

Thursday 13th December
2018



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NEWSLETTER



December

14th Reports home
18th Last day finish 12pm

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14th Last day for Ezlunch

Term Dates 2018

Term 4 - 15th Oct – 18th Dec
12.00pm finish

Term Dates 2019

31st Jan – 12th April
29th April – 5th July
22nd July – 27th September
14th October – December
(date to be confirmed)

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This will be our final newsletter of 2018. Thank you for your support of our school over the last year. Don't forget to come in and get your school yearbook, as a celebration of our school year. For those families moving on to different schools, we wish you the best of luck and thank you for being a part of our school community.

I'd like to congratulate the children who have received PRIDE value certificates in the last two weeks: Hayden Thomson, Jerry Zhang and Richard Yang. Well done!

In this newsletter I'd like to congratulate and acknowledge the efforts of all of our children. I love seeing the huge variety of learning that goes on at our school. From our wonderful year one children coming to share their writing with me, which is always the highlight of any day, to taking our year 6 children to engineering competitions and watching in awe as they build circuits and construct complex structures, or watching our digital leaders provide workshops for children and teachers on coding at an inter-school conference. Then we have the children who we get to see excel in the production or choirs within the arts, or to see the huge participation numbers we have in sports activities. Every day the children of our school amaze me with what they can do, and our job as teachers is to unlock their potential and continue to give them the opportunities to find their passions.

I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our fabulous teachers and the leaders of the school. I get to hear and see the passion you have for enhancing the learning at our school. You all go well above and beyond what is expected to ensure our children are given so many amazing learning opportunities and that you ignite their passion for learning. I am proud of the teaching staff we have at Greenhithe. I think you are amazing.

I'd like to wish Tash Jones all the best for her future as she moves on to Ormiston Primary. She has been an asset for our school and will be missed by the children and teachers. She has been with us for three years and she moves on with our best wishes.

I must also thank all our other staff for their support in making our school tick, from our amazing team in the office, to our teacher aides, and we can't forget Barrie! We are also saying goodbye to Heidi Bell and Caroline Patterson for now! Thank you for your hard work and we hope to see you back with us soon.

On Friday reports and class placements for 2019 will be sent home. The teachers and leadership team put many hours of work into discussing individual needs, trying to find the best fit with the styles of teachers and the mix of children, to give the best opportunity for effective learning in the classroom. Your child will have the opportunity to forge new friendships, re-establish relationships with children they may have been with before and learn in new and exciting ways. While they may not be with all their current friendship group, morning teas and lunchtimes provide ample opportunity for reconnecting and playing with those friends who may not be in the room with them. You can support the transition for your child by being really positive about new opportunities that await in 2019.

On Monday we have an amazing day planned for our last full day. New Zealand police are visiting us with the dog unit, forensic team and a few other units and guests to give our kids an unforgettable day. If you hear some sirens at school or see a low flying helicopter, don't panic!

Pool keys are available in the office until Tuesday lunchtime. Come and grab one to take advantage of our newly refurbished changing rooms, which our wonderful Friends of Greenhithe School group have organised for our community. The cost is \$80 with a \$20 returnable deposit.

I'd also like to thank North Shore Glass. They didn't only complete a major refit for us, but made a donation to the school, to support our children. Thank you for the kindness and great job you did, helping to keep our school safe!

Over the summer our field redevelopment will kick off. There will be work on the internal courtyard areas, creating more all weather areas and useable spaces. The development of the field itself will also get underway. Although this means we will lose the field for a few months, it will give us a field we can just about use most of the year as we are installing drainage and levelling the surface. Please remind your children that safety fences are there for a reason and should not be breached. There will be work going ahead through the holidays, so if your child is onsite, please remind them to stay away from the fenced off areas, for their own safety.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you find time to enjoy a relaxing and restful summer break with your families. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Regards
Stephen Grady

Cup Recipients 2018

Sportswoman of the Year	Zoe Taylor
Sportsman of the Year	Harry Levien
Excellence in the Arts	Isaac Mueller/Eva van Kuyk
Greenhithe Lions Citizenship Award	Neva Currie
Greenhithe School Citizenship Cup	Lexi McMillan
The Digital Recovery Cup for Excellence in Writing	Caitlin Saint
The Digital Recovery Cup for Excellence in Mathematics	Lucas Xu

Congratulations to all our prize winners for 2018

SPORTS CORNER

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to **Tauhinu** who were the winning House for overall points and sportsmanship at our School Athletics Day. And a special congratulations to our Athletics Champions for 2018.



