



NEWSLETTER

EVENTS COMING UP

June

24 Variety Show Evening
7.00pm

July

2 End of Term 2
School finishes 3pm

29 Parent/Teacher
Interviews. School
Closes at 1pm

Term Dates 2010

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
Frid 17th Dec- End

Quote of the Week: "Women always worry about the things that men forget; men always worry about the things women remember".

The holidays are almost upon us. It has been a long term but the shortest day is now behind us.

We had a great matinee for our Variety Show yesterday. We have sold all of our tickets for Thursday night's repeat performance. Because of demand we will be putting out extra seats and there will be some door sales for standing only, at the huge price of \$2. The show lasts about 1¼ hours and the children and staff have done a fantastic job. Please, on the night, could we avoid having people leave during the performance? Children can be safely picked up from their holding rooms after the show and will be looked after by teachers. Remember we will start on time, 7pm sharp. We will be professionally video recording the nights show and will be selling DVD's for \$15.00. Orders will be taken up to the end of term for delivery next term.

Welcome to Greenhithe School Rachael Skinner. Rachael started a new class in Room One this week. We are very pleased to have Rachael on our staff. At present we are conducting interviews for another maternity release position and will let parents know early next term who the successful candidate is.

Could parents please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform to school? There have been some children appearing in a wide variety of colours which are not suitable. Your consideration would be appreciated.

Could parents also please have a word to children about safety on skateboards and scooters when riding them to school? We have had a couple of near misses with children falling and ending up on the road, fortunately not being hit by cars. We want all our children to make the daily return trip safely.

Thank you Barfoot & Thompson for another batch of second hand computers, 15 in all. These will be tested by our technician and distributed around classes to boost our supplies. Our target for 2011 is to have 4 computers in every Junior room, 6 in the Middle classes and 8 in every Senior classroom. We are almost there. All of our current computers will be renewed next year as the current 3 year lease term will be up. We are also looking to install short throw projectors into all rooms, allowing teachers to access the internet and project information onto whiteboards. We are trying to keep up with the times.

Next term will see a change in our lunch system. We will return to having a canteen at school which will run on Thursdays and Fridays. Next week we will send an order form home and again first week Term 3. We will also put the order form on the website. Money can then be sent along on the day the order is required and handed into class as usual. The lunch room will be run by Esther Evans (Esther has previous experience in food preparation) and

we are looking forward to the increased service that will be available at our school.

Finally Parent Interviews. Next term you will receive a notice informing you about upcoming **Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday 29th July**. We are now using a new on-line interview booking system which will make booking an interview far easier for busy families. If you do not have internet access or need help making a booking, please phone or call in at the office for assistance. The website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz has clear instructions for booking an interview with your child's teacher. Please note that the site will not become active until Monday 19th July. Once you have made a booking you will receive an email confirmation of your interview time. Interviews are for 10 minute duration. We ask that you do not make bookings for siblings 'back-to-back'. Please make your booking by Tuesday 27th July. A reminder that **school closes at 1pm on 29th July** for the interviews.

That's it from me. Have a great holiday.

Regards
Peter Marshall

Board of Trustees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE - JUNE 2010

The triennial elections are over and the new Board has met for the first time. First and foremost, the Board wants to convey its gratitude to the two departing members Stephen Ellett and Debbie Howarth. Stephen's six years of service, the past three as Chairman, has been a period of huge growth. It has seen the building of the first two new blocks and hall, the enlisting of Peter Marshall as Principal and latterly, the third new block now nearing completion. Throughout this time, Stephen's continual commitment to improved curriculum content and delivery has also shown great results. Stephen's professional skills, dedication, and often behind-the-scenes work have been of significant benefit to the school.

Debbie has served three years, in which time she has always had the school aiming for the highest standards. Debbie's marketing and communication skills have been a great contributor to the increasing openness, transparency and support that the school enjoys with the Greenhithe community.

