



NEWSLETTER

EVENTS COMING UP

November

- 13 School Disco
- 18 Yr4-6 Athletics Day
- 19 PTA Golf Day
- 20 Life Education Mufti Day
- 24 BOT Meeting
7pm Staff Room
- 30 New Entrant Parent
Evening 6pm Library

December

- 2 PTA Meeting
7.30pm Staff Room
- 9 Christmas on the
Green

Hall Events

- 13 School Disco

TERM DATES 2009

Term 4

Mon 12th Oct – Start

Thur 17th Dec – End

Term Dates 2010

Term 1 Thurs 4th Feb – Start
Thurs 1st Apr – End
Friday 2nd April
Good Friday Holiday

Term 2 Mon 27th April- Start
Friday 3rd July –End

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

Term 4 Mon 11th Oct – Start
Thur 17th Dec - End

Quote: "Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow".

What a wonderful effort we made with our last Tsunami mufti. So far North Shore Schools combined have raised over \$21,000 so you can see Greenhithe's contribution was significant. Well done all. Our next and last mufti for the year will be November 20th for the Life Education Caravan. We will also use this opportunity to photograph our Year 6 school leavers for their graduation photo. If they would come in sensible mufti as opposed to costumes that would be great.

A big thank you to the Greenhithe Lions. We received a \$600 donation for our recent Year 6 School camp. This was very generous and was put to great use. Thank you again Lions.

Another big thank you to parents for payment of school fees this year. You will have read over recent months and the press is very keen to point out that these are a donation not a compulsory amount. We have always been up front about this and we do really appreciate those who make the donation. So you are aware I have put in next years school fee amounts so people can consider when budgeting for 2010.

Our Fee Structure is available on the school website. Simply go to the information bar then click on downloads and then click on school donations. At present it says 2009 but we have kept fees the same for next year and this heading will change to 2010 soon.

Skateboards around school in the weekends and afterschool. Aren't they a delight? I don't want to stop children and teenagers having fun but I am not prepared to have any school buildings and seats damaged. Skateboarding is allowed on the courts only – not on decks or around classrooms. Recently, can you believe it, someone was skating in our hall? If you could pass this message on to your extended family – that would be great.

Next newsletter I will be sending an electronic survey. Very high tech for someone like me who has only a basic knowledge of cell phones. This will be asking for your opinions on our Champions trial. It would be great to have all your responses on this.

Enjoy the next few nights. Hopefully there won't be any fireworks around our school.

Regards Peter Marshall
Principal

PS. Thank goodness it's now illegal to use cell phones in cars. I could never find mine and locate the right button in time anyway.

Deputy Principal News

Enrolments for 2010

I know it seems a little early to be thinking about next year but we are trying hard to sort out classes and teachers for 2010 and the sooner we have information about New Entrant starters the better. You can pop into the office for an enrolment pack at any time and the ladies there will give you any information needed to enrol.

If your child is already enrolled for Term 1 2010, you are most welcome to come to our New Entrant early evening get together on Monday 30th November at 6pm in the school library.

Classes for 2010

On the same subject, we realise that careful classroom placements for children can have a huge impact on their learning, and this is why the entire staff are involved in the placement process. It is a job we take very seriously and try hard to fit all of our children into the correct environment.

We do endeavour to consider class placement requests, so please feel free to talk to your child's current teacher about his or her greatest needs for 2010.

Greenhithe runners and walkers

Well done to all of those who participated in the Auckland marathon last weekend. We are very proud of our 2 teachers, Brigid and Dawn, who got into training weeks ago so they could run/walk the distance on the day.



Heather Walker
Deputy Principal

PTA NEWS

- **Cadbury Chocolates**

We still don't have a final figure for this fundraiser - \$7000 is our estimate at the moment. A few people have come in and kindly taken some of the remaining boxes to sell; so there a few more dollars remaining to come in. But essentially we have finished this fundraiser and we won't be bothering anyone with any more pleas of chocolates to buy or sell for a while. Well done everyone who bought, sold and ate the chocolate. Great effort everyone which resulted in a fantastic profit.

