

What's coming up in Term 3 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students joining us this term and their families.

Important dates for Year 2 students this term:

Trip to our local stream - Wednesday 13th August

Back-up date for trip to our local stream - Wednesday 20th August

What's on this term:

On Friday 25th July (week 2) we will be having our 100 days at school celebration. A letter will go home giving more details about this. Please remind your child to bring 100 (small) things to sort, and a plate of food to share on this date.

This term, our inquiry focus is Science and Technology, looking at *How the World Works*. The children will be learning about mini-beasts and what they need to survive, such as food, water, air, and shelter. We'll explore how different creatures are suited to their habitats and how they grow and change through their life cycles. As part of this learning we have the Mountains to the Sea Conservation Trust coming in for five sessions. They will be teaching the children about the importance of clean water in our streams and the different types of whitebait that live in these streams. Included in this is a trip to a local stream (see dates above). We will need parent help for this walk and will send out a notice soon with all the details. In Week 5, we are excited to welcome *Hands On Creatures* to our school. This interactive session will give the children a chance to see and learn about a variety of fascinating mini-beasts up close. It's a great opportunity to support our learning about habitats, lifecycles, and what living things need to survive. Your activity fee covers the cost of this visit.

We will also be teaching the *Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)* programme with support from the New Zealand Police. This programme helps children learn how to stay safe in a range of situations. There will be a parent information session in the term for those who would like to learn more about the programme.

The school production 'Dancing through the Decades' is scheduled for Week 8. The production involves the Year 3 to 6 classes but the Year 2 children are able to come along as part of the audience. More details will be shared with you closer to the time.

We look forward to another wonderful term. Please continue to check Seesaw, email notifications, the school events calendar on the Greenhithe website, as well as the school newsletter for updates about what's happening throughout the school. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Ngā mihi
The Year 2 Teachers