

Term 3 Newsletter

Year 6 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.

What's on this term?

Inquiry

This term, our Year 6 inquiry takes us on an exciting journey through the social sciences as we explore global history and geography. In history, students will delve into the past to compare the fascinating eras of Elizabethan and Victorian England. In geography, we will turn our attention to the vibrant and diverse region of Southeast Asia, mapping its features and learning about its unique environments. 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.

Cycle Skills with Harbour Sport

During Week 3 of Term 3, our students will take part in the Cycle Skills & Safety Training Programme, delivered by Harbour Sport. The programme will be half a day for each class.

Monday 3 August: Room 23 and Room 24 & Tuesday 4 August: Room 22

This programme is designed to provide best-practice cycle skills training, ensuring our students are well-prepared and confident cyclists. This programme is a part of our school curriculum, rather than an opt-in experience. Please ensure you have completed the permissions and information form (<https://forms.gle/iyYYW3hvGmvKc9E28>)

Y7 Transitions with AJHS

To support our learners as they prepare for the next stage of their education, we have a series of upcoming transition events with Albany Junior High School. The students will first attend an AJHS hui at school to get their questions answered, followed by a whānau information afternoon in our school library where parents can connect with AJHS staff. The highlight will be later in the term, when all Year 6 students will spend the day at AJHS experiencing intermediate-style lessons. No matter where your child is enrolled for next year, this experience is designed to be a fun, positive, and reassuring look at what Year 7 holds.

Y6 Camp

Planning for our camp in November is in full swing, and we are very excited about the opportunities that await your children! Throughout this term, there will be a number of updates, please keep an eye on emails to ensure you don't miss anything important. Thank you for the payments, and partial payments, of camp fees that have been coming in. Please contact Rochelle in the office, in confidence, if you have any questions or queries regarding finances. Complete payment of your camp fees is due by Friday 9 October 2026.

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. A reminder that students need to be wearing plain navy bottoms (shorts, trousers, skorts), rather than black.

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

Friday 24 July: AJHS Staff and Student Leaders hosting Y6 Information Hui & Junky Monkeys Loose Parts Play Session

Wednesday 29 July: Teacher Led Meetings (3:30pm - 7:30pm)

Thursday 30 July: Teacher Led Meetings (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

Monday 3 August: Y6 Cycle Skills (Room 23 and 24)

Tuesday 4 August: Y6 Cycle Skills (Room 22)

Wednesday 5 August: AJHS Whānau Info Afternoon (Library)

Friday 7 August: Northern Bays Football Tournament

Monday 10 August: Class and Portrait Photos

Tuesday 11 August: Sibling Photos

Wednesday 19 August: Northern Bays Winter Sports Day

Thursday 20 August: Rippa Tournament

Friday 21 August: Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

Thursday 27 August: AJHS Experience Day (year 6 only)

Friday 25 September: Last Day of Term 3

Ngā mihi nui,

The Year 6 team - Natasha Alexander, Nicola Lupton and Caroline Gunston