



NEWSLETTER

EVENTS COMING UP

February

24 Parent/Teacher
Interviews – school
Finishes 1..00pm

March

2 Junior/Middle School
Swimming Sports
3 Senior Swimming
Sports
4 Save Day Senior
Swimming Sports
5 Save Day Junior/Middle
Swimming Sports
11 Inter-School Swimming
Sports
12 Save Day Inter-School
Swimming Sports

Term Dates 2010

Term 1 Thurs 4th Feb – Start
Thurs 1st Apr – End

Term 2 Mon 19th April- Start
Friday 2nd July –End

Term 3 Mon 19th July – Start
Frid 24th Sept - End

Term 4 Mon 11th Oct – Start

Quote: “There is a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.”

Welcome back one and all to our first newsletter of the year. I would also like to say a warm welcome to all our new families and children. This promises to be another exciting and eventful year. It will be a little disruptive due to the building going on around the place. It will be lovely when we have the new classroom block completed and we are workman and obstacle free. We are also looking this year to improve our school playing and eating areas and tidy up some of our access pathways. There will be more information on all projects and plans for the year after our next Board of Trustees meeting.

Did you know elections for the Board of Trustees will be happening this year? We are always looking for keen parents to put their names forward.

The Election Day will be 7th May and Nicky Simms will be the Returning Officer. Important dates to remember: Call for nominations-15th March. The nominations close on the 23rd April. If there is anyone out there who is thinking about standing you are welcome to phone for a chat and I can answer any of your questions. Give it some thought.

Below I have printed a full list of staff who are employed for this year. Because we now have such a large staff I thought it would be useful to see exactly where everybody fits in. We are very fortunate to have had most of our staff return. We welcome Mrs McCorkindale to the junior syndicate. Tania was teaching at Maungawhau last year and has now shifted into the Greenhithe area. We are extremely pleased to have her at Greenhithe School. Dawn Pollard has moved into the middle syndicate and Sarah Waller has moved into the senior area. Both ladies bring their considerable strengths to their new syndicates.

Newsletter Advertising

We are constantly asked by parents and companies if they are able to advertise in our newsletter. We endeavour to keep our newsletter advert free and to include more of our children's work.

We will continue to exclude major advertising however, as our newsletter is an online read, we do have room to include adds for children based activities and local events and minor local advertising. These will be at the end of the newsletter and will not be printed off with our hard copy editions.

We are at present purchasing a new noticeboard to go on the wall outside the office. This should be arriving soon and will provide an opportunity for local events to be advertised.

Communication

We endeavour to be open in our communication with parents at all times. We appreciate hearing if you have any concerns. Please let us know so we can work together and rectify any problems. Already this term I have heard some parents address a concern to teachers and office staff in a very direct and forceful manner. We are here to work with you, for your children, not against. If you need to get something off your chest please come and see the management staff.

Peter Marshall
Principal

STAFF 2010

Management Staff

Peter Marshall	Principal
Jacki Harrison	Deputy Principal
Heather Walker	Deputy Principal
Jenny Bate	Team Leader Yr 5-6
Marie McPhail	Team Leader Yr 3-4
Rachael Mulholland	Team Leader Yr 0-2
Judi Mayn	Office manager

Management Release

Sharon Hilton-Jones
Judith Howell
Fran Jones
Sandra Spry
Jenelle Sutherland

Senior Syndicate

Sarah Waller	Year 6	Room 21
Heather Treeby	Year 6	Room 20
Jenny Bate	Year 6	Room 19
Stephanie Griffith	Year 5	Room 18
Sarah Susnjak	Year 5	Room 17
Sheryl Hodson	Year 5	Room 16
Shanley/Prue	Year 5	Room 14

Support Staff

Helena de Ruiters	Office Assistant
Barrie Thomson	Caretaker
Jayne Carroll	Librarian
Vicki Matheson	Reading Recovery
Jacqui Broadhurst	Teacher Aide
Karen Hayston	Teacher Aide
Trudi Freeman	Teacher Aide
Caroline Patterson	Teacher Aide
Mirielle Sitters-Neale	Teacher Aide
Julie Lloyd	Teacher Aide
Astrid Houlding	Teacher Aide
Patti Grannis	Teacher Aide
Heather Kvasnicka	Teacher Aide
Jo Iversen	Teacher Aide
Joss Madsen	Teacher Aide

Middle Syndicate

Dawn Pollard	Year 3	Room 25
Anna Swanson	Year 4	Room 22
Anna Keereweer	Year 4	Room 15
Monique Raffills	Year 3/4	Room 13
Marie McPhail	Year 3	Room 12
Andrea Donovan	Year 3	Room 11
Kamini Puna	Year 4	Room 10

Junior Syndicate

Anneliese Restall-Shaw	Year 2	Room 7
Emily Sherpa	Year 2	Room 6
Rachael Mulholland	Year 2	Room 5
Charlotte Ross	Year 2	Room 4
Zara Fletcher	Year 1	Room 2
Charlene Boyd	Year 1	Room 23
Tania McCorkindale	Year 1	Room 24

Curriculum Corner

During 2009 teachers participated in Professional Development in writing, including spelling and grammar. As a result of this we have taken a fresh look at the way we teach spelling at our school. Currently teachers are assessing children's spelling abilities and establishing programmes that will cater for individual needs with this in mind.

In the Junior school the children are being taught high-frequency words for writing as well as being encouraged to use strategies to write words independently.

In the Middle and Senior school the children are compiling lists of words they frequently misspell and practising these regularly throughout the week. We will not be sending these lists home at this point but will include ideas for home practice in a newsletter shortly.

We will be providing information from our professional development that we hope will help you to support your child with their literacy development.