Harry Levien and Lachlan McKenzie



Elia Inglis

TOUCH

Congratulations to our Touch Players of the Year for 2018



Mac Williams



Zoe Taylor

Last night was final night for Touch this term. Greenhithe School once again did extremely well with our school coming 1st overall for all grades. Here is a detailed list of where our teams placed.

Year 1&2 Alpha

1st - Fast Freddie's

Year 1&2 Charlie

1st - Pocket Rockets

2nd - Turbos

5th - Green fingers

Year 3&4 Alpha

1st - Stars

2nd - Lightning

Year 3&4 Charlie

2nd - Dream Team (Girls)

3rd - Green Mambas

Year 3&4 Delta

2nd - Mini Flyers

4th - Green Machines

Year 5&6 Alpha

4th - Green Goblins

5th - Warriors

Year 5&6 Charlie

3rd - Hithe Hammers

4th - Year 6 A team (girls)

Year 5&6 Delta

1st - Girl Power (girls)

2nd - Green Giants

WINNERS OF OVER ALL TROPHY - GREENHITHE 31 Points

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working committee of Lisa Williams-Meyrick and Faith Laursen who helped put the teams together, Kirsty and Mel Kirkland for not only helping with sorting the teams but went over and above what was expected of them to coach so many teams - teams that they didn't even have their own children involved in. And finally Nicky Wallace who works so incredibly hard to deliver a fantastic touch programme which saw more than 120 players participating and does it without a fuss! Thank you all of you - it is very much appreciated.

MINIBALL

Finals of the Miniball were held a couple of weeks ago and Greenhithe School once again did us proud. The Greenhithe Giants came 5th in the very competitive Year 3 and 4 grade. Our Year 6 team Greenhithe Wildcats came 5th in the very competitive League 1 grade and our Year 5 & 6 team Greenhithe Thunder came 7th in League 4 grade. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who have supported, managed or coached these teams especially Haley Wells, Joanne Fairley, Matt Bould, Edwin Das and Ephraim Smith. You have all been amazing!

CONGRATULATIONS

Benji Groen from Room 20 recently auditioned in Wellington for a place on the 2019 NZ School of Dance 'National Scholars Program'. According to the NZ School of Dance the aim of the program is: "to provide an enhancement program for the noticeably talented young ballet dancer. Due to the elite nature of the program only a very small number of students will be selected each year" Last week Benji received the fantastic news that he has been accepted into the scholars program and will fly to Wellington for two weekends each term to train at the NZSD. Way to go Benji!

Congratulations to Maisie Tjauw also of Room 20, who was awarded a Distinction in her Royal Academy of Dance , Grade 3 and second in class for her Grade 3 exam result.

Awesome work Maisie!



THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to all Sport Coaches/Managers and parents who have contributed to sport in our school this year. We really appreciate it and look forward to your continued help next year.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sharon Hilton-Jones
Sports Coordinator

Salvation Army Christmas Food Collection

Thank you to all the people who donated food to Room 23's Salvation Army Christmas Food Collection. We collected 8 boxes and several bags of food that Ms Pollard and Marcelle will be delivering to the Westgate Salvation Army.

Merry Christmas
From Room 23



Guided Readers

Please get your children to check at home for any guided readers (readers sent home by the teacher) and return these to school.

Thank you.

Real Madrid Clinics NZ

Real Madrid player Clinics NZ are being hosted in Auckland, April 2019. The clinics are delivered by coaches from the most successful club in the world Real Madrid and are suitable for children of all ability levels, aged 7 to 14.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the website for the clinics.