Also, congratulations and welcome to new Board members – Mary Rose Elie, Philip Elworthy and James Iversen, who join with Sarah Sherlock, John Wragg and David Stanton as the Parent Representatives. Representing the School are Principal Peter Marshall and Staff Representative Stephanie Griffith. The board is also indebted to Deputy Principals Jacki Harrison and Heather Walker, who voluntarily attend most Board Meetings to contribute and to promote and advise on Curriculum and Teaching matters.

We think we already have a great school, but looking forward, there is still so much to do:

Property

The new block should be finished and keys handed over to us during these school holidays. Apart from an early hiccup with the structural steel, the project has gone smoothly and at this stage will finish on time and on budget. Thank you for the liaison of Peter Marshall, our Project Manager Robert Gunter, and builders Astley Construction for keeping it so well on track. Also special thanks to Barrie Thompson, who has consistently and proactively managed the various playground hazards and intrusions that happen with a project like this.

Our school roll has continued to grow this year – currently at 516, and even as we watch the completion of this block, we are commencing talks with MOE over the requirements and funding for the next.

But our property plans do not end there. Other projects being actively pursued are: removal of the resource room to help open up the front of the school, resurfacing the front courts, enhancing the middle school playground, a new sandpit, wet weather walkways, and improving the main field. First up though will be an 'amphitheatre' and associated landscaping at the front of the new block, along with a permanent sunshade. Hopefully this will all be in place before the coming summer. Each new property project needs to be constantly measured against the yardstick – is the money spent on the project providing good value in terms of our children's education? This sometimes sees the priorities change or projects modified, as we try to realise the best value for our funds. The other big factor is that the big

projects really need to be tackled one at a time – to minimise the impact on staff and Principal time, health and safety in the playground, and school resources in general.

Curriculum

You will be aware that National Standards have been introduced by Government this year. Here at Greenhithe, the School was already meeting many of the National Standards requirements. For example, one of the requirements is that schools provide two written reports per year. Greenhithe has been doing this for many years. So while our school will not see as dramatic changes as some, it does still provide a welcome opportunity to review and enhance what we do. The Senior Management team are ensuring that we meet the requirements of National Standards, and that we implement in the best possible way.

Our two Deputy Principals – Jacki Harrision and Heather Walker – lead our curriculum development and delivery, and we are proud of the results they, and the entire teaching staff, achieve. Student achievement is tracked year by year, so that resources can be planned and targeted. Students that may need extra reading or maths tuition, or children that may need or enjoy being extended in art, sport, science, maths – all these requirements are tracked through the school's learning management software, and the correct resource brought to bear.

