

Greenhithe School

Learn to Grow



Message from the Principal

I am incredibly proud of our team at Greenhithe School. We have an amazing group of talented teachers who provide the best possible learning opportunities for our children. Our teachers are supported by a wonderful group of teacher aides, office staff and a hard working caretaker who help to create the engaging learning environment at our school. We have a very active Board of Trustees and a leadership team who are passionate about enhancing the learning experiences of every child at Greenhithe School.

As a school we present many learning opportunities to our students. The children experience a range of activities including dancing, sporting events, singing, drama, art, science, financial literacy, as well as learning the skill of literacy, maths and inquiry learning that will help our children to be confident, life long learners.

Many thanks to you, the parents, caregivers and local community, who support us throughout the year. We truly value the help you provide in so many ways, including with road patrol, in-class help, library duties, engagement with our 'Greenhithe School PTA' group, management of sports teams and support with school trips and camp.

Thank you for taking the time to explore our website, which we hope gives you an impression of the variety of opportunities available at our school. We look forward to welcoming and working alongside you and your children.

Stephen Grady

Principal/Tumuaki



Our Vision and Values



Our Vision

Our children grow to be capable, balanced, confident learners who embrace new experiences and opportunities.

Kia tipu kaha ai a mātou tamariki i raro i ngā manaakitanga hōu o ngā wheako me ngā angitu hei ākonga tau hei ākonga maia

Learners at Greenhithe School grow to be confident, flexible and are open to new ideas. We live and breathe our PRIDE values in every aspect of school life. We embrace challenge, use initiative and develop the attitude to give new experiences a try. We learn to foster effective relationships, showing empathy, kindness and respect to all.

Our Values

Greenhithe School will promote a learning community where we support the personal development, learning and welfare of every learner. The students who display these values will receive a PRIDE certificate and will be recognised to the whole community through the school newsletter.

PRIDE

Perseverance, Respect, Initiative, Diligence, Excellence

Manawanui, Manaakitanga, Whakaaratanga, Urupū, Kairangatira





Communication

At Greenhithe we feel that communication is key to developing our learning partnerships across the school. Our teachers are more than happy to catch up with parents as you drop off or pick up from school. However, if you have something private to discuss, please arrange an appointment by email with the class teacher.

Website and Calendar

The website has further information about our school and upcoming dates and events. Emergency information will also be displayed on the website if required.

Email through ETAP

This is how the school communicates notices, newsletters, events and emergencies with you.

Newsletters

The school newsletter is published by the Principal fortnightly and includes up to date information, students who have demonstrated our PRIDE Values, PTA information and any sporting success.

Seesaw

The class teacher will provide you with a login so that you can access this platform. Our teachers use this platform to share the students learning with you.

New Parent Meet and Greet

Once a term we warmly invite new parents of Greenhithe to come and find out more about our school and meet other parents over a warm drink and sweet treat.



Our New Entrants

Enrolling your child

Our new entrants can start school at the age of 5. We would highly recommend that you enrol your child at least a year before they turn 5.

Once enrolled you will receive two dates to attend a visit at the school and a date to attend a parent information evening.

Please see our Greenhithe School website for a link to the enrolment form.

www.greenhithe.school.nz

New Entrant Parent Information Evening

This is an opportunity for parents to meet one another, our teachers and find out more about the learning experiences and school routines of Greenhithe.

Visits are a Thursday morning 9am to 11am. Please come to the school office and we will take you to the classroom. The visits are two weeks before starting full time. Our new entrants will meet their class friends and teacher.

They will have an opportunity to use learning materials and join in with class activities as well as becoming familiar with the school environment.

Uniform and Stationery

Greenhithe has a compulsory uniform that we expect all students to wear. You can order your uniform online, check the website, or pop into the uniform shop here at school. Ask the office for opening hours.

If your child is cold and needs to wear another garment underneath their uniform, please ensure that it is navy blue in colour.

Stationery can also be ordered online and you can choose to pick it up from school or have it delivered to home.

Kindo

When you enrol there will be information with this pack on how you can start a KINDO account. This account will enable you to pay for activity fees, donations, Ezlunch, Extra Curricular Sports, PTA activities and other school related events online.

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Our Learning Day



School Timings

At Greenhithe our students are allowed on the school grounds at 8.30am and not before, this is because there is no supervision. The students are not allowed on the playground equipment before school starts and must play in the designated areas only.

Teachers will be in classrooms from **8.30am** to welcome students.

From **8.30am - 8.45am** the students can play outside or meet their friends in class.

At **8.45am** a bell will ring, this is the Settling bell. Children will make their way to class and get ready for learning. Parents will be asked to leave the classrooms.

