

# GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 3

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Kia Ora**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

**WELCOME** – I trust that you all had another fantastic weekend in our “Pretty City”. It was great to see so many families out together making the most of our beautiful weather.

**YEAR 6** – head to Berwick Camp today and will return from camp approximately 2.30-3pm on Friday. In the event of an emergency where you need to get hold of the camp, please phone me on 4882314 or 0212444833. Thank you.

**FOTS** – Stands for “Friends of the School”. This hard working group of parents assist with many important tasks around our wonderful school. Many parents/caregivers find that this is an ideal way to make a contribution to their child’s education...AND to have a lot of fun at the same time. You will not be given a job if you do not want one. Please join us; we would love to see you there. AGM tomorrow Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> February) at 3.15pm in the Staffroom, all welcome!

**ROAD SAFETY** - around our school is of the utmost importance. While most drivers are considerate and follow the road rules, a few are not. This is particularly true about parking. No stopping over driveways, corners or yellow lines please. We ask that you observe all road rules, including the parking restrictions around our school – eg. The yellow lines, P5 and Disability Park. We ask that all cars treat Howden Street as a downhill **ONE WAY** street. This helps immensely with traffic flow and means that the children can be dropped off on the correct side of the road. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

**NMSSA** – researchers will be here tomorrow to work with some of our students. This year they are looking at viewing and presenting skills.

**LOST PROPERTY** – bin by the Office, is **overflowing**. Please come and check out the contents if you are missing some clothing.

**MUSIC** – We have an exciting opportunity for your child to learn an instrument at Green Island School. To get us started, Mr Heron and Mr Kennedy will be offering guitar tuition as well as bass guitar and basic drumming. Learning these instruments will give the students an opportunity to join the school Rock Band. Choir will also begin in the next few weeks. Talented singers will also be able to join the Rock Band. Please see Mr Heron or Mr Kennedy if you are interested.

**MEET GREET & LEARN ABOUT READING SESSION** – Come along and meet other parents. Find out how children learn to read and how important your help is! Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Room 3 at 3.30pm. Afternoon tea provided. See you there!

**LUNCHES** – Are available daily. Please see the list sent home with the first newsletter.

### **B.B.Q**

The fundraising B.B.Q’s. are underway for the year.  
Sausages - \$2 on Tuesdays (first increase in 14 years)  
Pies have also increased to \$2.50 each.

**DOGS - NOT WELCOME** at school during school hours are **DOGS**. Please do not bring your dog into school when you are dropping off or collecting your child/children. We also ask that you do NOT leave them tied up, unattended, at the school gate. As much as most of us like dogs, for a number of safety reasons, school is not the place for them. I thank you for your cooperation with this.

**ABSENCES** - For the safety of your children we ask that you ring the school office on 4882314 (answer phone available) or text the school cell phone (021 2444833) before 9.00 am if your child is not going to be at school and the reason for their absence. If we haven’t heard from you, Justine will phone home to ensure your child is safe. It will save considerable time if you are able to contact us first.

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**SUNHATS** – Are available for purchase from the school. 3 styles, cap, bucket and wide brim. \$14 each.

**WATER** – We are a water only school. Bottles of water are available to purchase from the office. \$1 each. Free filtered water is available for children to fill up their drink bottles.

**LITTLE LEARNERS** – our preschool induction programme for 4 ½ year olds, who are going to be attending Green Island School, is held on Tuesday afternoons, at 1:30pm in Room 3. Please notify the Office if you know of some children who would like to attend.



**PLAY IS THE WAY** – Wise adults accept that the feelings of children are sometimes hurt when the help given was needed but not wanted.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNT** – \$40.00 for one child reduced to \$35.00 if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> March, \$65.00 for a family reduced to \$60.00 if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**McDONALD’S RECEIPTS** – are collected by the FOTS as part of our fundraising programme. Simply bring your receipts to the office and the FOTS will get 20% of the value back in vouchers.

**2019 TERM DATES** – Term 1: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**GREEN ISLAND KINDERGARTEN QUIZ NIGHT** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7pm at the Kensington (Tui Bar). \$30 for a team of 4-6 people. Contact the Kindy or Georgina on 0273131372.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1** – Orders close Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand. Thank you.



**SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES** For Primary School Children ([www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com))

A wide variety of instruments to choose from.

- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Small group lessons.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2<sup>nd</sup> year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: “Let’s Make Music”.

### **CENTRES:**

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. “Let’s Make Music”)
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. “Let’s Make Music” and Guitar)

Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February. Enquiries: see website: [smmcotago.com](http://smmcotago.com) for contact details.

**COMING UP** – FOTS AGM tomorrow afternoon at 3:15pm in the Staffroom.

**REMINDERS** – Wheels Days on Wednesday and Friday. You are welcome to bring along your scooter, skateboard or bike to ride safely at school. Helmets required for bikes and recommended for scooters/skateboards. **NO** drift trikes, pedal cars, go karts etc please. We will have a separate one off day later next month.

*Nga mihi nui/Best wishes*

**Steve Hayward**  
Principal

P.S. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went ... then it *dawned* on me!