



NEWSLETTER

EVENTS COMING UP

August

- 16 School Speech Finals
- 17 Senior Folkdance Grp Festival
- 18-20 Yr 5 EOTC
- 25-27 Yr 6 Camp
- 23 Super Cluster Winter Sports Tournament
- 24 Junior Folkdance Grp Festival
- 24 BOT Meeting 7pm Staff Room
- 27 Daffodil Day
- 31 Class Photos

Term Dates 2010

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

Term 4 Mon 11th Oct - Start
Frid 17th Dec- End

Term Dates 2011

Term 1 Thur 3rd Feb – Start
Frid 15th April – End

Term 2 Mon 2nd May – Start
Frid 15th July – End

Term 3 Mon 1st Aug – Start
Frid 7th October - End

Term 4 Tues 25th Oct – Start
End of Term 4 TBA

Quote of the Week: “If it’s painful for you to criticise your friends – you’re probably safe in doing it. But if you take the slightest pleasure in it, that’s the time to hold your tongue.”

You might notice we have our road patrollers outfitted in some new brightly coloured jackets which are more suitably sized for them. This should keep them warm and noticed. A big thank you to our Mums and Dads (sometimes grandparents) who assist with our patrols. A very necessary job and not all that pleasant in winter. Much appreciated.

A reminder about lost property. We have an ever growing supply kept in our sick bay cupboard. Please feel free to drop in and check at anytime. It has also been noted that there are a number of children appearing without items of uniform. If for some reason they cannot find a part of uniform (jersey on a cold day), we are not inhumane, however, they should bring a note to explain. Otherwise we will be sending out a standard note from the office reminding children of the correct attire. Although we don’t have prescribed school shoes, I don’t think high heels are suitable for girls, or those with wheels on. Sensible and safe shoes please.

Our local community constable has meetings arranged with the council to design a skate park. Money has also been set aside. We want some children to help with the design and features they would like to see on the park.

Contact Hermien Kok – email: hemina.kok@police.govt.nz.

Just a reminder re the drop off area in our bottom car park. It is exactly for that. If you need to come to the office, please park in a car park space. Your co-operation here is appreciated.

Food for thought. How did we kids from the 50’s and 60’s survive?

Our baby cots were covered with brightly coloured lead based paint which was promptly chewed and licked. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, no latches on doors or cabinets and it was fine to play with pans. When we rode our bikes, we wore no helmets. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We ate bread and butter pudding and drank fizzy pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one drink with four friends from one glass or can and no one actually died from this. We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then went top speed down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes.

After running into stinging nettles a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We had friends – we went outside and found them.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits. They were accidents. We learnt not to do the same thing again. We had fights, hurt each other, but learned to get over it. We walked to friends' homes.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate live stuff, and although we were told it would happen, the live stuff did not live inside us forever. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation still managed to produce risk takers and problem solvers and inventors. Amazing isn't it.

Regards Peter Marshall

PTA News Wednesday 11th August 2010

Entertainment Books

We are still waiting on payment for 14 outstanding books. These 14 families will be rung and chased for their payments. Please, if you are one of these people; return your \$65 payment to the office to save someone having to ring and chase you for it – nobody likes to have to make these phone calls and this fundraiser needs to be finalised. Please remember that books cannot be returned in a damaged condition.

Reminder about our confirmed fundraisers for the remainder of 2010

- Entertainment Books (Term 2 – ongoing until the outstanding books/\$\$ come in)
- Artwork Calendars (Term 3)
- Trivia Night (Term 3) We are finding it hard to find a date when our hall is available, no major sporting events are taking place and when our Quiz operator is available. Therefore we are considering moving this event into 2011. We will advise our decision in our next newsletter
- School Disco (Term 4) Date now confirmed as Friday 12th November
- Golf Day (Term 4) Date now confirmed as Thursday 18th November at Pupuke Golf Course
Anyone who is available to help on the day at this event please contact Clare on the email address below – we will need lots of helpers on the day. More information about the Golf Day will follow; how to enter teams etc, etc. At this stage anyone who is interested in entering a team of 4 please email Clare
- Some miscellaneous items such as swim bags / sunscreen etc exact items yet to be confirmed – if you have any suggestions let us know (Term 4)

If anyone has any ideas or comments on the above or any future fundraising ideas, please come along to our next meeting. Or email our secretary on clareandmatt@xtra.co.nz.

If any of you have any suggestions regarding future spending of PTA Funds; and are not able to come to a meeting to present them, please email the secretary on clareandmatt@xtra.co.nz and they will be presented on your behalf. Also, just so you are aware all ideas for spending that we have then go to the school board for their approval.

Ongoing Ink Works printer cartridge recycling

Reminder please drop your used cartridges into the box in the entrance of Room 23 (the room on the top court beside the dental clinic). This is very easy fundraising money for us to earn.

Next PTA Meeting scheduled is; 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd September 2010 in the Staff Room – all welcome to share your ideas.

Sushi from the Greenhithe School Lunch Room

Good news. I have found an alternative sushi supplier who does not require a minimum order and the best part is they do not require pre-ordering the day before. The one change is that the pieces they make are significantly larger (~5cm diameter vs. ~3cm) than the previous supplier so there will now be 3 pieces per box rather than the 5 currently listed. The total weight of product is, however, almost identical. Sushi is still only available on Friday.

Wanted

Wanted: Is there anyone in our community who can help the Seniors learn about 'Survival'. If you are a firefighter, first aid trainer, coast guard, have volunteered in overseas crisis situations or similar and would be willing to talk to classes please contact any of the Year 5 or 6 teachers. Thank you.

