



NEWSLETTER

May
7/8 Mothers Day Market
9th Rippa Tournament #1
10th Disco
No School Lunch
Orders
14th Save day Rippa
27th Junior Cross Country
28th Junior Cross Country
Save day
31st Teacher Only Day

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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Welcome back to term 2. I'd like to welcome the new families that have joined our school community.

Our school is always buzzing with amazing learning opportunities provided by our hard working teachers. Already I have been impressed by the way the kids have settled back into class and by the way they are taking these opportunities and embracing them. In our senior school this week we have had a virtual reality experience, exploring the underwater world around our coastline. It was quite a sight to see all the classes with their goggles on exploring the ocean.

A group of our year 6 children, known as our 'Enterprise Group' are working on another Mother's Day Market. This is a gift market for the children to buy their presents for Mother's Day. The children can bring money (we recommend no more than \$20, gifts will range from \$4 up to \$10 approximately) in an envelope to school and each class will be given a time slot to go down with their class to look at the market and buy a gift or two on Tuesday and Wednesday next week..The gifts are sourced from a commercial company and include travel mugs, water bottles, candles and many other lovely gifts. The gifts are bagged up for the children, any change put in a small snaplock bag or envelope and the kids are all set for Mother's Day! Please support this initiative, the group have put a lot of work into market. This was very popular last year and we had to put in an emergency order to cover demand! All the profits go to the school, and the enterprise group will be looking into areas that will benefit our school to spend their profits on. The market will be open after school on Tuesday and Wednesday as well, until 3.30pm.

Next Friday (10th) we also have the disco. The Year 1-3 disco runs from 5pm-6pm and the year 4-6 disco will be from 6.30pm to 8pm. While the disco is on we host an information event in the year 2 block, complete with a glass of wine! This time we are sharing our new school charter, that we took your input on at the disco last year. This is the school guiding document that looks at the priorities in your child's education for the next three years. We will also have our Community of Learning lead principal, Maree Bathurst, there as well, to answer any questions or just have a chat about what the Community of Learning is and why it is important to the children at our school. The Community of Learning is a group of schools working together to innovate within teaching and learning, share expertise and look at how we can provide clear and easy transitions as children move schools to Albany Junior High and beyond. We'd love you to join us to see the direction the school is moving in, have a glass of wine and enjoy a chance to meet and mingle with other parents at our school, while your children enjoy their disco!

Finally, on Friday 10th of May our teachers will be attending the N.Z.E.I. meeting. N.Z.E.I. is the union that represents primary teachers, primary principals and support staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid union meetings are a legal entitlement. These negotiations are critical as there is currently a significant teacher shortage in New Zealand (and particularly Auckland). This is resulting in many less candidates for teaching vacancies. This shortage has occurred due to a number of factors; including a decline in teacher training and increased workload, which the teachers are trying to address in the current round of negotiations with the Government through their union representatives.

We are conscious of school events we have planned for that week, such as a rippa tournament, the Mother's Day market, junior school trips, disco, as well as the classroom programmes. Attending the meeting on the afternoon of the 10th May allows our school based events to continue, which is important to our teachers, while also understanding the importance of attendance at the meeting to ensure our children get the education they deserve.

As most of our teachers will be attending this meeting, the school will only have limited supervision for children on **Friday 10th May from 12.30 onwards**, and we are encouraging parents to collect their children at 12.30 if possible. A letter regarding this went home on Tuesday. **Please return the slip by tomorrow**, so we can ensure the safe supervision of the children who aren't being collected at 12.30pm. *Please note that there will be no lunch orders on that day.*

We thoroughly appreciate your support in this.

Ngā mihi

Stephen Grady
Principal
Greenhithe School

Friends Of Greenhithe School

Come and meet our team of volunteers and join us for a chat!

FOGS Meeting (Formally known as the PTA)

When: Thursday 23rd June 2019

7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Where: School staff room

FOGS School Disco

First time for your child has been to a Greenhithe school disco? Here are few things you may like to know!

DJ Charsam will be live! (aka Mrs Boyd and Mrs Sam - our amazing Greenhithe teachers)

Junior disco years 0 - 3 disco 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Senior disco years 4 - 6 disco 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

\$5 per ticket - tickets can be purchased from the office from Tuesday 7th May OR at the door on Friday night

The ticket gets you:

Entry into the disco

2 x bracelet glow bands

a bottle of water - for safety reasons the water must be kept on the water table at all times

a small bag of chips

Please bring extra money if you would like to purchase:

sausage sizzle \$2

lolly bag \$2
Bling - \$2 - \$4 each

Parents DO NOT need to stay. There is a school run mix and mingle and a glass of wine for you in the year 2 block! We will have teachers, student leaders and our disco organising team there to look after your child.

It is important that ALL children must be collected INSIDE the hall. Parents, caregivers and children will all leave by the side door at the back of the hall once the disco has finished.

If you have any questions or concerns please email your child's teacher or our disco organiser Adele on ajlusher@hotmail.com

SPORTS CORNER

**Congratulations to our Swimming Champions for
2019**

Nelly and Charlie



RIPPA

We are still needing parents to help with transport to our first rippa tournament next Thursday 9th May. Please return the note that went home on Tuesday to the school office as soon as possible as we have approximately 100 children playing this year which means we need lots of help with transport. If you have already sent in your notice stating that you can help - thank you. I will be sending you a confirmation email shortly.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our School Cross Country day for Years 3 - 6 will be held on Tuesday 4th June (saver day Thursday 6th June) at Wainoni Park with the first races starting at approximately 11-30am. 7, 8 and 9 year olds run 1.5km and 10 and 11 year olds run 2km. Information about the day will be coming home shortly with your child, as well as a notice about a practice walk over the course.

HOCKEY

We have very small numbers in our hockey teams so we are looking for any Year 5 or 6 child who would like to join a team. Please email me as soon as possible if your child is interested. Games are played on a Monday night.

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

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Year 1-13

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Year 1-2 ENGLISH/MATHS/CHINESE
Year 3-6 ENGLISH/MATHS/CHINESE/WRITING/SCIENCE
Year 7-10 ENGLISH/MATHS/CHINESE/WRITING/SCIENCE/SOCIOLOGY/
SPEECH & DEBATE
Year 11-13 NCEA/CAMBRIDGE/IB
Spanish / Korean / Japanese / Computer Programming
HSPT / HSK / YCT

YEAR	ONE SUBJECT	TWO SUBJECTS	PRICE	Duration
1-2	\$30	\$50	(1hr/Lesson)	
3-6	\$40	\$70	(1.5hr/Lesson)	
7-10	\$40	\$75	(1.5hr/Lesson)	
11-13	\$50	\$90	(1.5hr/Lesson)	



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