



NEWSLETTER

February

- 13th Meet the Teacher
4 – 5pm, 5.30 – 6.30pm
14 Mufti Day – Gold coin
Donation
26th Year 6 Swimming
Sports
28th Save day Yr 6
Swimming Sports

March

- 1st Rms 11 & 12 Swim
Display 2-3pm
4th – 8th
Year 6 Camp
Year 5 EOTC

Term Dates 2019

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

For School Donations and Activity fees:

School Bank Account
Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

This is the first official newsletter of the year and I would like to welcome you all back to Greenhithe School. I hope you have had a wonderful summer. By now the children are settling well into their new class, getting used to class routines and making friends with their classmates. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work the teachers have put in over the holidays and in the first few days to get the classrooms looking so good and in planning fun learning experiences for the children. With the beautiful weather we have been having we have had the hall and a junior room open for the children at lunchtimes, just to give them a cooler place to do something quiet during lunchtime. I have been in the hall with the children and it has been lovely hearing their excitement about new experiences, friends and their new teacher.

Meet The Teacher

Our first opportunity for you to formally meet your child's teacher is on **Wednesday 13th February**. We have kept with the same timings as the last couple of years, so there is no need for us to close early on that day. The meeting times are divided into two sessions at **4pm-5pm** and from **5.30pm-6.30pm**. This includes a presentation from the year group about the exciting learning possibilities ahead for your child and the team will share the routines and expectations at that year level. After the presentation there is a chance for you to ask any general questions, take a look at the classroom and meet the other parents in the class. We believe this is a great and fairly casual way to allow you to learn about your child's new class and meet the parents and teachers in the new room. We look forward to seeing you.

The office will be open for you to be able to pop in a pay your child's activity fee and to make your school donation on the Meet the Teacher evening. I sent a newsletter home about the importance of making your donation/contribution to the school in this way. We would love nothing more than to have a truly free education, but with the funding model we operate in, this is not possible. While the Ministry do contribute to the funding, these amounts are insufficient to run a school that keeps a pool open, offers the range of sporting, cultural and academic opportunities that we currently offer and employs the extra teacher aides to support learning, extra teachers to give opportunities to the children, such as the GATE teacher or the sports coordinator.

The activity fee covers the trips, experiences and performers we have in schools as well as Athletics and Reading Eggs for your child. These trips are expensive and getting more so. Without parents paying the activity fees that cover the costs of your child's experiences, these may not be able to go ahead. The reason we have an activity fee, is to stop the school asking for \$10 here and \$20 there for various trips, visiting performers and roadshows etc. Having one \$35 charge per term seems to be a much easier way to manage it.

Mufti Day

On Wednesday the 14th February we are holding a mufti day to support the Heart Kids charity. There are posters being put up around the school to give the children some information. The children who are organising this are asking for a gold coin donation and for the children to come dressed in red.

Property Update

The field project is continuing at pace, and we are very pleased with the progress being made. The first new area of artificial turf outside the library, should be available to us very soon, giving our children a great area to play in, that hasn't been available due to the condition of the ground there for some time.

Stephen Grady
Principal

SPORTS CORNER

WELCOME TO 2019

Welcome back to another year of Sport at Greenhithe School!
My name is Sharon Hilton-Jones and I am the Sports Co-ordinator.

'Sports Corner' is a regular feature in our school newsletter to inform and update our sporting events and successes. Please feel free to email me at sharonh@greenhithe.school.nz with anything you would like included.

Our school website has all the information that you would need to know about the various sports that we offer students.

All registrations are done online through Enrolmy. If you go to the school website - 'Info', 'Sport', then 'Enrolmy', you will be able to register your child for any sport that they wish to participate in. I will be sending out a notification on the school app when each sport is open for registration.

SWIMMING

Our Senior School Swimming Sports (Years 4-6) will be held on Tuesday 26th February, Saver Day Thursday 28th February. A letter will be sent home next week with all of the details for the day.

TOUCH

Touch starts again for the term next Wednesday 13th February. If you haven't registered please click on the link below to do so. Any further enquiries please email our Touch coordinator Nicky Wallace at nickywallace75@icloud.com

<https://enrolmy.com/greenhithe-school/all-school#activities>

MINIBALL

Miniball registrations are open. Miniball is played on a Tuesday night for Years 3-6 children at the North Shore Events Centre. Practices are before school. If you go to Enrolmy you will find all other relevant information. Click on the link below to register.

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NETBALL

Netball registrations are open. Netball is played for all children Years 1-6. Years 5 and 6 children play at Netball North Harbour in Northcote on a Wednesday afternoon. Years 1-4 play on a Saturday morning at Pinehurst School. Competition begins in Term 2. If you go to Enrolmy you will find all other relevant information. Click on the link below to register.

FLIPPA

Flippa ball will begin again in Term 2. Games are played on a Sunday afternoon. A newsflash will be sent out when registrations are opened. You can go on to our website to find out any other relevant information about Flippa ball.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If there is anything that you would like included in the school newsletter, an achievement that you think is worth sharing, please email me at sharonh@greenhithe.school.nz

Sharon Hilton-Jones
Sports Co-ordinator

Art Class

FANTASTIC DRAWING CLASSES for CHILDREN (age 5 to 12). Realistic Drawing Skills for Kids Mondays and Wednesdays. Venue: Greenhithe School. **Enrolling Now!!! for Term1 2019**
www.RealisticusArtAcademy.co.nz . Contact Maya 0211510115





GREENHITHE FOOTBALL CLUB 2019

Registrations are OPEN

www.greenhithefootball.org

Forrest Hill Milford Registrations are now open.

Please go to <https://www.forresthillaafc.co.nz> for further information.



Special Olympics Greenhithe offers a year round sports training program for people with an intellectual disability.

We were established in 2008 to meet the needs of young athletes in particular, giving them opportunities to increase physical fitness and team skills together with the opportunity to develop new friendships.

First Basketball for the Year: Thursday 14th February

First Football for the Year: Saturday 9th February

After School Programme

After School programme from 5th February from 3.30-5pm every Tuesdays. We will be delivering coaching and organising some match play for the students, please see below:

Apollo Badminton Centre,
46 Apollo Drive, Mairangi Bay
3.30-5pm on every Tuesdays (Coaching provided)
From February 5th - April 09th 2019
NO COST INVOLVED.

Also, students will need to fill out an online form, see below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/x3egEGNRacVneuy62>

