

Green Island School



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Term 2

30 May 2022

Name:

Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

Covid-19 continues to make its presence felt in our school community. Today, we have 6 Staff away and a number of Covid related pupils too. There is also a very nasty flu circulating in Dunedin at the moment and it has seen us have up to 40 children away on the worst day last week. Please keep your child/children at home if they are unwell, as this will help everyone recovery more quickly in the long run. We are struggling to get relieving teachers at the moment, as we try to keep the school open, so we thank you for your co-operation with this health matter.

It helps us immensely if parents/caregivers contact the school first, when their child is absent or going to be away. Last Friday, we were thrilled to **NOT** have to contact a single family, as everyone had contacted us first. This has been particularly helpful while our Secretary, Kellie, is on sick leave.

FREE "RAT" TEST KITS + MASKS – are available from the Office if you would like some.

WINTER WEATHER – Conditions sometimes mean that school may open late or it may be closed for the whole day. One of the main reasons that schools have to open late is because Staff cannot get to school at the usual time. Please listen to **local** radio stations for updates (The Hits 89.4, The Breeze 98.2FM, More FM 87.4, and Radio Dunedin 107.7FM/1305am). Other radio stations are syndicated nationwide and don't have the latest local updates. "The Hits Dunedin" Facebook page also has very regular updates. Please also check the school website under the "Emergency Updates & Notices" tab and our Facebook page, or keep an eye out for an email from the school. This is also a good time to remind you that we carry out regular Trial Evacuations with the pupils and staff at our school. It would be a good idea for parents/caregivers to go over their own arrangements with their family at home, in case you are faced with a Civil Defence emergency or fire at your house. Safety is paramount.

NEW PRINCIPAL – enclosed with this newsletter is a parent consultation form for your feedback on what you believe to be the essential qualities for our new Principal. Please return this form to the office by **10 June**.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION FOR THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE (Rooms 1, 2, 3+4) on Tuesday afternoon, 21st June, from 1:45pm – 2:45pm. Senior Syndicate on Wednesday 22nd June, at 1:45pm – 2:45pm. More details later.

PLAY IS THE WAY – Learning calls for the revealing of what you do or don't know. Every act of revelation is an act of courage.



Pictured are Tia Piho, tackle of the day, and Alayna Pickering, player of the day for Green Island Grizzlies rugby team

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SPORTS DRAWS

HOCKEY – Wednesday 1 June 2022

Year 3/4 **Green Sticks 1** - To be advised

Year 5/6 **Green Sticks 2** To be advised

JUNIOR NETBALL – Tuesday 31st May

GI Green Vs Andersons Bay Blue - 4.30pm, Court 15, Edgar Centre

SENIOR NETBALL – Thursday 2nd June

GI Yellow Vs Carisbrook Ferns – 4.35pm, Court 16, Edgar Centre

BASKETBALL – Thursday 2 June 2022

GI Grizzlies vs. Mac Bay Hot Shots, 5:15pm, Court3

GI Clippers vs. MHS Warriors, 4.40pm, Court 6B

SPORTS FUNDRAISING STALL in the Hall, Tuesday 28th June from 12:30pm – 1:15pm. Donations of good quality toys, books and games etc welcome.

“OCTACAN” Appeal – Family Works major winter food drive is happening in just over 3 weeks, on Thursday 23rd June. Donations of cans are now being accepted into the carton in the Office Foyer.

COMING UP

- **Mid-Year Pupil Reports** will be sent home on Friday 1st July
- **Parent Interviews** on Monday 4th July 3:20pm – 6pm, Tuesday 5th July 3:20pm – 6pm and Wednesday 6th July 3:20pm – 5pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 6 Jun – Queens Birthday, **School Closed**
- Fri 24 Jun – Matariki, **School Closed**
- Fri 8 Jul – Last Day of Term 2
- Mon 25 July – First Day of Term 3

REMINDERS

- Free Rat Test Kits and Material Face Masks available from the school office.
- Check out the lost property bin in the Office Foyer - it is still over-flowing with polar fleeces.
- Please notify us, with date, of your child’s Covid-19 Vaccination.
- Update Contact Details & Emergency details - especially addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.
- Bread Tags (Plastic only) and tear tabs of aluminium cans can be dropped off to the office for recycling.
- Empty toothpaste tubes/packaging to Room 5.

Nga mihi nui,
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. In most schools now, brass instruments are usually band.

Text absences or lateness to 021 244 4833, email secretary@greenisland.school.nz or phone 488 2314