



05/05/22

Dear parents,

Welcome back to Term 2.

We have loved opening up our school a bit further. Seeing all the kids out and playing together again has been lovely. It has also been great to see the coaching of sport going so well. We have also welcomed parents back on site in the mornings and afternoons, and the office is open during the school day. It has been lovely to be able to have our parent community back on site and we look forward to being able to host some of our events at school again!

Thank you for adhering to the Orange Level mitigations, such as wearing a mask if you enter a building while onsite.

We 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. The children are reminded about what these values look like in many contexts around our school both on the sports field and when learning in the classroom. I hope to also hear about our children showing the values outside school and in the community, whether at the skatepark, playing weekend sport or just by being good local citizens. The following children have been awarded a PRIDE certificate this week: Milla Jury, Chloe Chamberlain, Brooke McCabe, Sofia Turner, Summer Higgins, Rory Rees, Jay Kim and Azaria Willoughby.

Property Forum

At the end of last term I mentioned a property forum to be held on **May 12th at 6pm** starting in the hall. This will be hosted by myself and Sam Ebel-Brown, a member of our Board Property Committee. This is your chance to have a say on some of the plans we have and offer suggestions of what you would like to see in terms of development of the school infrastructure.

"We are keen to hear your ideas and get your input on some plans for the next few years of development at school. We will talk about why we needed the amazing PTA fundraising for our shades and pool facilities, how the Ministry of Education money can be spent and our plans moving forward."

Please RSVP to the office (office@greenhithe.school.nz) if you are going to come along.

Message from the Police

This morning we received a visit from the police following the police stop by our school. They told us that today they stopped a high proportion of parents of our school who were driving with no seatbelts on themselves or their children. They have asked us to reiterate the following messages to the community through the newsletter:

- It is the driver's responsibility for all occupants in the car to be wearing a seatbelt correctly at all times.
- All children under the age of 7 should be strapped into a booster seat.
- Any child sitting in a booster seat should not be wearing a backpack on their back, as this is an unsafe position.

They have also informed us that they will be holding further regular stops in our area to check on compliance with the road laws.

Donations and 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 planning some developments for this year. Please remember these can now be paid **at either the office or online**. If you are in a position to make a donation, we really do appreciate them, as it does allow us to provide opportunities across the school. The donation suggested is \$200 per child and activity fee is \$35 per term.

The **donations** that we receive in 2022 will be more important to the school than ever. We are still unable to have international students, our fundraising in 2021 was severely impacted and we also receive less in general funding as a high decile school. This is why your donations are so important to the running of our school.

The requested **activity contribution** covers the trips, experiences and performers we have in schools. These trips and experiences are expensive and getting more so. Without parents contributing to these amazing experiences, they will not be able to go ahead. The reason we have a single payment per term is to stop the school having to request contributions of \$10 here and \$5 there for various trips, visiting performers and roadshows etc. Having one \$35 contribution per term seems to be a much easier way to manage it. This cost has also remained the same. Our teachers are committed to giving the children amazing experiences and even last term these continued.

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.

Enrolments

We are getting lots of enrolments in our year 0/1 classes for the rest of the year. We want to ensure the highest quality of teachers for these children joining our school. To find these people we need to ensure we have all the enrolments in, so we can know when the classes are starting! If you have a younger child who will be starting with us in 2022, please contact the office (office@greenhithe.school.nz or 09 4139838) to get an enrolment pack or you can download it from the website. If you are aware of new families from kindy etc who will be joining us, please ask them to contact us.

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