



## **Senior School Newsletter Term 4 2020**

15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yay! Term 4 and we are starting off at Covid Level 1. Whoever thought we would be saying something like that? 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 2021. This term will be jam packed with celebrations, sporting events, trips and a Year 6 performance. Rest assured that we will continue with our sanitisation habits of washing hands and wiping down surfaces.

### **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.

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

### **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 6. 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. This year we anticipate training to take place on Thursday and Friday.

### **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 Wednesday 9th December at 7pm. Mark this date in your calendar as it is during the busy lead up to Christmas. Please let Zara Fletcher ([zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz)) know if you would like to be part of the hall decoration team. We need a team of creative and innovative parents who can decorate on a tight budget.

### **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) online.

ASB 12 3109 0011698 00 (please put your child's name as a reference).

### **Future Dates To Note:**

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October - Book Week/Book Fair

Friday 23rd October - Book Parade/Loud Shirt Day

Wednesday 21st October - Rms 17 & 18 - Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip

Thursday 22nd October - Rms 19 & 20 - Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip

Monday 26th October - Labour Day

Tuesday 27th October - Teacher Only Day

Thursday 29th October - Y6 Kelly Tarlton trip

Thursday 12th November - Year 6 Performance (times TBA)

Tuesday 17th November - Year 4-6 Athletics Day

Thursday 19th November- Year 4-6 Athletics Day saver day

Monday 23rd November - Year 6 Albany Junior High School experience day

Tuesday 1st December - Supercluster Athletics

Wednesday 2nd December - Supercluster Athletics saver day

Friday 4th December - Christmas on the Green

Friday 4th December - Road Patrol Rainbows End trip

Wednesday 9th December - Year 6 Graduation 7pm

Friday 11th December - Certificate Assembly 11:30- 12:30

Tuesday 15th 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](mailto:jennyb@greenhithe.school.nz)

Zara Fletcher – Year 6 Team Leader: [zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:zaraf@greenhithe.school.nz)

Thank you for your continued support.

Senior Syndicate (Years 5 and 6)