

Senior School Newsletter Term 4 2019

15th October 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We can't believe that Term 4 is already here! For our Year 6 students it is their last term ever at Greenhithe School and our Year 5 students will be thinking about opportunities for 2020. It is a term full of celebrations and warmer weather that will see us swimming in the school pool and preparing for our Athletics day. We would like to welcome Mrs Carole Strombeck who is teaching year 5 in Room 21, we are sure she will love our learning environment.

Mathematics

As we work through Term 4 please continue to support your child in mathematics as much as possible. There is plenty of shopping to be done for Christmas and the holidays, so this is a great opportunity to look at prices and discounts, there is a lot of learning out there. This term the teachers will be working hard on teaching number strategies to your child as well as covering and revising strand in mathematics, i.e. statistics, geometry and measurement.

This term the Year 6's will continue to cross class group for maths three days a week. The year 5 and 6 teachers provide a carefully targeted maths programme to meet each students needs, alongside this, students also take part in maths teaching in their own classrooms.

Please keep encouraging your child to use Mathletics or any other mathematics website that promotes maths basic facts, especially multiplication and division.

Below are some websites that you may find useful:

www.mathletics.co.nz

www.sumdog.com

<http://nzmaths.co.nz/families>

<http://www.math-exercises-for-kids.com/>

<http://www.prototec.co.nz/math.html>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

Key Competencies

This term our focus will be on the key competencies of thinking, managing-self, relating to others, participating and contributing and using language, symbols and texts. The students will be participating in a class rotation where they will practise these key competencies through different contexts, such as technology.

Literacy

One area that is a particular focus for the senior school, is the growth of vocabulary. Vocabulary knowledge is enormously important to children's development in reading and writing. During Year 5 and 6, students choose more precise words and phrases to suit the topic or purpose. Students are developing their ability to provide their audience with more detail and information using paragraphs, diagrams, pictures and captions.

Physical Education

During the first five weeks students will be working through an athletics rotation in preparation for Athletics Day in Week 5. They will be developing skills in order to participate in long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin, discus, and running/sprinting. We ask that children wear hats and appropriate footwear on the days that they are training.

Hats

Hats are required to be worn every day in Term 4. Please make sure your child has a school hat that is named.

Year 6 Graduation

We would like to invite all of the parents of Year 6 students to the school leavers' ceremony on Thursday 12th December at 7pm. Mark this date in your calendar as it is during the busy lead up to Christmas.

Assessment

We will be assessing students over the coming weeks as we prepare for report writing. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be away for any reason during this time as it will help us plan the best time to assess.

Activity Fees

Thank you to those who have already paid their Activity fees. If you still need to pay, please could you pay the fee (\$30 per term) to the school office A.S.A.P.

Future Dates To Note:

Friday 25th October - Year 6 testing for AJHS at Greenhithe School

Monday 28th October - Labour Day

Friday 1st November - Year 5 trip MOTAT

Monday 4th - Friday 8th November - Book Week

Friday 8th November - Book Parade

Monday 11th November - APPA dress rehearsal at the Town Hall

Tuesday 12th November - APPA choir evening performance

Tuesday 12th November - Year 4-6 Athletics Day

Thursday 14th November- Year 4-6 Athletics Day saver day

Tuesday 19th November - Kids for kids evening performance

Friday 22nd November - Kapa Haka group to Onepoto Festival

Friday 29th November - Christmas on the Green

Tuesday 3rd December - Supercluster Athletics

Wednesday 4th December - Supercluster Athletics saver day

Thursday 5th December - Road Patrol Rainbows End trip

Monday 9th December - Year 6 Surf Trip, Orewa

Tuesday 10th December - Year 6 Surf Trip, Orewa- saver day

Thursday 12th December - Year 6 Graduation 7pm

Thursday 13th December - Certificate Assembly 11:30- 12:30

Tuesday 17th December - Last day of term, school closes at 12 p.m.

Communication between the school and parents/caregivers is important. Please feel comfortable in contacting your child's teacher if you have any queries about their learning. You can also contact the team leaders if you need to:

Jenny Bate – Year 5 Team Leader: jennyb@greenhithe.school.nz

Zara Fletcher – Year 6 Team Leader: zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz

Thank you for your continued support.

Senior Syndicate (Years 5 and 6)