

Hello and welcome! We're excited to start Term 4 with everyone. We are looking forward to the warmer weather this term brings, which means we'll be spending more time getting outside and making the most of our school grounds and having fun in the sunshine. This term, our big question for Inquiry is: How can tamariki with big ideas become entrepreneurs, turning their ideas into real businesses that help our community and make a difference? Our tamariki will learn that a business is a way to help people and solve problems. They will learn about what a product or service is, how to make a brand, and pitch an idea. Alongside this, we will use 'Banquer', which is a financial education platform that provides a simulated, virtual economy for students.

### **Reading and Writing in Inquiry**

This term, our approach to reading and writing is changing to align with the new curriculum. We'll be using a whole-class teaching model, which research shows increases student engagement and deepens their understanding. To make learning more meaningful, our reading and writing will be integrated with our business inquiry unit. Your child will explore various texts, including nonfiction books about business and finance, and inspiring true stories of young entrepreneurs in Aotearoa. This learning will be put into practice as students become "entrepreneurs" themselves. They'll use what they've read to brainstorm a service they could offer at school and develop a marketing plan to promote both themselves as individuals and their business. This project-based approach will help them develop critical thinking, creativity, and real-world business skills.

### **Maths**

At Greenhithe, we aim to develop confident, capable mathematicians who can apply their learning to real-life situations. Our maths programme follows the New Zealand Curriculum and covers number, algebra, measurement, geometry, statistics, and probability. This term, in alignment with our inquiry topic, we will start by focusing on money and New Zealand currency. We use the Oxford University Maths programme to support structured learning and reinforce key skills. Our goal is to spark curiosity, encourage mathematical thinking, and equip students with the tools they need to succeed.

### **Physical Education**

This term, we focus on Athletics. Students will explore a range of athletic skills, including high jump, long jump, sprints, javelin, discus, and shot put. These activities will support each student in participating in our Greenhithe School Athletics day in week 5. Students will have a go at different activities, develop physical strength, coordination, and confidence while also being encouraged to take risks as they try new things. Later on in the term, we focus on collaborative games with an emphasis on teamwork, communication, and fairness.

### **Y4/5 Millennium Trip**

In Week 6, our students will take part in an exciting programme at the Millennium Institute. They will be involved in surf safety, water safety, rock climbing, and a range of problem-solving and team-building challenges. These activities are designed to build confidence, encourage teamwork, and develop important life skills — and we know students will come home full of stories to share! We will need parent helpers to support us with these activities. A letter will be sent home in week 2 with more information to find out who is available to help.

### **Expectations**

As we head into a busy and exciting Term 4, we encourage students to keep up with their home learning routines. Students should read a book from the school library or a book of their choice for at least 20 minutes, four times a week. They can also continue to practise their maths skills and times tables at home using the online Mathletics programme. Teachers may set specific activities, or students can use Live Mathletics to practise their basic facts in a fun, interactive way.

## **General Housekeeping.**

### **Uniform**

Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform at school. Also, ensure all clothing items, including sweatshirts and raincoats, are clearly named so lost property can be returned easily.

### **Hats**

In Terms 4, hats are to be worn during morning tea, lunch, and other outdoor activities.

### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Reminder**

Students who bring their own devices to school must make sure they are **fully charged at home each day** and ready to use for classroom learning. This helps ensure they are prepared and can make the most of their learning time.

### **Communication**

For any communication that requires action during school hours, such as if you need to collect your child early, please contact the office at 09 413 9838. Other reminders will be sent via email or provided as a hard copy.

Term 4 is always full of special events, trips, and celebrations. Please keep an eye on email notifications, the school events calendar on the Greenhithe School website, Facebook page, and the school newsletter so you don't miss anything important. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

### **Important Reminders**

Please make sure the office has your current contact details so you don't miss any important information. Any medications your child needs during the school day should be returned to the office on the first day of school. If your child is starting any new medication, please inform their class teacher and the office.

### **Tissues**

We would appreciate it if every child donated a box of tissues for classroom use.

### **Important Dates:**

Friday 17th October - Sports assembly

Monday 20th October- Book fair starts

Wednesday 22nd October- Book Parade

Thursday 23rd October - Strike day

Monday 27th October - Labour Day

Tuesday 4th November - Y4-6 Athletics - Wainoni Park (saver day 10th)

Tuesday 11th November - Rm 13 & 14 Millennium trip

Wednesday 12th November - Rm 17 & 18 Millennium trip

Friday 14th November - Rm 19 & 20 Millennium trip

Wednesday 25th November - Northern Bays (saver day 27th)

Friday 28th November - Sports assembly

Friday 5th December - Summer festival

Tuesday 16th December - End of term - 1:00 p.m.

Ngā mihi nui,

Year 4/5 Teachers