



12th April 2022

Hello to our wonderful Greenhithe school community!

Well, we have made it through Term 1 of 2022. It has been a challenging time of managing isolation with some skilful manoeuvring and tag-teaming by the leadership team to enable all students to have access to school for the entire term. This is quite an achievement!

The board would like to compliment Stephen and extend our thanks to him for the leadership he has demonstrated during this term. We would also like to thank the wonderful group of teachers and staff that we are lucky enough to have at Greenhithe school. We are sure you will agree that they go above and beyond in making sure our tamariki are well looked after at school.

Looking back, we are really proud as a board to have seen the school thrive over the last two years. This has been a difficult and unprecedented time as we saw the International Student program fall away, taking along with it, the revenue it generated for the school. We have, however, been able to navigate the budget restrictions placed on the school and manage it through this crisis period.

We have come out the other side still in a sound financial position even after completing required maintenance tasks and making some significant improvements to facilities.

As always, we would like to involve the community in the decision making process with regards to the school and, as part of this, we want to extend an invitation to parents and caregivers to our property forum evening.

We are at the start of our 10 year planning for the school property and these evenings are a great opportunity for you to have your say on how our school is developed over the coming years. The property forum will be an informal gathering where we will hear from Stephen and have a tour around the school. We would love to see you there on May 12th at 6pm. The school will send more details out in the first week of term 2.

This year is the end of the three-year board term, and elections for a new board will be held later in the year. This is an opportunity for some of you to take on a rewarding role in the next board. There is no one size fits all for a board member, we have an accountant, IT consulting manager, a project manager, a marketing consultant, an interior designer and a general manager among our current board members.

Being on the board is a wonderful way to make a contribution in a governance role, supporting our leadership team to continue to run our wonderful school. If this is something that interests you, and you are keen to see how a board meeting works, you are most welcome to come along to a meeting.

The next board meeting dates are:

Wednesday 4th May at 6.45pm in the school resource room (near the office)

Wednesday 25th May at 6.45pm in the school resource room (near the office)

Finally, as a board, we would like to thank all of you. We hear stories of the children's resilience from the school leadership team, and that is largely due to your hard work at home. We also appreciate your support and understanding through these difficult times.

We really feel that the last two years have brought the community as a whole closer together.

Have a lovely Easter and we will see you next Term!

The Greenhithe School Board