

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No: 31

Date: 13 September 2021

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Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – to Pearl Grant our latest 5 year old. I am sure that you will really enjoy your time at Green Island School.

DID YOU KNOW? – Sir Thomas Mackenzie, New Zealand's 18th Prime Minister in 1912, went to Green Island School as a child.

COVID-19 ALERT – Level 2 continues for us. I wish to thank you all for cooperating with the Sign in /Sign out procedures, use of hand sanitiser, washing of hands etc. Keep up the good work – it is making a difference.

CHEESEROLL FUNDRAISER – as we advised earlier, due to Covid-19 events, we have unfortunately had to cancel for this year. We are now making arrangements with the bank, to give a cash refund to those who have paid for cheeserolls. Some very kind people have already indicated that they are happy to donate their money to the school – so if this is the case, then simply hand it back to the Office please. We thank people so much for their generosity. **Cash refunds will be available at the school office from Thursday 16 September.**

SWIMMING – for our senior classes has unfortunately had to be cancelled as we are not allowed to use Moana Pool at Covid Alert Level 2.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – has been cancelled.

ASSEMBLIES – are not able to be held with parents at Covid Level 2. Let's hope that we can do so in Term 4.

THANKS – from Holly Robinson, our new Paralympic Champion Javelin Gold Medallist. She has passed on her thanks for all of the recent messages of support and congratulations. She will be popping in to see us once she has returned to Dunedin from MIQ.

CANTEEN/SUSHI – Canteen, and Sushi through Lunch-on-line, are up and running as per normal.

HOCKEY – have arranged for two more games, 22nd & 29th September. Draw to be announced.

BASKETBALL – for GI Barracudas & GI Sharks has now been cancelled for the rest of this season due to covid-19 restrictions. Please return cleaned Basketball tops asap.

BEE SWAX WRAPS - After such quick sales last time, the Envirogroup have made another batch of beeswax wraps, these will be available from the office for a donation from Tuesday. This time we have taken suggestions from families, and are providing some variety of sizes:

- a set of two smaller wraps, ideal for biscuits or fruit.
- larger round wraps to pop on top of bowls instead of plastic wrap
- sandwich sized square wraps.

We thank you for your support in reducing the amount of waste in children's lunch boxes and our school grounds.

HEADLICE - has been reported in a few classes. Please check your child and treat if necessary. We are trying to stop the spread throughout the classes/school.

- Check behind the ears and at the back of the neck in particular (not in all cases).
- Treat using a treatment purchased from the chemist or the conditioner method.
- Treat following the instructions on the packet. You will need to do it more than once.
- Girls, wear your hair tied up and/or maybe a bandana.
- If you are not sure there is plenty of information available online or from your chemist.



PLAY IS THE WAY – It's reason that makes a child responsible and responsible children find many reasons for right actions.

BOT JOTTINGS

- Consultation to enrol 3 excluded Year 7 & 8 students has been declined.
- Angie McCarthy and Margaret Hemopo attended the NZSTA Workshop on 29 July 21.
- June and July financial reports tracking well.
- Lockdown will help with our energy costs.

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- Long Term Plans, Class Newsletter/timetables for T3 2021 presented tabled.
- Cheese Rolls fundraiser cancelled due to Covid-19 lockdown. Cash refunds to be paid in due course.
- Year 8 Deep Cove RAMS Sheets x7 have been checked by Angie McCarthy. Resolution to approve Deep Cove RAMS. Resolution approved.
- Steve Hayward and Project Manager concerned about the length of time Special Needs Project is taking.
- Playground behind hall is now fenced off for hall wheelchair access work.
- Handrails are in the process of being installed on new entrance ramp.
- Boys toilets in senior block are out of action while repairs are made.
- New fire panel not far from being up and running.
- Grant from Bendigo Valley for the ChatBus to cover Term 3 & 4 has been sent.
- Resolution to apply for a grant from Bendigo Valley for Deep Cove Camp Bus Costs. Resolution approved.
- NAG3 Self Review is currently in circulation with BOT members.
- Covid-19 Lockdown has run smoothly. We have been able to use relevant correspondence from last year as well. Learning packs were delivered to all students who requested them. Plenty of newsletters explaining rules and procedures have been emailed, put on our Facebook page and website for all parents.
- 31 January 2022 will be a Teachers Only Day with students starting back on 1 February 2022.
- Other Teacher Only Days for 2022 are booked in for 18 March and 14 April.
- 23 September Board meeting has been cancelled due to our 31 August meeting being pushed out to tonight due to lockdown regulations.
- Next Meeting: Wed 27 Oct 21, 5:45pm, Staffroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wed 22 Sep – Wear A Wig Wednesday for Child Cancer**
- Fri 1 Oct – Last day of Term 3
- Mon 18 Oct – First Day of Term 4
- Mon 18 Oct – Polyfest during this week
- Fri 22 Oct – Teacher's Only Day
- Mon 25 Oct – School Closed for Labour Day
- Wed 27 Oct – Year 7 & 8 Rafting Trip
- Tue 2 Nov – Stars on Stage for Green Island School

2022 TERM DATES

- Mon 31 Jan – Teachers Only Day
- Term 1 - Tues 1 Feb to Thu 14 Apr
- Term 2 - Mon 2 May to Fri 8 Jul
- Term 3 - Mon 25 Jul to Fri 30 Sep
- Term 4 - Mon 17 Oct to Wed 14 Dec

REMINDERS

- Trophies from 2020 can now be returned to the Office please.
- Update contact details to the office. Correct email addresses are important for at home learning, if necessary, newsletters and notices.
- Check out the lost property bin in the Office Foyer.

TennisPlus+ Coaching - (based at the Edgar Centre) is running FREE 1/2 Court tennis coaching sessions to see if your child would like to enrol for term 4 2021 coaching which will be heavily subsidized (\$54 instead of \$84 for 8 x 35-minute sessions during term 4). There will also be a draw before term 4 starts to find who will get their entire term 4 coaching for FREE! For more information, please contact the school office.

ENTERTAINMENT FUNDRAISER - Get your online membership at www.entbook.co.nz/9139w52

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 drive-ways, corners or yellow lines please. We ask that you observe all road rules, including the parking restrictions around our school – e.g. 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 the 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.

Nga mihi nui
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. How do snails get their shells so shiny?
They use *snail polish*.

Text absences or lateness to 021 244 4833, email secretary@greenisland.school.nz or phone 4882 314