



NEWSLETTER

February 2012

6th Waitangi Day
7th PTA 7.30pm
16th Parent Interviews
1pm – 7.30pm
20th BOT 6.30pm
28th Swimming Sports
Yr 4-6

March

1st Saver Day
Swimming Sport

TERM DATES 2012:

Term 1 1st Feb - 5th April
Term 2 23rd April - 29th June
Term 3 16th July - 28th Sept
Term 4 15th Oct – TBC Dec

Welcome back everybody.

You just know don't you the weather will now be beautiful for weeks on end. Never mind, it is good to be back and we would much rather be in sunshine than rain.

I would like to welcome everybody back to school for the new year. I would also like to welcome new children and parents along. We hope you enjoy the friendly environment and feel part of our school. Below is a list of our full staff for your information. I hope I haven't missed anyone out. We would like to welcome back Leah Dryland to Greenhithe School. Leah will be teaching Year 4 this year in Room 17. It is always nice to have teachers from the past wishing to return to work here again.

STAFF 2012

Management Staff

Peter Marshall
Heather Walker
Jill Dyet
Jenny Bate
Anna Keereweer
Julie Marshall
Judi Mayn

Principal
Deputy Principal
Senco/ Deputy Principal
Team Leader Yr 5-6
Team Leader Yr 3-4
Team Leader Yr 0-2
Office Manager

Support Staff

Helena de Ruitter
Barrie Thompson
Jayne Carroll
Vicki Matheson
Patti Grannis
Heather Kvasnicka
Jacqui Broadhurst
Karen Hayston
Trudy Freeman
Julie Lloyd
Astrid Houlding
Joss Madsen
Marcelle Pringle

Office Assistant
Caretaker
Librarian
Reading Recovery
Teacher Aide
Teacher Aide
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Senior Syndicate

Sarah Susnjak	Year 5/6	Room 24
Jenny Bate	Year 6	Room 23
Sarah Waller	Year 6	Room 22
Heather Treeby	Year 6	Room 21
Kyle Port	Year 5	Room 20
Sheryl Hodson	Year 5	Room 19
Tanya Playfair	Year 5	Room 18

Middle Syndicate

Leah Dryland	Year 4	Room 17
Anna Keereweer	Year 4	Room 16
Adele Chichester	Year 4	Room 14
Tania McCorkindale	Year 3/4	Room 13
Dawn Pollard	Year 3	Room 25
Katherine Barker	Year 3	Room 12
Andrea Donovan	Year 3	Room 11

Junior Syndicate

Anneliese Restall-Shaw	Year 2	Room 7
Gabrielle Marris	Year 2	Room 5
Julie Marshall	Year 2	Room 4
Zara Fletcher	Year 2	Room 2
Rachael Skinner	Year 1	Room 1
Charlene Boyd	Year 1	Room 6
Jackie Fitzgerald	Year 1	Room 8
Julie Cooke	Year 1	Room 9

Management Staff/Classroom Release

Sharon Hilton-Jones
Fran Jones
Judith Howell

Gate Room 27

Karen Cebalo
Brenda Thorrington

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We had some very sad news over the holidays with the passing of one of our young teachers, Charlotte Ross. Charlotte was in Room 4 with the year 2 children 2009 and 2010. Charlotte had taken time out to journey overseas leaving here Christmas of 2010. It was hoped she would return to Greenhithe at some stage in the future. During 2011 she was travelling and she did some teaching in England. She became ill late November and was diagnosed with cancer and died a few weeks later on December 22nd. This was out of the blue and took everyone by surprise.

Charlotte was an excellent teacher, full of enthusiasm, life and passion. She was a valued member of our staff and loved by all. For those of you who had children in her class you will know what I mean. Charlottes funeral was in England and a memorial service was held in January at Kristin which was attended by many staff.

She was someone who lived a quality life. She had every gift but for the length of years. She was special and we were privileged to have known her.

School fees this year once again remain unchanged. They are set at \$220 per child and are discounted if paid by the end of Term 2. A reminder - if you pay your donation prior to 31st March you can claim them back as a donation at the end of the financial year. Forms for this are in the office foyer.

This year student activity fees are set at \$20 per term. This will enable us to sign all students up to Athletics. Previously the school funded the Senior children but are no longer in a position to do this. We have also decided to provide the maths passport within these activity fees. This will be passed out to all teachers next week. More information to parents will be given at parent interviews. We do appreciate your support in this.

Parent interviews will be held on week 3, Thursday 16th February from 1.00 – 7.30pm. I will open up the online booking system next Monday and will send out a newflash with details of how to book on Monday. School will be closing early at 12.30 to allow for interviews to start at 1.00pm.

This year I have applied and been successful in receiving a sabbatical from the Ministry of Education. This means I will be away from school for Term 2 as I will be travelling to Europe and China and looking at schools there. The rest of the time I will be enjoying a great opportunity to view places other than New Zealand. The school will be in great hands while I am away with Mrs Walker acting as Principal, Mrs Dyet continuing as DP and Mrs Jackie Harrison returning as the other DP.

You might notice some strangers around school this term in week 4. We have the Ministry of Education visiting as part of the regular School Review Programme. They will be chatting to children, parents, staff and Board and will present a written report to us all sometime in Term 2.

Lunches will start again next week on Thursday 9th February.

Welcome back again
Regards Peter Marshall

PTA

Our first PTA meeting of the year is on **Tuesday 7th February, 7pm in the School Staffroom.** We will be discussing ideas for the School Fair and planning for the year. Please feel free to come along. It's a great place to meet parents, catch up and to help with making our lovely school even better. We are really keen to see some new faces and promise you it's no obligation to come to every meeting.

Valuables

Children are reminded early in the year not to bring valuable toys or jewellery to school as we cannot be responsible for these items. They can be lost, misplaced or broken.

Kapa Haka Group

This year we are very lucky to have an expert come into school to assist with our Kapa Haka Group. Matua Gary is a very experienced Kapa Haka leader and he will be assisting Ms Pollard with our Kapa Haka on Tuesday's from 1.00 – 1.30. We will be learning Maori songs and actions aiming to take part in the Onepoto Festival in November. As a trial the Kapa Haka will be open to students of all levels. We would like children who are keen to commit to this group for the whole year. Later in the year we will need to purchase/make costumes for the Festival in November. There will be a \$20 fee payable during the year to go towards the cost of this programme, transport and costumes.



Please complete the attached form and return to Ms Pollard in Room 25.

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I wish to join the Greenhithe School Kapa Haka Group

Name: _____

Room No: _____