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NEWSLETTER KAWERONGO

We are continuing to encourage our wonderful children to use their PRIDE values in all aspects of school life. Our PRIDE values of **Perseverance**, **Respect**, **Initiative**, **Diligence** and **Excellence** are very important to us at school. In the last two weeks, the children who have gained these awards are: Patrick Kelly-Hart, Samuel Bowden, Georgia Murray, Madisson Pretty, Riley Maskell, Brighton Burns. As we settle back into school the use of the values is being actively encouraged in the classrooms and when the children are playing outside.

New Routines

Our entry and exit systems appear to be working very well. We are pleased to be able to have our community back on site with us, while maintaining the benefits we noticed in the classrooms of a settled start and end to the day. The 'settling bell' at 8.45 is working well and giving the children time with friends and their teacher.

Our Isobel Road gate remains open all day, if you need to come into school, between 9am and 2.45pm, please use this gate and come to the school office. We can drop any lunches, devices or musical instruments to class for you. For the health and safety of our children and staff it is important to know who is onsite any time, so please sign in to the school if you come on to the school site.

Thank you for the support of our new processes, while there may be some adjustments along the way to ensure we meet the needs of our children, the way they are coming in so independently in the morning is just lovely. The bottom gate, where I am stationed, and car park/drop off continue to function very well. I am loving seeing the year one children showing their independence and resilience. Either not waiting for the teacher and running enthusiastically to class on their own, or helping other children, who may be a little nervous by taking their hand and asking if they would like to walk to class with them. It has been so lovely!

Please ensure your child knows where they are meeting you. There are no specifically assigned year group gates. We will be keeping the open gates staffed, to welcome the children into our school in the morning and to ensure the children leave the site safely at the end of the day.

Sports

I'd like to thank our sports coaches and managers who have started back coaching our tamariki this week. Getting back to our team sports is a great way of returning to normal, allowing teamwork, camaraderie and the fun to thrive at both training sessions and on match days. We couldn't provide this without parents and some of the teachers volunteering their time to support our children.

Term Dates 2020 3rd February – 9th April 28th April – 3rd July 20th July – 25th September 12th October - TBC

For School Donations and Activity fees:

School Bank Account Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

Uniform Shop Hours (onsite)

Tuesday 2.45 – 3.15pm Thursday 8.30 – 9.00am

Trips and experiences

Our teachers are now busy planning for next term and beyond. We are now looking at returning to school trips, bringing in experts and providing some wonderful learning experiences. This term this includes our dance workshops from Footsteps. I know the children are loving these experiences. These are funded through the activity contribution you pay to the school. Please check with the office if you are not sure if you have made your contribution.

Matariki

We would like to invite you into our classrooms to work with your child on our Matariki open afternoon. We want to open our classrooms up for you to come in and work alongside your child as they deepen their understanding and learning around this important cultural event. This is a low key event in the classrooms. The children will be working on their activities and you are welcome to come and share this experience with them. It is not a showcase or presentation, just our amazing tamariki learning in their rooms. This learning experience is held from 2.15pm-3pm on Thursday 2nd July. We ask that you do not come into the school before this time, so the teachers can ensure the activities are up and running. We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

ICAS Exams

Greenhithe School will be participating in the ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Participation in these international tests is entirely voluntary. They are open to students in years 4-6 at Greenhithe School. The forms and further information is available from the office. Please email me (principal@greenhithe.school.nz) for further information.

Ngā mihi Stephen Grady Principal



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