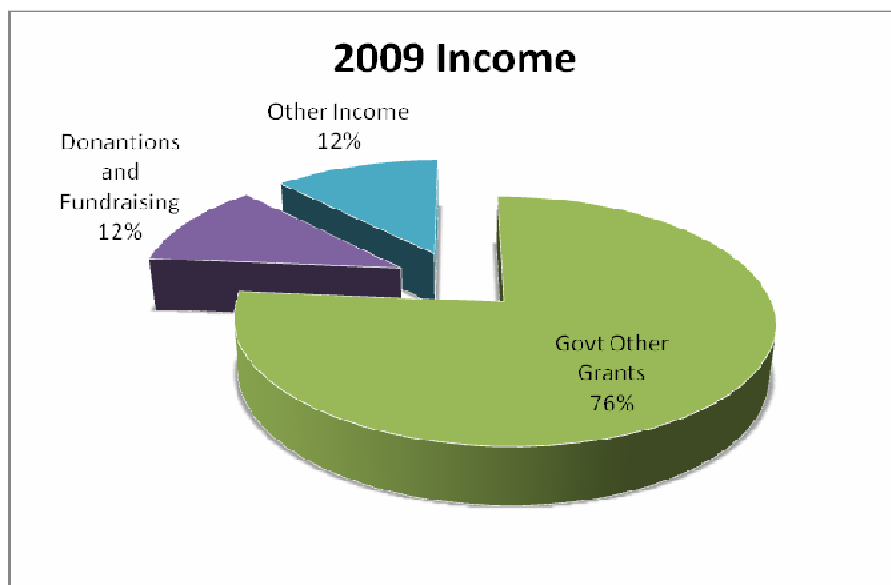
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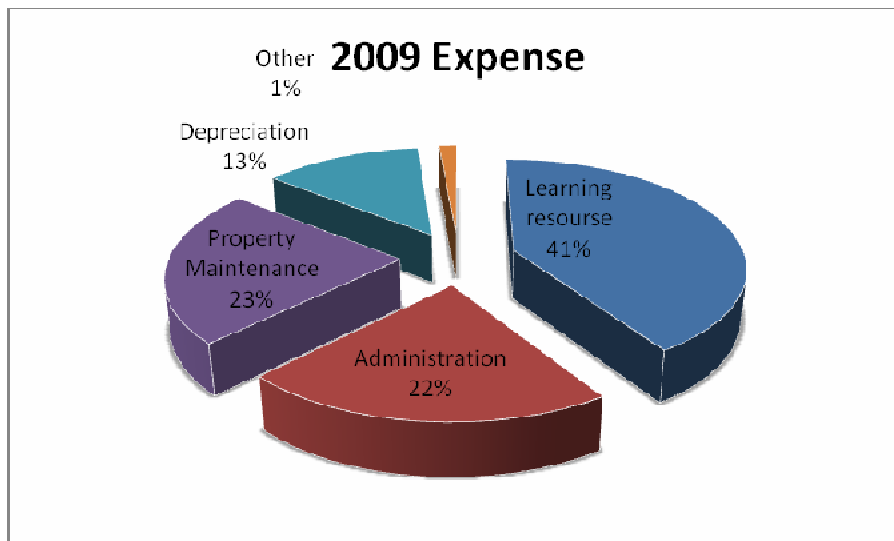
Greenhithe has a fantastic PTA. Did you see the fair in March? What a huge effort that was. The organising team and everyone involved, including all those that donated goods for sale, should be proud of their efforts and results. On behalf of all those children and parents that will benefit – thank you. And of course it never ends with one fair – the gigantic effort continues throughout the year. If you are not already involved with the PTA, we encourage you to participate and enjoy. You will see below what an important part fundraising has got in enabling the school to meet its budget and continue improving.

Finance

This year we have increased what we spend on curriculum delivery – enabling more of the focussed learning we are providing. We also have funds on hand to do at least some of the projects mentioned above. However money never comes easily. Our budget for 2010 is for a small deficit.

If we exclude the amount that Government provides, to pay the salaries of the Teaching and Management staff, the remaining budget amounts to around \$700,000. These charts show where this money came from and how it was spent in the year 2009:





With kind regards
 David Stanton
 Chairperson
 Greenhithe School Board of Trustees

PTA News

Entertainment Books

As at writing this newsletter we have sold 146 books and have 24 still outstanding. This is a great effort considering we sold a total of 137 books last year so thank you to everyone who purchased books and please ... if you are one of the outstanding 24 we would appreciate it if you could bring your payment of \$65 (or returned book) to the office ASAP so we can finalise this fundraiser. 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)
- School Disco (Term 4)
- Golf Day (Term 4)
- 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. Thanks to the feedback we received recently on whether or not we were going to host a Trivia Night again this year ... we discussed it at our meeting last week and had an offer of someone to run this event (thanks Amy). Dates are currently being looked into for either the end of term 3 or beginning of term 4.

