

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

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Name:

Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

LUNCHTIME CHANGES FOR TERM 4 – Play time is vital to children’s development and learning, and having play breaks during the school day can improve children’s thinking, appetite and learning. Changing the order of play time at lunchtime, has been shown in studies, to be associated with more food being eaten, a calmer lunchroom atmosphere, a dramatic decrease in disciplinary problems during play time, and improvement in children’s ability to pay attention in classrooms. This recommended intervention involves reversing the order of eating and playing for lunch. In New Zealand schools, the phrase ‘Play, Eat, Learn’ was invented as a name for this strategy.

Our Staff and Board of Trustees, have agreed to trial this in **Term 4, starting on Monday 18th October. All children will go out to play, first at 12:30pm, then the bell will go at 1:15pm when they will return to class for lunch, and then straight into the afternoon’s learning.** If needed, younger children could have a quick snack before they go to play. We believe this will better support our children’s learning and ability to make good choices throughout the whole day. For more about this strategy following is a link to the research that this strategy evolved from. (refer improving student’s health)
(<https://ir.canterbury.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10092/15241/LibertyEPFPaper.pdf?sequence=2>)

SPORTS UNIFORMS – need to be washed and returned to the Office as soon as possible please.

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.

“WEAR A WIG” – Wacky Hair Wednesday last week, raised an amazing \$243 for Child Cancer, from our school. This is a significant amount from our community. We thank you so much for your generosity.

LIBRARY – books need to be returned to the school Library, this week please. Thank you.

CHEESEROLL FUNDRAISER – cash refunds, have gradually been collected from the Office. Some very kind people have already donated over \$800 to the school. We thank people so much for their generosity.

POLICE – should be phoned on 111, if you see any undesirable behaviour in our school playground, during out of school hours. Over recent weeks, a number of teenagers from out of our area, have been running all over our school rooves, threatening children playing in our playground and bothering our cleaners. Please phone the Police immediately – they will respond. We are so proud of our children, grounds, buildings and play facilities – we need to stand up to these vandals. Many thanks to the lady who spoke to the Police two Sundays ago.

HOCKEY – Wednesday 29 September, Final Game
4pm main turf on Harbour Terrace. Same place and time as last week against Grants Braes Dolphins.

TERM 4 SPORTS - Next term we have 4 sports on offer:

- Tennis for Year 5-8;
- Futsal for Year 3-8;
- Touch for Year 3-6;
- Volleyball for Year 7/8.

This term, to help make signing up for sport easier we have created an online form. Enter the URL below:
<https://forms.gle/hLU2RonXCi4RoRwd6>

POLYFEST – has unfortunately had to be reorganised again, as we remain at Covid Level 2 and the strict limitations that it brings with it. We have made a decision to do something creative ourselves early in Term 4, rather than committing to the expense of an on-line event and limited to a group of only 50. Stay tuned.

FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS - Periods are a fact of life for half the population. Everyone deserves the right to feel comfortable at school, focus on learning and manage what is a normal part of life. Period products are now available for students at the school office. Just ask Kellie to see the “basket”.

FOUND – Cell phone on Friday afternoon in school playground. Please see the school office.

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Book Tasting Event
Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th
September

Come and join us in the ‘café-style’ library at 12:45pm – 1:15pm

Browse the menu and try something new!



PLAY IS THE WAY – Encourage children to understand that when they do something, they get somewhere and when they do nothing, they get nowhere. Something, somewhere, someone can help. Nothing, nowhere, no one can help.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 1 Oct – Last day of Term 3
- Mon 18 Oct – First Day of Term 4
- **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 (Organiser will make a final decision on 19 October as to if the event will go ahead).

REMINDERS

- Trophies from 2020 can now be returned to the Office please.
- Update contact details with 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.
- Beeswax Wraps are still available in the office for a donation.

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

SANTA PARADE - Children needed for this year's Santa Parade on Sunday 5/12/21. You must be 5 years old or older and be available all afternoon. An adult needs to accompany any child and be available to walk alongside the float. If interested please email dnsantakids@gmail.com with child's name, clothing size and contact details.

As we finish a rather busy but disrupted term, I would like to thank you all for your support during the recent Covid Lockdown and your on-going support of our wonderful school. We wish you all a very safe and restful holiday break.

Nga mihi nui,

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. “I never finish anything. I have a black belt in partial arts!”

Go OTAGO, the ALL BLACKS and the White Ferns!



Holly Robinson visited the school last week to show us her gold medal that she won in javelin at the recent Tokyo Paralympics.

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