

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No: 1

Date: 1 February 2022

Name:

Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to the 2022 school year, is extended to you all. Hopefully, you have all had a restful holiday and are looking forward to another action-packed year at school. We have lots of exciting things planned for the year including the Year 6 Camp to Bannockburn, Cromwell in Week 3, 14 February 2022. Yesterday's Teacher Only Day, saw the staff focus on Oral Language again. This proved to be a most informative and valuable day.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS - Carter Kennedy, Skye Sinclair, Jaxon Baas, Mikayla Heads, Poppy Durst-Hall, Tānara Piho, Roman Thomas-Bennetts, Ari Walker, Saraya McCall and Payton Knox. We are sure that you will enjoy your time at Green Island School

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF – Mr Aaron Swan, Reading Recovery, Miss Anna Dixon, Year 6 & 7 in Room 8, Miss Sophie Williamson, Year 2 in Room 2, Mrs Sue Waldron, Sara Cohen Specialist Teacher and Mr Shantraj Bethel, Counsellor.

COVID-19 VACINATIONS – if you child has been vaccinated, and you are happy to do so, please notify the school office at secretary@greenisland.school.nz with dates of each vaccination so this information can be entered onto your child's file.

COVID-19 RED LEVEL INFORMATION – Please see our Facebook page for information from the Ministry of Education. This has a number of hyperlinks so it is not suitable in print form. This information will also be emailed with the newsletter.

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.

TERM 1 SUNHATS – in line with our school policy, are compulsory during outside play. No hat, no play.

LITTLE LEARNERS – Starts back on Tuesday 8 February, 9am to 10.40am in Room 3.



STATIONERY PACKS – lists for exercise books for 2022 will be given out today. We have good supplies of excellent quality books; all packaged up for you.

Stationery prices are: - Room 1 = \$20, Room 2 = \$23, Room 3 = \$20, Room 5 = \$27, Room 6, 7, 8, 9 = \$25.00. These need to be purchased as a pack, not individual items.

Please enclose cash with the named stationery list in a sealed envelope or bag. If you have an account credit or a direct debit set up and would like your stationery added to your account, please indicate this on the stationery list. Packs will be given straight to students.

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS - Westpac account number for direct crediting is 03-1727-0036674-00. Please use your children's full name as a reference and any other relevant information i.e. class number, camp, sports, stationery etc.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tue 1 Feb to Wed 13 April
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

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday 7 February - Waitangi Day
Friday 18 March – Teacher Only Day
Monday 21 March – Otago Anniversary
Thursday 14 April – Teacher Only Day
Monday 6 June – Queens Birthday
Friday 24 June – Matariki (Maori New Year)
Monday 24 October – Labour Day



SCHOOL UNIFORM – NZ Uniform in Moray Place.

Credit cards accepted, Uniform Club (start saving for your uniform), Zip (own it now, pay later. Pay in 4. Interest free), WINZ, MSD and Charitable Trusts quotes and payment accepted, convenient hours 9-5pm weekdays and 9-4pm Saturday, changing rooms, one-off custom sizing, name tag option, 24 hours on-line ordering, collect or delivery.

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CONTACT UPDATES – If any of your contact details have changed over the holidays please contact the office so we can update our records.

TECHNOLOGY - classes for our Year 7 & 8 pupils start at Balmacewen Intermediate on Friday 4th February (this Friday). The bus leaves our school soon after 8.30am so please don't be late. All students are required to wear a mask.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS – are published every Monday and are available in hard copy and on our Facebook page and website. It is also emailed to the first caregiver/parent contact. Please contact the office if you do not require a paper copy.

NO ASSEMBLIES – for parents/caregivers until further notice. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to run such events.

2022 STUDENT COUNCIL – Mr Warrington has spoken to the children involved and they will be able to apply this week.

LUNCH 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 – 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

SUSHI ORDERS – do not start until Wednesday 9 Feb. Please update your child's new classroom online before ordering.

KAPA HAKA – continues again this year for both our Junior Group and Senior Group on Thursday afternoons. It is fantastic to have Ana Pene and her team of tutors back on board this year.



PLAY IS THE WAY – Children must have sound and good reasons for the things they say and do.



EDGE/MUSAC PARENT PORTAL - The Caregiver, or Parent Portal gives Caregivers immediate access to all of their child's/children's data in Edge. This includes, Attendance, Reports, School Payments.

To be able to use this, the school must have a valid email address for the caregiver. Once the School has set this up, there are several different ways to get started.

1. Go to <https://parent.musac.school.nz/> Enter the email address and click on Forgot Password. An email will then be sent to your email inbox. Click on the link within the email to set up a login.
2. Use one of the authenticators shown if the Caregiver has used a Google+, Yahoo, Windows Live or Facebook email as their contact email address. This should then log them in automatically.
3. If the school sends an email invite to the Caregiver Portal. Click the link and follow the instructions to log in.

Once logged in you will see the Home page. From here you can see Contact details and School Announcements. From here you can also change your edge password. You can also select the student profile you wish to view at the top of the page.



Tennis Otago Incorporated - Our Monday competition is all set to start on 14th February 2022. For more information please contact Email: admin@tennisotago.org Tel. 022 700 0058

Nga mihi nui,

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. One night during the holidays I stayed up all night to see where the sun went ... then it dawned on me!

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