

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

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Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – back to you all, to what promises to be another very busy term. A very warm Green Island School welcome also to our latest 5 year olds - Ashley Trethowen, Cooper Bathgate, Alisa Pryde-Moore. I am sure that you will enjoy your time at our school.

COVID LEVEL 2 – continues for us in the South, until further notice. We are also hoping to be able to update you in the next couple of days, with news about “Stars On Stage” and our Kapa Haka Group performances this Term.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – this coming **Friday, 22nd October**. The school will be **closed** as we have our final Professional Development Day for the year. This time we are working on “Oral Language.” The school is also closed on **Monday 25th October for NZ Labour Day**.

SCHOOL SUNHATS – are now required to be worn by the children whenever outside during this term and Term 1 next year. We do have some school hats/caps available for purchase from the school Office (Caps = \$14.00, Buckets = \$15) or otherwise they can be bought from the NZ Uniform Shop, in lower Moray Place.

LUNCHTIME CHANGES – trial, started today (see last term’s Newsletter). In New Zealand schools, the phrase ‘Play, Eat, Learn’ was invented as a name for this strategy. 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. For more about this strategy, the 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>

TERM 3 SPORTS UNIFORMS – need to be washed and returned to the Office as soon as possible please.

CHEESEROLL FUNDRAISER – saw over \$1,300 to the school. We thank people so much for their generosity.

SWIMMING – for our Junior classes starts in Week 4 –
Week 4 - Room 5 - Nov 8-12
Week 5 - Room 1 - Nov 15-19
Week 6 - Room 2 – Nov 22-26
Week 7 – Room 3 – Nov 29 - Dec 3

FUTSAL – Mr Heron is sending home a separate notice to those children involved.

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.

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”. Please reassure your daughter that Kellie will be discreet.

CANTEEN LUNCHESES MENU

Tuesday Sausage & Bread - \$2.00
Wednesday Sushi - \$3.90 to \$7.20
(Online Only at Lunchonline.co.nz)
Thursday American Hot Dogs - \$2.50
Friday Mince or Mince & Cheese Pies - \$2.50

The following items are available each day: -

- Small Cookie Time Cookie - \$0.70
- Large Cookie Time Cookie - \$1.20
- Bottled Water - \$1.00
- Potatoes Chips have been removed from the menu

IMPORTANT DATES

- **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).

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PLAY IS THE WAY – We insult our children by believing the only way we can motivate them is to make things fun, children can labour in the pursuit of noble causes. They can toil to reach a higher goal. They can suffer for the sake of self-betterment. And when they do, they transcend the fleeting experience of fun and reach the promised land of lasting self-respect.

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.



Kairi Vehikite, Hamuera Vahua, Deklan Bachop and Siosefo Tupou proudly showing off their new mini-Otago rugby ball, at Green Island School.

ATHLETICS TAIERI

Come along on **Tuesday 19 October 2021** to see what Athletics Taieri are all about. A fun inclusive environment where children can learn fundamental movement skills and have a great time. We teach the running, jumping and throwing skills at Memorial Park each Tuesday from 5.30-6.30 (Children) and then 6.30-7.30 for ages 13+ from October – April. Children can also compete each Saturday morning in at the Caledonian and meet and compete against children from all over Otago. Have a look at our facebook page “athletics taieri” and www.athleticstaieri.com. Register online. Enquiries to Hayley 021 742 758

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



Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2021!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for November 3rd being taken now.

TOOLBOX COURSES:
The Younger Years (babies & primary) **Wednesday evenings Term 4 (7-9pm)**
Starting : Nov 3rd
The Older Years (Teen) Please contact us if interested as times to be confirmed. Run subject to minimum numbers.

GAME ON (FOR DADS)
Wednesday evenings (7-9pm).
Starting 3rd Nov
This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.
Game On #2 Also this term

Enquiries to Michelle Morris (e): michelle@catsocialservices.org.nz
(ph): 0272767833 or office: (03) 4553838



Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Road, Dunedin 9044, PO Box 2047

Nga mihi nui,

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. *“During the holidays I pulled a muscle digging for gold. Fortunately, it was just a **miner** injury!”*

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