

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

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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 has instructed all schools to keep their current Covid-19 Alert practises in place, until the end of this school year. 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 stream live on Facebook, for you all to view. We are disappointed to have to do it this way but at least our school is open.

Y8 DEEP COVE CAMP – to Doubtful Sound, held last week, was another great success. This trip of a lifetime will never be forgotten by those who got to go. Many thanks to Mr Warrington, Nic and Deacon Heads, and the Abbotsford School crew too, for making it all possible.



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. Wearing of masks is recommended. There will also be a presentation of their Deep Cove Camp. Unfortunately, no supper will be able to be served this year.

Y8 "GREAT CHASE" – planned for later this week, has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Sorry.

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. A huge thanks also to our 2021 Road Patrol Team who help make things safer for us all when crossing the road after school. Training starts this week for our 2022 crew.

TREASURE HUNT - Starting on the 10th December Greater Green Island Community Network will hide the letters of a secret festive phrase in 12 mystery locations around the Greater Green Island community. For 12 days we will release a daily clue that will lead you to one of the mystery locations.

Your job: Solve the clue, head to the location and find the hidden letters! Clues will be released on the GGICN Facebook page, Instagram @ggicn12days and <https://greatergreenisland.nz/projects/list/19>

Take photos of all the letters or be the first person to send a photo of the letter at the most recently revealed location to receive an exclusive 12 days of Christmas token and other goodies. Spot prizes for correct guesses of the secret phrase

Email photos to 12days@greatergreenisland.nz

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TECHNOLOGY – for our Y7+8 students on Fridays, has now finished for the year. Many thanks to our Technology teachers (Mrs Buttery, Mr Henderson and Ms Brady) for sharing their skills and knowledge with us this year.

SWIMMING – lessons for the Junior Syndicate, have now finished for the year. 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.

UNDESIREABLES – especially at holiday time and in the weekend, may be on our school grounds. We are very proud of our buildings, playgrounds and facilities, so please don't hesitate to phone the **POLICE on 111** if you see any unwanted behaviour. Thank you.

FREE MASKS – are available from the Office for **FREE**. These lovely handmade masks have been donated to our school by a kind and caring member of our wider community. Just pop in to the Office and see Kellie if you would like one.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wed 8 Dec – Road Patrol 2022 Training
- Wed 8 Dec – Room 6 Ice Skating
- Mon 13 Dec – Year 8 Graduation Ceremony to be held in the school hall at 7:30pm
- 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, 9am start

REMINDERS

- All sports uniforms need to be washed and returned.
- Please clearly name your child's school uniform, **especially their polar fleece and hats**.
- Student's accounts to be paid by the end of the term, or contact the school office.
- Covid-19 Student Vaccination details to the school office.
- Helpers Morning Tea Cancelled

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.

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 No 1 Christmas present?
A broken drum – you can't beat it.

Ryan and Lily from R7, shared with me that when Mrs Claus was looking up in the sky last night, she had told Santa that ... **"it looks like rain dear!"**



Dropping off CANS for the 2021 Christmas Foodbank Donation Project. December 2021.

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