

Thursday 19th May 2022

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Important Dates

May

20th – Pink Shirt Day fundraiser – gold coin donation

31st Yr 3-6 Cross Country

June

2nd Save Day Cross Country

6th Queen's Birthday – School Closed

16th Inter School X Country Coatesville

17th Save Day X Country

24th Matariki School Closed

27th NZEI Day School Closed

NEWSLETTER KAWERONGO

Dear Parents and caregivers,

We are continuing to 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 and are displayed on the posts by our main entrance. 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. We love giving our PRIDE certificates when we catch children showing our values, these are then displayed in the office, before coming home with the children. It is certainly one of the highlights of my day to see these values being shown around our school. In the last two weeks, the children who have gained these awards are: Nicolas Hernandez Williams, Lucas Lay, Olivia Clarke, Carter Simpson, Riley Mccabe and Jackson Muller.

Absences

If your child is away from school, for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. If it is because of either household contact isolation, or your child tests positive, please give us a call or email.

As we get notifications of children who have been at school while infectious with Covid, we will continue to send the letter to the affected year group.

Donations and Activity Fees

I'd like to say thank you to those who have made their school donation and paid the activity fees, without your contributions, we couldn't offer the sporting, cultural or educational opportunities we can at Greenhithe School. If you need to still make your donation or pay the activity fee for term 2, please call in at the office or pay online.

(A/C: 12 3109 0011698 00 Please put your child's name as a reference if paying directly into the school bank account).

Matariki Afternoon

In celebration of Matariki, we will be holding a school open afternoon on Thursday 23rd June. We invite you to the school hall between 1.30-2pm to see our Kapa Haka Year 6 group perform. We will also have some questions for you to look at and give feedback to us, about our school. We are starting the process of the next three years of strategic planning and would value your thoughts on some key components of what this could look like as we move forward as a school.

At 2pm you will be able to visit your child's classroom (following the protocols of mask wearing indoors). The children will be participating in a range of activities for you to watch, or even join in with!

There will be another opportunity to come and have a chat with us regarding our strategic planning during the disco in July, when we will host another session of consultation. While your children dance the night away, we invite you to come and join us for a drink and to offer your input into the next strategic plan. Pre-Covid, we have hosted these and they have been a nice opportunity for you to meet some of the School Board or Senior Leadership team. In the world we have been in over the last couple of years, it will also be a nice opportunity to meet other parents.

The Principal of Albany Junior High (Cushla Sheppard) has also agreed to join us on the disco evening consultation on Friday 1st July, so parents can meet her and ask questions about the school. This could help you as you make decisions about the next stage in your child's educational journey.

We look forward to seeing you at these events, as we edge towards moving back to a more normal school environment.

Enrolments

It's lovely to see the children visiting and starting school with us. We are filling our existing classes rapidly! If you have a child who will start with us during term 2 or later this year, please contact the school so we can ensure we have time to recruit the best teachers we can, to give our new children the best start to their schooling journey with us. Enrolment packs can be emailed out from the office or are available on the school website. If you have friends who may also have children starting with us this year, please encourage them to get in touch (09-4139838 or office@greenhithe.school.nz).

Ngā mihi

Stephen Grady

Principal

Greenhithe School

SPORTS CORNER

Korero hākinakina

CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 3-6

Next Tuesday 24th May, all Years 3-6 children will be heading down to Wainoni Park to walk around the Cross Country course. If you have offered to walk with your child's class, please be at school no later than 1-25pm. We will be back by 2-45pm.

On Tuesday 31st May, we will be having our Cross Country Day. If you can help on the day with either walking down with your child's class and/or helping with being a marshall, please make sure you return the slip from the newsletter that went home yesterday, to my sports office.

Here is a timetable of the day's races.

• **Order of Races: Tuesday 31st May, 2022**

RACE	Age Group (as of our school race day 31st May, 2022)	Approximate times only
1	7 year old girls	11.40 am
2	7 year old boys	11.50 am
3	8 year old girls	12.00 noon
4	8 year old boys	12.10 pm
5	9 year old girls	12.20 pm
6	9 year old boys	12.30 pm
7	10 & 11 year old girls	12.40 pm
8	10 & 11 year old boys	12.50pm
End	Races finish.	1.00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sausage sizzle for those who have pre-ordered (please see below about how to order a sausage/juicie) 		~1.30pm

CROSS COUNTRY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – TUESDAY 31ST MAY 🌭

The Years 3 to 6 Cross Country is on Tuesday 31st May and the PTA will be holding a fundraising sausage sizzle at the event.

