



3/02/2021

Welcome back to an exciting and hopefully full year at Greenhithe School.

Firstly I would like to welcome all our new children and their families to our school. We are very glad to have you and your family as part of our school whanau and look forward to meeting and getting to know you. If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher or the office, we are happy to answer any queries you have about our school.

I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of our amazing teachers over the summer in preparing their rooms, undertaking professional development and planning some wonderful learning opportunities for your children. I'd also like to acknowledge Maeke, our caretaker, who has worked tirelessly throughout the summer ensuring the site looks great and everything is well maintained. I'd also like to thank those parents who assisted with the pool over the summer, your help was appreciated!

The bottom gate was a lovely place to be this morning! It was lovely to see the children coming back with a smile and to have a chat about the various adventures they got up to in the break. We are in such a lucky position to have been able to enjoy a summer break with family and friends, and talking to the children today, they certainly made the most of our summer.

#### **COVID APP**

We do ask that you use the covid app to scan into our school. Our code can be found on the gates, in the office or in classrooms.

#### **Donations/Activity Fees**

A massive thank you to those who have already been in to pay donations and activity contributions.

*These are so important to us* and will allow our school to continue to offer some of our amazing additional things, such as employing a specialist sports coordinator, Kapa Haka tutor and additional learning assistants, as well as allowing us to maintain our amazing levels of resourcing for your child, including a school pool. Please remember these can be paid at either the office or online (details below).

The requested donation is \$200 if paid in term 1 or 2, after this time the donation reverts to \$220. The activity fee replaces the requests for many odd dollars for performances as well as trips and experiences. This again remains at \$35 per child per term.

#### Online Payment Details

School Bank Account Number: 12 3109 0011698 00

Please put your child's name as a reference if paying directly into the school bank account.

We really appreciate your support with the contribution of your donation and payment towards our school activities. We are very proud of our school, our facilities and the extras we can offer, thanks to those donations.

### **Hats**

School hats are compulsory this term. They must be worn whenever the children are outside. The children will be asked to remain in the shade if they forget theirs. It must be a school hat, as it is part of our uniform. PLEASE NAME THE HATS! Every day a few hats are handed into the office from the field or playgrounds...we can return those with a name!

### **Dates for 2021**

We are planning to run all our events for the year. We will add our dates to the calendar on the website as these are confirmed. Several dates are governed by outside organisations and we will share these as we get them. Your class teacher will inform you of trips and other dates that are specific for your child's year group. There are five teacher only days across the year, which I sent the dates out for last year (1st April, 28th June, 17th September and 15th November). Four of these were from the teachers collective agreement and a further day is a Community of Learning day (8th June- directly after Queen's birthday long weekend), meaning Albany Junior High and Senior High, as well as our other local primary school colleagues will be working together on that day for the good of the students across our area.

I have liaised with the YMCA, who will set up a programme especially for the teacher only days, based in our hall. Further details on this will follow. I hope this is helpful.

### ***Term 1 dates:***

Waitangi Day- Monday 8th February-SCHOOL CLOSED

PTA Meeting- Tuesday 16th February

School Swim sports (Yr 4-6)- Tuesday 23rd February

Teacher Only Day-Thursday 1st April-SCHOOL CLOSED

Easter Break-Friday 2nd April to Tuesday 6th April-SCHOOL CLOSED (reopens 7th April)

Shore to Shore fun run- Sunday 10th April

Life Education Caravan in School- 26 March to 16th April (More details will follow)

End of term Friday 16th April -3pm finish

Please continue to check the website for further additions to our calendar.

Who knows what this year will bring, what I can say is our wonderful teaching staff are more than prepared for whatever the year throws at us. We have a great team of highly talented, passionate and adaptable teachers. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to a year of engaging learning opportunities and fun.

Ngā mihi

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Principal/Tumuaki  
Greenhithe School