- **Artwork Calendars and Cards**

Your children should have bought their calendars home last week; we hope you liked them. Thanks to Jackie Turner again this year for her time and effort on organising this fundraiser.

- **Disco. Friday 13th November**

Junior Syndicate 4.45 -5.45pm

Middle Syndicate 6.00pm -7.15pm

Senior Syndicate 7.30pm -9.00pm

Tickets \$5 available for purchase at the school office now.

So that everyone has a good time on the night please ensure children are aware of the disco rules:

- Enter through main doors
- Exit via doors leading onto the field
- No running in the hall
- No going up on the stage
- Children must be picked up by an adult
- Only Greenhithe School children can attend
- Disco sessions are for children from that syndicate only

- **Golf Day. Thursday 19th November. Pupuke Golf Course**

Only two weeks to go until this event takes place. So far we have 17 confirmed teams for this event and are still chasing up a few more. Our aim is to still have 20 plus so if you are interested in participating or you know of someone who might be interested in entering a team into this event, please contact Clare on clareandmatt@xtra.co.nz or phone on 413-7568 and we can send them out an invitation letter and registration pack.

Since our last newsletter and flyer plea for **HELP** ... I am happy to say that we have had four school Mums get in touch and donate items for our raffle or auction – **thank you so much**. We now have 11 auction items but would of course love more. Please get in touch if you have any ideas or contacts we can approach in these last couple of weeks regarding items to auction or if you or your place of business would like to donate something, give us a call/or email. The auction table is where we make a significant amount of our profit for the day.

We would really appreciate any donations of wine or other luxury items which can be added to auctions or raffles. If you can help – please drop these goods at the office.

- **Fair. Sunday 21st March 2010 10am-2pm**

Reminder that we are having a Volunteers night; see you at the Malthouse next week at 7pm Thursday 12th November come and pop your name down and have a friendly chat. The more the merrier and it's a great way to meet a few other people from our lovely school. Remember if you are having a spring clear out; please keep anything aside for the white elephant or book stall. Both are popular stalls and big money earners for us, and every item makes such a difference. Any ideas, assistance or offers of help will be greatly accepted. Carrie (021540703) and Sarah (021908004). greenhithefair@xtra.co.nz.

- **Reminder ongoing 2009 fundraisers**

- ◇ Inkworks Recycling Programme

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. We recently receive a refund cheque of \$70.

- ◇ Postie Plus

If you are ever purchasing any of the plain navy school uniform items that the Postie Plus stores carry when you go to pay, mention Greenhithe School as they keep a record of the amount spent over an annual period and we can get a rebate for the school.

- **Next PTA Meeting, Wednesday 2nd December, 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All Welcome.**

School Athletics

The date for the Yr4-Yr6 schools athletics has now been moved to Wednesday 18th November, to be held down at Wainoni Park. A hardcopy newsletter with all the details will come out later in the week.

Sports Photos and Other Group Photos

Sports Team and Other Group Photos are displayed on the walls of the office foyer. Order forms and a box to place orders in are at the front counter. **To enable photoLife to print these photos before the end of the school year, all orders are to be handed in by 3.00pm Friday 13th November 2009.**

KBB Music

The KBB team would like to hold an evening now on Wednesday 25th November at 6.30pm. This will be dependant on interest shown. All are welcome.

"A Day Without"

Term 4 Middle Syndicate Inquiry Tuning In

William Lawrence, Room 12

I couldn't believe my eyes when I walked into the room on Tuesday.

No tables! No chairs! No computers! NOTHING!

I knew it was the start of a bad day. Room 12 had rice and water to eat then I was starving. Now I know what it feels like in other poor countries. I'm now grateful for what I've got.

Lucy James, Room 12

On Tuesday 20th October I couldn't believe my very own eyes. When I walked into the class everything was covered up and pushed to the side.

I put out a chair then suddenly the teacher walked in. She put it away then she went away. Then Aisha came in and we hopped on the computers. Mrs McPhail came in again and said, "Turn off the computers."