We hope to make this kind of information a regular feature of the fortnightly newsletter and we hope you find it interesting and helpful.

Jacki Harrison and Heather Walker
Deputy Principal

AGM Monday 22nd February – 7.30pm School Staffroom

Our first meeting of the year will start with the AGM, as we mentioned in a newsletter last December, we have decided that the three positions of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary will run for a calendar year instead of as in previous years running from 1st April-31st March.

Please come along if you would like to be nominated or to nominate and vote for any of these three positions. If you would like to take on any of these roles come along to the AGM and put your hand up. In previous years the existing person in the role has reluctantly agreed to stay in the role simply because there has been no one put their hand up to give it a go ... It is very important to have fresh ideas and new people involved.

Chairperson. This position involves chairing the PTA Meetings (which are held approximately twice a term). Liaison with the School Management Team and reporting back to the PTA members or sub committees as required.

Secretary. This position involves taking the minutes at the PTA Meetings, writing up and timely distribution of the minutes. Receipt and response to PTA correspondence. Writing the fortnightly PTA Newsletters.

Treasurer. This position involves recording of PTA income and expenditure and producing an up to date account for each PTA Meeting. Receipt and checking of the bank statements. The payment for any PTA purchases. Banking of PTA funds raised from events. Arranging floats for events.

2010 Events / Fundraisers

If you would like to have some input into the 2010 fundraisers then we would encourage you to come to this first meeting as this is when we discuss and plan the event calendar for the year. Especially if there is an event that you would like to suggest and/or be involved in organising this is the meeting to come to so it can be discussed and put into the calendar for the year.

School Fair 28th March 2010

Our main HUGE fundraiser for 2010 is of course the School Fair, of which planning is well under way. There will be weekly Fair Newsletters leading up to the event which will come out with heaps of details so look out for these each week; starting this week.

Hope to see lots of the "old" as well as plenty of new faces on Monday 22nd at the AGM.

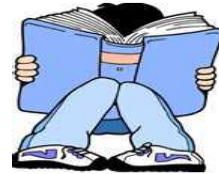
Library News

It's great to see children coming back to the Library eager to borrow books again.

This year, different classes each term will receive Library skills teaching from me during their one hour weekly Library session. First up for Term 1 are rooms 2, 6, 13, 15, 16 and 20. This week we've been recapping Library rules and layout and talking about how to find a suitable book to read.

Library days may need to change from term to term, so please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure of their day.

Just a reminder that Juniors can borrow one book at a time, Middle school children two books and Seniors three books. Please help your children be responsible for keeping their Library books safe (preferably in a Book Bag) and bringing them back to school each week. Children with overdue books are unable to borrow further books.



Thanks very much to everyone for getting Library books returned at the end of last year. It's amazing how many find their way under kids' beds! If you paid for a lost book and it turns up, please leave it with the office and we'll happily refund your money.

Just a reminder too, that if you are ever returning books to the Library, please DO NOT put them back on the shelf. They need to be scanned back in so they come off the child's record. Please place any books for returning in the Returns slot in the Library's front desk.

Thank you
Jayne Carroll

Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk

Your child will be bringing home a note shortly about the Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk which is on Sunday, March 28, at 9am

The Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk is a 5km fun event run by Harbour Sport for all schools in the North Shore and Rodney districts. It begins at Takapuna Grammar School and finishes at the Milford Reserve. At the finish there are spot prizes, games and entertainment for the children. We are one of the few schools that provide all entrants and their families with a free sausage and drink at the end of the event!

All schools that enter the Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk are able to apply for funding from the Shore to Shore Trust for sports equipment. The more people who enter, the more money we receive for sports equipment. It costs \$7 to enter and bus tokens for buses which run from Milford Centre Car Park to the start line are \$3. Last year we had 100 entrants and received \$700 worth of sports equipment which was a fantastic result!

Please mark this day in your calendar. We would love as many Greenhithe families as possible to take part in this day.



Champions is back! Term 1 in Greenhithe School Hall Weekly on Thursday mornings from Feb 11, 8:20 until 8:50am.

30 min of singing, drama and Christian values teaching (using the 'Life Choices' Bible in Schools programme, widely accepted in NZ schools). For the next 5 weeks we will be exploring the topic of 'who is God and what is He like'. Designed to be great fun and empowering for kids.

Sponsored by Shore Grace Church (Greenhithe) and presented by Greenhithe locals Amanda, Denise, Michelle and Steve.

For more info
Amanda Mitchell ph 413 7471
Michelle Yates ph 413 6388

Extra Curricular Activities

Please find listed below extra curricular activities offered at Greenhithe School :

Kelly Sport	Tuesday 3.00-4.30pm
Karate	Wednesday 6.00-8.30pm/Friday 6.00-7.00pm (in school hall)
Playball	Thursday 3.00-4.00pm
Performance Net	Friday 2.00-5.30pm (in school hall)
Piano	Tuesday and Friday (during school hours)
Guitar	Thursday (during school hours)

Information regarding these activities can be obtained from the School Office.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are starting again this Friday. Forms were sent home with children this week and need to be returned to their classroom by 9.00am on Thursday morning. As the orders need to be at New Gusto Café by 11.00am no late orders can be accepted.

Greenhithe Fishing Club

The Annual Greenhithe "Take a Kid Fishing" competition is coming up on Sunday March 21st, hosted by The Malthouse Fishing Club – a great day out on the water with the family.

Fishing area is from the Auckland Harbour Bridge up into the Upper Harbour, with the weigh in and prizegiving at the old school building at Collins Park. Monies raised will go to Greenhithe Scouts and Greenhithe Primary School. Tickets can be purchased from Greenhithe Dairy. If you would like to sponsor this competition contact Steve Wong-Kam on 021 901-210.