

Term 3 Newsletter

Year 5 2026



A warm welcome back to Greenhithe School for Term 3! 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.

Curriculum



Inquiry

This term, our Year 5 inquiry takes us on an exciting journey through the social sciences as we explore global history and geography. In history, students will look at the Shang Dynasty. In geography, we will turn our attention to the impacts of tectonic plates. Alongside this exploration, we are thrilled to introduce weekly music sessions using The Beat Station. This interactive programme brings music straight into the classroom, fostering wonderful peer collaboration and nurturing our students' natural passion for rhythm and sound.

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-mathspractice.nz/>. Students may occasionally have work to finish at home or choose to access their learning on Google Classroom.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Year 5 team - Charlene Boyd, Amy Kimi-Makata and Keeley Robertson