Amphitheatre

On Wednesday the 11th of August we went to the building site and the builders were building something different, they were building the amphitheatre. They have already done two steps of concrete and they are putting down the wooden frame so that they are ready for the next layer of concrete.



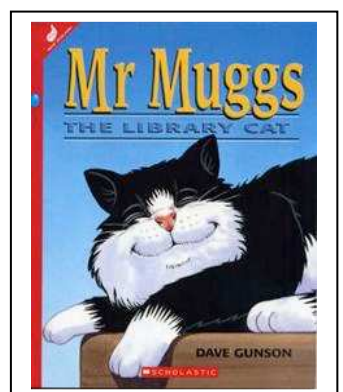
Library News

There are a number of exciting library-related events coming up.

New Zealand Library Week : 16–20th August

This is a nationwide event involving all sorts of libraries around the country. Here at the school library we'll be having competitions and fun lunchtime activities throughout the week. Children should listen to the daily notices to find out what's happening each day.

Your local public library will be an extra exciting place to visit next week too. For example at 10.30am on Wednesday 18th, children, librarians, parents and teachers will gather in libraries everywhere to take part in "New Zealand's Largest Storytime". The story being read this year is "Mr



Muggs, the library cat” by Dave Gunson. Many libraries will have special guest storytellers so go along and take a look.

Check out the Library Week website for more information: <http://www.libraryweek.org.nz/>

Storylines Festival – Free Family Fun Day : Sunday 22nd August



At the Aotea Centre 10am – 3pm. Meet authors, illustrators and storytellers; watch performances; take part in craft activities and competitions... and much, much more!

Writing and illustration workshops for children are also being held on Saturday 21st August. These are a great opportunity for young people to explore their talent for writing or illustrating. They cost just \$15 per workshop and there's a wide variety of topics to choose from. Workshops are held in a number of different venues throughout Auckland.

Visit the Storylines website for more information and to book workshop tickets: <http://www.storylines.org.nz/>

Book Review Competition

Organised by the NZ Book Council in association with Scholastic Books. By entering a review of their favourite book, students could win a prize pack of books from Scholastic.

Winners from three age categories are drawn every two months with the first selection being made on Friday 27th August. The best reviews will be published in “The School Library”, the Book Council’s reviews publication sent to member schools.

The top five reviews will also be featured on the Book Council’s website. Schools with the largest number of entries can also win a pack of new release books for the library. Go to <http://www.bookcouncil.org.nz/> for entry forms and more details.



Enjoy these wonderful events and activities!
Jayne Carroll

Schools Welcome Parent Programme - by Michelle Robinson

Schools are welcoming a programme addressed at parents who are separating.

The Justice Ministry’s programme Parenting Through Separation is being presented at Oteha Valley School over a series of evenings with support from other schools in the region. It caters for parents seeking advice on how to help their children and negotiate issues in a family break up.

The programme has been well received by parents who have attended at various locations since it was launched, but this is the first time schools have provided a venue. It’s being delivered at the school by a new provider appointed by the ministry, Triple P New Zealand. “The large majority of children come through a separation okay but a minority will have less positive outcomes,” Triple P manager and psychologist Jackie Riach says.

She says animosity between parents is one of the strongest predictors of a poor outcome for children.

The programme covers how separation affects children, what they need during separation, talking with them, keeping them away from arguments, communicating with an ex-partner over the arrangements for children, and the Family Court. The sessions are run by psychologists with contribution from a Family Court lawyer. They are running on August 10th and 17th and September 14th and 21st from 7pm until 9pm.

Parents can register by calling Triple P New Zealand on 579-1794.

Glenfield Intermediate School Enrolments 2011 – Yr 7 Students

We invite you to choose Glenfield Intermediate as your preferred education provider for your child in 2011.

Parent and Student Pre-enrolment Information Evening Tuesday, 31st August 2010, 6pm in the School Hall.

Enrolment dates:

Tuesday, 7th September 2.00pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday, 8th September 2.00pm – 5.30pm

Please bring your child's birth certificate/passport and most recent report.

No appointment necessary. Senior Management will be available to meet with parents and students.



**Thursday lunchtimes 12:50pm from August 19
Greenhithe School Hall**

New team – Amanda, Pete, Michelle and Stephenie

Next topics - we are learning to keep our promises, be a true friend and encourage others.

Fundraiser

Kidney Kids Fundraiser
An Entertainment Extravaganza of Song and Dance

Featuring Local Artists
Karen Davy and Gloria Norfolk
and many more in the style of

The Topp Twins
ABBA
Michael Jackson Trilogy
Taylor Swift
Ronan Keating

Plus from Greenhithe School
Madison and Jaime Ham

Greenhithe Village Hall, Saturday 18th September 2010, 7pm
Tickets \$10

Help Kidney Kids of NZ Inc provide support to children with kidney problems
www.kidneykids.org.nz
Book your tickets now - contact: Paula: 09 413 7476 pauliegirl@ihug.co.nz



Greenhithe Playcentre Presents ...

'Bet on A Shore Thing'

Casino Night followed by
Fundraising Auctions

with

Mikey Havoc

Saturday 28th August

Greenhithe Primary School Hall from 7.30pm

\$35 single or \$60 double

(includes nibbles, complimentary drink
and \$1,000,000 Casino Money)

Auction items payment options cash, eftpos or credit card

*For Sale at Auction:
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adventure packages
accommodation
and more*

Contact Careena
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All proceeds to Greenhithe Playcentre Building Project