelle Rongokea Unit Manager – ARDS Waitematā DHB

Kirsten L Miller

Dr Kirsten Miller Acting Clinical Director - ARDS Waitematã DHB

# OPENDAY



20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 10:30 - 1:30pm TRY BMX FOR FREE

#### TIMETABLE

10:30 12:00 12:30 1:30 Sign-in, Gear Up, Ride Racing Demo Jumping Demo Lolly Scramble

#### **EVENTS ON THE DAY**

Demos, Prizes, Raffles, Canteen (incl. Burgers, Chips & Gluten Free options), Lolly Scramble.

#### WHAT TO BRING

A Bike: BMX, Balance, Mountain, they are all welcome. Some Protection: Long Pants, Long Top, Shoes, Gloves & Helmet. Limited Race Bikes & Full Face Helmets are available for use on the day.

#### WAITAKERE BMX CLUB 103 Glen Rd, Ranui, West Auckland

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#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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#### WHAT ARE ETHOS ACADEMY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES?

Ethos is the brainchild of two PE teachers, Peter and Jamie. They saw a gap in New Zealand's current offering of school holiday programmes. So, they decided to create one.

Their teaching experience taught them that sports and games are incredibly important for kids as they learn to navigate the real world.

Simply put, Ethos Academy school holiday programs are a fun way to entertain and educate your kids during the school holidays.

We take sports and combine them with values to ensure kids are not only having a blast, but learning how to navigate the world in a positive way.

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#### THE DETAILS

#### TIMING

- Drop off from 8am
- Programme runs from 9am 4pm
- Pick up before 5:15pm
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#### COSTS

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- \$55 per day or \$129 for 3 days
- First week 29th September 1st October
- Long Bay College
- Second Week 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> October -Hobsonville Point Secondary School

#### BOOK ONLINE:

SIGNUP.ETHOSACADEMY.CO.NZ

