

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No: 41

Date: 29 November 2021

Name:

Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you all so much for your cooperation and patience with our daily Covid-19 procedures (mask wearing, vaccinations, hand sanitiser etc). The Government indicated late last week that all schools are to keep their current Covid-19 Alert practises in place, until the end of this school year. Later on today, we are expecting a further update on this situation. Therefore, we are unable to hold our normal End of Year School Prizegiving/Concert, with family/whanau/friends attending. We will still hold it for the **pupils only** and will now investigate filming/streaming this for you all to view. More information later. We are disappointed to have to do it this way but at least our school is open.

WELCOME – to Miss Dixon who will be teaching the Y7s in Room 9 all of this week, while the Y8s are at Deep Cove Camp with Mr Warrington.

Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP – to Doubtful Sound, started today. Many thanks to Mr Warrington and his team of helpers for making it all possible. They should be back at school after 4pm on Friday – so please check Facebook or phone the school Office for an update around 2:30pm, as Mr Warrington will be phoning the school, once they arrive in Pearl Harbour, Manapouri.

HELPERS' MORNING TEA – has unfortunately had to be cancelled this year. We really, really appreciate all that our helpers have done for our school in 2021. Thank you so much.

Y8 GRADUATION – to be held on Monday evening, 13th December in the school Library, at 6pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are inviting up to 5, fully vaccinated family members (12 years and over), of each Y8 student, to join us at 7:30pm in our school Hall, for their final speeches (subject to changes announced by the Government). There will also be a presentation of their Deep Cove Camp. Unfortunately, no supper will be able to be served this year.

BOT JOTTINGS – 24 NOVEMBER BOT MEETING

- The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Ms Kerry Moir has been appointed to the permanent teaching position that was recently advertised in our Junior Syndicate. Congratulations Ms Moir. Mrs Newman is going on leave next year so we have employed Miss Sophie Williamson to teach in Room 2 for the 2022 school year. We extend a very warm Green Island School welcome Miss Williamson.
- Resolved that the 2022 Draft Budget be approved
- Reading Recovery & Early Literacy Support Report circulated
- Reading, Writing and Maths has been delayed and will now be done at the first BOT Meeting of 2022 due to testing still been carried out.
- Board members had a walk around the new build, i.e. senior deck, senior boys toilet and new basketball court and new back entrance to school. It was resolved that a request be made to the Lion Foundation for a Grant of \$3,700 for Transport for the Year 6 Bannockburn camp in February 2022
- Resolved the Year 6 RAMS be approved
- It was resolved that a request be made for a \$10,000 grant from Tū Manawa for a Bike Trailer and Play Box”.
- End of Year Concert to be held with no parents and broadcasting via live internet feed
- Next Meeting - Wednesday 23 February 2021, 5:45pm, Staffroom

SWIMMING – this week – Room 3 – from today November 29 to Friday Dec 3.

Many thanks to all who are helping with the children. Please note, that in line with Government regulations, all parent helper's must have had their first Covid-19 vaccination by now and please wear a mask. Many thanks to our swimming teachers, Sue Maclaurin and her team, and to our parent helpers. Special thanks also to our friends at Fairfield School for letting us use their swimming pool.



NZ UNIFORM - will be closed for training on

Wednesday 1st December 9am – 12pm. This is to make sure they give their new recruits adequate time to learn all the necessary information to sell uniform to our parents.

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SWIMMING BAGS - \$6.00 each. Only orange, and a few white colours left. Available from the school office.

MUFTI DAY – held last week saw about 10 cartons of cans/non-perishable food raised for the Dunedin/Taieri Foodbanks. A few children will be dropping the Dunedin Foodbank items off on Wednesday, **so it is not too late if you would still like to make a donation.** Just send them along to the box in the Office. Thank you for your support.

MARKET DAY – in Green Island has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, the children's Colouring Competition is still going ahead. There are excellent cash prizes on offer, in the 3 categories – Pre-schoolers, 5 to 8 year olds and 9 to 13 year olds. Entries need to be back to school by Monday 6th December.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 29 Nov - Fri 3 Dec – Year 8 to Deep Cove, Doubt Sound.
- Tue 30 Nov – School Library books must be returned.
- Wed 8 Dec – Year 8 Great Chase
- Mon 13 Dec – Year 8 Graduation Ceremony to be held in the school hall at 7:30pm (Decision pending about whether guests able to attend or not).
- Tues 14 Dec - End of Year Prizegiving/Concert on at 1:30pm.
- Tue 14 Dec – Last day of Term 4, 3pm finish
- Mon 31 Jan – Teachers Only Day
- Tues 1 Feb – First Day Term 1 for 2022

REMINDERS

- Update contact details with the office. Correct email addresses are important for at home learning, if necessary, newsletters and notices.
- All sports uniforms need to be washed and returned.
- Please clearly name your child's school uniform, **especially their polar fleece.**
- Students accounts to be paid by the end of the term, or contact the school office.
- Covid-19 Student Vaccination details to the school office.

BUY A BRICK – As the end of the year draws near and our Year 8 children are preparing for high school, you may like to consider purchasing a brick/paver for our main school entrance. They are only \$25 and order forms are available from the Office.

DUNEDIN HOST LIONS LIVE ZOOM MAGIC SHOW (SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021 @ 3:00 PM)

Today the World is a Very Different Place. You would normally come to Us - Instead this year, we're bringing the Magic Show to Your House.

5 Great Magical Acts
45 minutes of Magical Fun for the Family
Fully Live and Interactive Zoom Performance

Join in to see Magic like you've never seen before. Turn on Your Camera! Bring a Deck of Cards! Have a chance to be Part of the Magic! Tune in 10 minutes early to enjoy Pre-Show entertainment.

Click the Link Below to Enter the Magic Show! 🖱️🖱️

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<<https://zoom.us/j/96933462311?pwd=ZHA4eHZPQ1UckxjKzU2bTZ2cGY5UT09>>

Meeting ID: 969 3346 2311
Passcode: 784391

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

LOT 11, FAIRFIELD – 10 cents from every coffee purchased from Lot 11 this term will be donated to Green Island School. Thank you Lot 11!

Nga mihi nui,

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. What is the name of Santa's dog?
Santa Paws.

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