

Junior Syndicate Newsletter

Term 1 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Greenhithe School for 2022! If you are new to the school, we extend a special welcome to you and your family.

The Junior Team is as follows:

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| Bonita Mowat | Year 2 | Room 7 (Year 2 Team Leader) |
| Sam McCubbin | Year 2 | Room 8 |
| Suzanne Cresswell/Samantha Wijnstok | Year 2 | Room 9 |
| Carole Strombeck | Year 1 | Room 4 |
| Steph Sussex | Year 1 | Room 5 |
| Fran Morrison | Year 1 | Room 6 (Year 1 Team Leader) |
| Kathryn Leader | Year 1 | Room 11 |
| Sacha Walsh | Year 1 | Room 12 |

Curriculum



Writing

The Juniors are learning the skills needed to become successful writers. These include; planning their writing, making an attempt to spell words independently, beginning to use full stops and capital letters appropriately, and composing interesting sentences to describe events or to describe characters. You can help by encouraging your child to talk about stories, events or outings, in a sequential and organised way. This term the children will be participating in many learning activities based around knowledge of sounds, development of vocabulary, and grammar. This will help with the spelling of words.



Reading

The Junior School Reading programme will begin officially in week 2 with reading books going home from week 3. The teachers read daily with groups of children and your child will then bring his/her book home to reread with you. Please make time to listen and encourage your child by asking questions about the plot or the characters. Help them to work out tricky words by using the pictures or the context of the story. Your child will bring a reading log home. It is helpful if you make comments about their reading whenever possible, e.g. enjoyed the story; commented on the characters; liked the illustrations, etc. Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. This helps protect the books. Teachers will not allow books to go home if the previous book hasn't been returned or if your child doesn't have a book bag.

Inquiry

Our inquiry concept will be where we are in place and time. Throughout the first part of the term, we will be looking at our personal history within Greenhithe and learning about discoveries, explorations and migrations to New Zealand over the past 700 years.

Maths



Regular practice of number identification to 10, 20 then 100 followed by simple basic facts, including +/- first to 10 and then to 20, and 2, 5, 10 x tables (and their related division facts), is something you can do with your child at home. Please help and encourage your child to spend 5-10 minutes daily on these. Having instant recall of basic facts helps students to solve number problems more efficiently. We will also be conducting statistical investigations; collecting data, creating graphs. In addition to this the students will be learning about shape and how to measure length. We also encourage children to use Mathseeds daily, this will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Swimming



All children will need to bring named togs and towels in a separate bag. Please ensure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly named. Teachers will advise you of their swimming days.

Fitness and PE



For fitness this term we will be learning fun cooperative games. For P.E. we will have swimming sessions two to three times a week.

Activity Fee

There is a \$35 activity fee per term per Year 1 or Year 2 child, you can pay this directly to the office or it can also be paid through internet banking. This activity fee covers the cost of trips and other extracurricular activities. Please ensure that payments are kept up to date.

Donations

Each year the Ministry of Education use decile ratings to help determine how much government funding a school will receive. Greenhithe School is a decile 10 school, which means that we receive the lowest funding possible from the government for our students education. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider a donation of \$55.00 per term, \$200 if paid by the end of Term 2, after that \$220.00 per year. There are discounts for families of 3 children or more. Please see the office for more information, including a tax rebate through the IRD if you pay before the 31st March.

Your donations help to provide many programmes and staff throughout the school, learning assistants, sports coordinator, reading recovery teacher and programme, art resources, GATE and pool maintenance are but a few. They are all beneficial to our students but these resources will only continue at Greenhithe School if all our families pay their donation.

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 look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Warm regards,

Junior Syndicate teachers