There are four options to select, see below:

Sausage and Bread = \$3

Fruit Juicie = \$3

Sausage and Juicie Combo = \$5

Two Sausages and Bread = \$5

We are now collecting orders online, so please complete the survey below and pay into the PTA bank account before 3pm on Wednesday 25th May so you don't miss out.

If you have multiple kids at the school, please fill out a separate survey per child, so that their individual order gets captured. Please note this is for Years 3 to 6 students only who will be at Wainoni Park for the cross country event.

EN: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ptasausages>

ZH: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ptasausage2>

No cash is accepted, so please pay into the PTA bank account ASAP, no payment, no sausage! 😞

Account: 12-3119-0051917-00

Particulars: Student name

Code: Classroom number

Reference: Mobile number

Sofia from Room 24 recently competed in two sailing regattas to finish the summer season. She competed in the Girls Championships at Kohimaramara and won the regatta in her fleet (40 girls). Then in the school holidays Sofia headed to Napier to compete in the Optimist National Championships where she worked hard against the 70 boys and girls in Green fleet over 4 days. She finished 1st Girl!! 6th overall and a race winner. Way to go Sofia, we are super proud of you!



BEGINNERS' CANOE POLO

INTRODUCTORY COURSE

Learn how to play canoe polo!
All ages welcome

WHEN: Tuesdays (17th May - 21st June)
COST: \$50 - 6 weeks
\$15/night - casual
TIME: 6.30pm - 8pm
WHERE: Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre

for more information email
info@aucklandcanoe polo.co.nz

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If there is anything that you would like included in the school newsletter, an achievement that you think is worth sharing, please email me at sharonh@greenhithe.school.nz

Sharon Hilton-Jones
Sports Co-ordinator

Strengthening Families

Strengthening Families is running the following courses for Families who are interested:

Online Every Day with ADHD Parenting course starting on Tuesday 31 May 2022. This Online course is run over **six Tuesday mornings, 9.30am – 11.45am**. The dates for this Online course are:

Tuesday 31 May 2022
Tuesday 07 June 2022
Tuesday 14 June 2022
Tuesday 21 June 2022
Tuesday 28 June 2022
Tuesday 05 July 2022

Please see the following website link for further information, or to register:

<https://www.adhd.org.nz/online-every-day-with-adhd-parenting-course-term2-2022.html>

A second **Online Every Day with ADHD Parenting course is starting in Term 3 on Wednesday 24 August 2022.** This Online course is also a six week course, run on **Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm – 9.45pm.**

The dates for this Online course are:

Wednesday 24 August 2022
Wednesday 31 August 2022
Wednesday 07 September 2022
Wednesday 14 September 2022
Wednesday 21 September 2022
Wednesday 28 September 2022

Please see the following website link for further information, or to register:

<https://www.adhd.org.nz/online-every-day-with-adhd-parenting-course-term3-2022.html>



Understanding the Impact of Device Use on the Brain

There are positives and negatives of technology, it is confusing and there is no simple answer. Come along and hear KATHRYNY BERKETT explain, in easy to understand language, the neuroscience behind the complex world our children are living in.

[Our Community of Learning, Albany Kāhui Ako](#), would like to invite Parents and Teachers to this wonderful free presentation on the **7th June in the Albany Junior High School, PAC/Drama Auditorium, from 6.15pm for the Meet & Greet, followed by Kathryn Berkett from 6.30pm-8pm**

Our world is changing so quickly, it is hard to keep up. The messages we get can be so confusing – is technology bad for us, or good for us? In reality, it isn't that simple. This session is not about telling you to stop using technology, it is about helping you understand it, so you can make more informed decisions. We are all individuals, and we will react and interact differently with technology. Come along to hear more about what this means for each of us. This session will discuss why we get such positive feedback from games and social media, amongst other device use. We will discuss why, for some people, this can lead to addiction. This will help us some way towards combating it.

Kathryn is a mother of two adolescents, has her Masters in Educational Psychology and is a Certified Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics practitioner. She has a TEDx talk on this subject, and trains organizations all over NZ and abroad. She will explain what is going on in simple, real language. You will leave her session with practical tips that you can use IMMEDIATELY!

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