I got a bit confused. I thought this was a 'daymare' so I rubbed my eyes. I counted to ten then I opened my eyes and found out it was really happening. I said "Oh no! No chairs! No pencils! No books! No tables! Not a thing except for the mat".

I got scared then the bell went and there were more bits of this 'daymare' to come.

After the roll we had a meeting. All we could have for morning tea was a hand full of rice.

Now I was really scared and frightened.

Now I know what it's like for other schools like this.



Hannah Jury, Room 12

On Tuesday 20th I walked into school. I saw that the whole class had none of the usual things inside it. Our whiteboards were brown or black. Our big board was brown and our small board was black.

When we heard the bell go we got very excited. We went to one of the new classes to have our assembly. The assembly was for us to know more about what was going on. When we were walking we saw the whole middle school doing the same thing that we were doing.

When we got to assembly we got told what we were doing. This is what we did. We were experiencing what it is like to be one of the people who have to go to school and have no computer, no CD player, no books to read or write in and lots and lots of other things.

Joe Wuthrich, Room 12

I couldn't believe my eyes when I walked into the classroom on Tuesday. Oh no! No tables! No chairs! No computers! Everything was covered. I felt excited. We were going to have a different morning so we could see what it is like in other countries.

All the food we got was one hand full of rice. Also we only had a 2 second sip of water. Most of us were lucky because we had a big breakfast.

I felt glad we did it because I learnt a lot from it. So now I know that people in other countries have to walk a long way to get a sip of water.

I felt happy when we got our normal food back.

TravelWise 350 Friday



Greenhithe school not only created 350 on the field with the whole school but we made an all time recorded of 88% of children walking or biking to school on 23rd October. Our best at the beginning of the year was 66%. A big thank you to parents joining and supporting us. 350 parts per million of Co 2 is what we need to save our ozone layer . We did our bit to help by not using cars to get to school.

Walking School Bus Meeting

12th November 3.15p.m

Staff Room Greenhithe School

Who is invited ???

All Walking School Bus Co-ordinators,

All parents interested in joining a Walking School Bus,

All parents interested in starting up a Walking School Bus

for their road and want to know what is involved.

Look forward to meeting you Andrea Donovan, Teacher and Co-ordinator of Walking School Buses

Save Fuel, Get fit, Chat with friends.



Term 4 Disco

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Junior School 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Middle School 6pm - 7.15pm

Senior School 7.30pm - 9pm

Where: Greenhithe School Hall

Tickets: \$5 from School Office (includes refreshment pack)

Friendly reminder Children must be collected by an adult

If you are able to help on the night please phone Sandra on 413 7971.

The Great Greenhithe Garden Tour

Sunday 15th November 2009. 10 - 4pm.

Come and enjoy a great day out visiting 15 of Greenhithe's stunning gardens. Our garden tour incorporates a range of themes from native and tropical to cottage and romantic, so will appeal to a cross-section of gardeners. The gardens are all within the Greenhithe area with a number of them close to each other or linked by paths so you can combine car travel with walking. There is an amazing following each year from throughout the Auckland region as well as regulars who come to the tour from as far away as Wellington and Whangarei.

The Greenhithe Kindergarten will be the base of operations where tickets and information will be available on the day. You will also have the opportunity to buy art work, plants, jewellery, partake in our fun raffles, and enjoy a well earned refresher at the Kindergarten Cafe. Eftpos will be available.

GREENHITHE ADULT NETBALL TEAM!

JOIN IN THE FUN 6.30pm Thursday evenings on the Greenhithe School Courts, Sunnyview Road. If you are interested please call Angeline on 413 - 55110 or email: angeline@ekexec.co.nz.

If it rains we don't play if it's fine we will be there.

There is no commitment to play every week but we need to make sure that we have a minimum of 14 players each week.

Great fun for Summer!



FLEX

Mobile Fitness

Summer is around the corner! Get a head start some qualified advice

and motivating programs.

NEW! Fun cardio/toning circuit

@ 9.15am

Fridays, Collins Park (NO boxing)

NO EXCUSES - kiddies welcome!

OTHER GROUP SESSIONS:

- Fitness Boxing (day)
- Cardio/Toning Circuits (evening)

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