Learning block: 8.55am - 10.00am

Fruit and Fitness Break: 10.00am - 10.20am

Learning block: 10.20am - 11.00am

Morning Break: 11.00am - 11.30am

Learning block: 11.30am - 12.50pm

Lunch Break: 12.50pm - 1.40pm

Learning block: 1.40pm - 3.00pm

Home Time: 3.00pm

When the bell rings for the end of the day, all students will be either collected by parents from outside the classroom or make their way to the school gates. All children should be off the school premises by 3.15pm unless they are being supervised by a parent.

Before and After School Care

At Greenhithe we have two privately owned companies who provide child care.

Jiggerbobs - Karen Hayston 027-223-5934

Kids Care - Lorna Van Rensburg 0211089904.

Please contact them directly if you wish to use their services.

We also host private onsite activities after school such as, Bricks 4 Kidz, Playball, Mandarin and art classes. Please contact the school office for further information or pick up a leaflet from the school office.

office@greenhithe.school.nz





Our Curriculum Connections

At Greenhithe we **PRIDE** ourselves on our integrated, engaging and balanced curriculum.

- Learning through experiences in our local environment, our students make meaning of the world around them through their interests in an integrated approach through reading, writing and maths.
- Local connections with our community include visiting the Fire Station, tree planting at Wainoni Park, bird surveys, stream testing, and visiting the older residents of Greenhithe to enrich the learning experience.
- Connecting with Greenhithe residents helps us to find out about our local histories and the people who settled here many years ago, and acknowledges whanaungatanga through the learning of te ao Māori.
- Opportunities to visit local kindergartens and contributing to our Whanau ki te Ako, helps to provide a smooth pathway and transition throughout our students' schooling.
- Celebrating our learning allows connections to happen within our community, such as on Whānau Day, Matariki Afternoon, Art Exhibitions, Productions and Christmas on The Green.
- Supporting the needs of learners through a variety of structured programmes, we offer English for Language Learners, and learning programmes to meet individual needs as required.
- Offering a balanced curriculum ensures that students experience a wide range of learning opportunities.



Keeping Us Informed

Absences

Please notify the school by:

Email: office@greenhithe.school.nz

Phone: 094139868

Website: Community Connect Section,
bottom of the home page.

www.greenhithe.school.nz

Please ensure that you let the office know when your child is absent from school, whether it is an illness, appointment or family holiday. Absences are checked everyday and if there is an unexplained absence the school will contact parents/caregivers. This is to ensure the safety of all our students.

If you wish to take your child out of school during school hours please make sure that you come to the school office and sign your child out on Vistab. Your child will meet you at the school office.

Emergency Contacts

Please notify the school as soon as possible if your address or phone number has changed. It is important to have your most up to date details in the event of an emergency.



Health and Safety at School



Accidents and Sickness

In the event of your child having an accident at school, staff will give first aid. Any serious injury you will be informed and an ambulance maybe called to attend. Bumps to the head, you will receive a phone call notifying you of this and the severity of the injury. There are certified First Aiders on site at all times during school hours and will follow best practice.

If your child is unwell at school, you will be contacted by phone and advised to collect them. If we cannot contact you, an emergency contact person you have advised will be contacted.

Medication

Medications will be kept in the Sick Bay and if your child requires medication through the day, you will be asked to complete a consent form. Children are not to have any form of medication in their school bags or classrooms.

Sun Safety

Greenhithe School has a school hat which is to be worn in term 1 and term 4.

We also encourage you to apply sunscreen in the morning before your child leaves home. Sunscreen is also available at school for your child's use.

Emergency Procedures

Drills are held each term. In the event of an emergency and children need to be sent home, parents will be contacted. The school will take responsibility of your child until you are able to collect them.



Parent Involvement

School Donation and Activity Fees are fundamental to the running of our school. Your contribution enables us to provide learning opportunities that go beyond what the Ministry can offer. Please find donation and activity fee information on our website and Kindo.

Our Parent, Teacher Association (PTA) is fundamental to our fundraising efforts and community connections. Join the PTA team here at Greenhithe and get to know our community and make a difference for our students and school at the same time.

Parent Helpers are more than welcome at Greenhithe School. Please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements with how you can help. We ask you to kindly sign in at the office.

School trips are one of the exciting things that we do here at Greenhithe School and we cannot make them happen without parent help. Sometimes we have so much help we cannot take everyone, but be rest assured that you will get an opportunity at some point of your child's school life!

Extra Curricular Sports If you would like to know about the many sporting opportunities for your child please email her for more information sharonhj@greenhithe.school.nz We are always looking for coaches.

Walking School Bus is a way to get to know your neighbours and get those steps in while supporting the students at Greenhithe get to school safely. Please contact Emma Pierce for more details of a Walking School Bus in your area, or if you would like to start one. emmap@greenhithe.school.nz
For any more information check out our website www.greenhithe.school.nz



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