

A warm welcome back to Greenhithe School for Term 2! We are looking forward to another busy term of learning together, where our children can learn and grow to become capable, confident and balanced learners who embrace new experiences and opportunities.

What's on this term?

Inquiry

This term, the Year 6 team is diving headfirst into the vibrant world of the arts, exploring both visual and performing strands. We will begin by revisiting foundational art skills, which the students will then apply using a variety of mediums to create their own masterpieces. For the performing arts, we are thrilled to welcome Footsteps to our school to lead high-energy drama sessions, which will be further developed through continued classroom practice. To create an immersive experience, we'll integrate the arts across the curriculum to inspire and enhance our reading and writing programmes throughout the term.

As a part of this learning, we will be visiting Corban Estate Art Centre where students will get the chance to produce their own masterpiece in a multilayered mixed-media workshop. The cost of this trip is being covered by your child's activity fee. If you haven't paid this, either in part or in full, we would appreciate you doing this through Kindo as soon as you can.

Puberty

As part of the Health & Physical Education curriculum, we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their Positive Puberty Plus© programme for our Year 6 learners. All topics will be covered age-appropriately in a way that relates to puberty: the changing body, sense of self, decision-making, understanding media influences and body confidence. This full-day programme will take place on *Tuesday 12 May*. To help you, as parents, understand what will be taught on this day, we invite you to attend the whānau information evening next Wednesday, 29 April. Please see the email sent earlier this week for more details and to express your interest in attending.

Note: Our Y5 students will not attend the puberty session.

Cross Country

Our Year 3–6 Cross Country event is fast approaching, scheduled for Wednesday 20 May (Week 5). To ensure our runners feel confident and ready, our Friday P.E. sessions will now focus on building stamina and long-distance endurance. Please make sure your child comes to school in appropriate running shoes every Friday so they can participate comfortably. Keep an eye out for further details from our in-school sports coordinator, Charlene Boyd, in the coming weeks.

Art Exhibition

What better way to wrap up our term of inquiry than with a celebration of the arts? In Week 10, we will be transforming our school hall into an exhibition gallery to display the incredible works our students will be producing this term. It promises to be a fantastic highlight of the school year! Keep an eye on your inbox for further information as the term progresses.

General Housekeeping

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

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. If your child's device is broken or out of action for a period of time, please contact their class teacher so that we are aware and able to make accommodations.

Uniform

Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform at school, and all clothing items, including sweatshirts and raincoats, are clearly named so lost property can be returned easily. While hats are not compulsory in Terms 2 and 3, we do encourage students to continue wearing them, particularly while we are still having warm, sunny days.

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.

Home Learning

There is no formal set home learning, however we do strongly encourage students to read for 20 minutes each evening and practise their basic facts in a method that suits them. The Ministry of Education have set up a maths practice tool that can be accessed here: <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/>. Students may occasionally have work to finish at home or choose to access their learning on Google Classroom.

Key Dates

Monday 27 April: ANZAC Day (School closed)

Wednesday 29 April: Puberty Whānau Evening

Tuesday 12 May: Y6 Positive Puberty Plus (in class sessions)

Thursday 14 May: Rippa Tournament #1

Wednesday 20 May: Y3-6 Cross Country (Wainoni Park)

Tuesday 26 May: Room 22 Trip (Corban Estate Art Centre)

Wednesday 27 May: Room 23/24 Trip (Corban Estate Art Centre) & Learner Led Conferences

Friday 29 May: Teacher Only Day (School closed)

Monday 1 June: King's Birthday (School closed)

Friday 5 June: Miss Sheppard's last day with us!

Monday 8 June: Mrs Gunston joins us in Room 23!

Friday 19 June: PTA Disco

Wednesday 24 June: Y6 Netball Field Day & Art Exhibition

Thursday 25 June: Art Exhibition

Friday 3 July: Last Day of Term 2

Ngā mihi nui,

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