Spending of our PTA Funds

- \$2000 was recently used to purchase netball skirts and bibs for this season's players. These will outfit our netballers for many seasons to come. Thank you to the enthusiastic players who wrote some wonderful letters of thanks to the PTA for their new uniforms – which they are very pleased with
- \$1000 was given to the school library and was spent on a trolley, labels & holders, acrylic indicator blocks, insert cards and files
- \$1400 will be spent on 2 x Outdoor Speakers to be installed outside the hall facing the field area
- \$9350 will be spent on production style hall lighting
- Quotes for Bike Racks / Sheds are being obtained and the PTA will fund these
- We want to purchase navy sports caps (in a dri-cool type fabric) for our representative sports teams (i.e. Interscholar Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country). Caps are no longer a part of our school uniform but an important accessory for the sport's events that our teams attend and the teams will look much smarter if the caps they wear all match. Does anyone have a source for these? Please let us know.

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 Tuesday 3rd August, 2010 in the Staff Room – all welcome to share your ideas

Performing Arts at the Bruce Mason Centre

Did you enjoy the Greenhithe School Variety Show? Why don't you come along to the Bruce Mason Centre to watch Room 16 perform their South Pacific Broom dance on 27th July. This is a wonderful experience for our students. They are performing with 9 other schools from our area including Albany Junior High. Please show them your support by coming along to see the show! You can buy tickets at the office \$15 adults and \$10 students.

Libraries Competition

Rooms 14 and 16 entered the League for Libraries competition by writing a poem or story about their favourite Warriors player. We didn't win the overall competition to go to the local library and have the Warriors read to us, but Konica Minolta who are the sponsors of the Vodafone Warriors, gave us tickets to one of the Warriors games being played at the Mount Smart Stadium, to reward the children for their efforts.

Shanley Hunt and Sheryl Hodson

Future Olympians

We have some great gymnasts at Greenhithe School.

Stella Ebert recently competed at the Wellington Open Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships. She was first in all events she competed in and of course received the overall gold medal!

Blake Matheson competed in the Tri Star Gymnastics competition held on the 12th and 13th July and was placed 3rd overall at level 2.

***Year 5 Basketball Team ~ 'Annialators'**

We are currently first in our competition! **Wahooooo!** The finals are being held, next Thursday, 1st July, at the YMCA Gym, Takapuna. Come and support us!

We have been practising different basketball strategies and techniques **every** week at our practice sessions with our coach, Tracey. Our team has been using these in our weekly games, with great success! We play fair.

Last week, Ms Griffith came to watch us play. She loved watching and thoroughly enjoyed our game! "*Fantastic game! Excellent sportsmanship, boys!*" Everyone in the team scored a basket!!! We won 16-4!

We love playing for our team. It is most enjoyable! We are going to stay together and play again next year, for Greenhithe School.

By *Max Broadhurst, Torin Lance & Callum Banks.*



Holiday Activities

ALLSTAR CHEERLEADER HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Always wanted to give cheerleading a go? Now is your chance! The Allstar Cheerleaders are offering a 'cheer' holiday program during the second week of the July school holidays (12th -16th) at our local North Shore Gym. This holiday program is open to all ages and abilities. For more information or a brochure please phone Nicky on 021 528955 or Anne on 027 3255483 or email: cheerleadingholidayprogram@xtra.co.nz

NZ FOOTBALL ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME JULY 2010 - July 12th – 16th April

Get world cup fever this school holiday with fun soccer games, skills, competitions, tournaments and much more for girls and boys aged 5-12yrs. We have a great team of qualified coaches and experienced players to help develop individual skills and improve your game, in a fun, safe and positive environment.

Venue – Murrays Bay School Sports hall from **9am - 1pm**.

For more info contact **Chris Bryson** on 021 0676700, (09) 446 0502 or email nzfootballacademy@gmail.com

Extra Curricular Activities



Hi everyone,

Harbour Heat entertains **Hawkes Bay** in the quarter final of the National Basketball League this Wednesday, June 23rd.

The game will be played at North Shore Events Centre at 7.00pm

Entry is just \$10 adults and \$5 children

Get along and support your local team. Also look out for the finals being televised live on Sky sport next week.

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Fri 25th June - Gala Evening - \$30
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Note: We have a Chess Club running in our school ~ Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.



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Sunday 11 July

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Free event

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see website for details and registration
www.greenhithecommunitytrust.org.nz