

Green Island School



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Term 2

20 June 2022

Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is hard to believe that tomorrow will be the shortest day of the year, and we then start heading towards Summer! As part of their Matariki studies, all classes visited the Art Gallery. I had the pleasure of accompanying one of our classes and seeing first hand, this wonderful facility being used by today's children. The related art session, produced some beautiful artworks using Indian ink and watercolours. Libbi, the Gallery Educator was lavish in her praise about the conduct of all 8 classes. She made special mention about how the children and adult helpers were so keen to get stuck in and do things. "You have a keen group of dedicated teachers who have engaged, respectful and thoughtful students, and they were a pleasure to make art with. I also need to do a shout out to the parents who came along, as we can't do the programme without their help. You had almost 50 turn up, which was lovely to see".

How good is this feedback? Well done!

MATARIKI – Whanau and friends are welcome to celebrate Matariki at school, which will conclude with shared kai (cup of tea and biscuits):

Juniors Matariki Celebration will be held on Tues 21 June from 1:45-2:45pm.

Seniors Matariki Celebration will be held on Wed 22 June from 1:45-2:45pm.

Remember, this year Matariki becomes a public holiday, so school will be closed on Friday 24 June.

ROAD WORKS –

Roundabout and Raised Crossings

Work on the next raised crossing, located opposite Green Island Memorial Park, will be undertaken at the start of the school holiday period.

Traffic and Parking

A change in direction (Dunedin towards Brighton) of the one-way traffic flow for the major roadworks in Green Island came into effect on Monday the 13th of June 2022. Please remember to be take care while driving through the site. We ask that you please respect the workers and crews, and follow any instruction they may provide.

Reminder - vehicles travelling towards the city should detour around Main South Road either via the motorway or via Abbotsford.

Buses

As advised by the Otago Regional Council, there will be a number of temporary changes to the bus services on Main South Road.

The two bus stops on Main South Road are temporarily 'closed' (near Church Street and on the corner of Harraway Road). This detour is for City/Concord-bound services only, in line with the change in traffic direction. A temporary stop is available on Neil Street, Abbotsford by the rugby field at Christie Street.

OCTACAN APPEAL | MUFTI DAY – Thursday 23rd June. A "Free Choice Theme" Mufti day will be held on the 23rd June with donations of cans to be accepted for Octacan Appeal instead of a cold coin. Cartons for cans will be in the Office Foyer.

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INTERVIEWS – for Parents/Teachers/Pupils to share progress made so far this year, will be held over 3 nights - **Monday 4, Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July**. Bookings can be made on-line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (Password is thdgw) before 3pm on Friday 1 July. If you would like assistance with this or you don't have any Internet connection, then simply phone Kellie in the Office on 4882314 and she will do it for you.



SPORTS FUNDRAISING STALL – will be held in the hall, next Tuesday 28th June from 12.30-1.15pm

Any donations of any unwanted toys, children's books, games, puzzles etc, that are in good condition, could be left in the Office Foyer. All proceeds to our sports teams.

PLAY IS THE WAY – The magic of treats lie in their surprise and rarity. Resist the temptation to spoil the magic.



FUNDING CUTS – You may have seen in the local news that the Otago Museum, Otago Peninsula Trust (Albatross Colony) and Orokonui Eco sanctuary have had their Ministry of Education funding cut. While we wait to find out more information around this process, we are saddened by these decisions as the above education providers are outstanding and serve the Dunedin and Otago region with education programmes that are second to none. With the withdrawal of this funding, accessing their education programmes will become an increased challenge as we do not charge parents for curriculum related trips. Our Otago Primary Principals Association will be contacting the Ministry of Education to express our concern and to look for a positive solution for the students of Otago.

HOCKEY DRAW – Wednesday 22 June 2022

Year 3/4 **Green Sticks 1** vs. Columba White, 4:25pm, McMillan Hockey Centre/Otago Polytechnic Turf

Year 5/6 **Green Sticks 2** vs. Outram Blue, 5:10pm, McMillan Hockey Centre/Lion Foundation Turf

NETBALL JUNIOR DRAW – Tuesday 21 June 2022

GI Green BYE

NETBALL SENIOR DRAW – Thursday 23 June 2022

GI Yellow vs. DNI Red, 4:35pm, EC Ct16

BASKETBALL DRAW – Thursday 23 June 2022

No games this week due to Otago Nuggets playing on Thursday night.



Tepaeru Vahua for GI Green netball on 7 June

Shyla-Rose Tily-Cairns for GI Green netball on 14 June

Leo Hemopo for GI Yellow netball on 16 June

IMPORTANT DATES

- Tue 21 Jun – Juniors Matariki Celebrations, 1:45-2:45pm
- Wed 22 Jun – Seniors Matariki Celebrations, 1:45-2:45pm
- Thu 23 Jun – Mufti Day and Scholastic Book Club Orders due
- Fri 24 Jun – Matariki, **School Closed**
- Tue 28 Jun – Sports Fundraising Stall, 12:30-1:15pm
- Fri 1 July – Mid-Year Pupil Reports will be sent home
- Mon 4 Jul/Tues 5 Jul/Wed 6 Jul – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Fri 8 Jul – Last Day of Term 2
- Mon 25 July – First Day of Term 3

Free RAT test kits and masks are still available from the office if you need some.

Nga mihi nui,
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. One time, I told a Chemistry joke but there was no reaction.

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

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Look at some of the incredible work created by our students at the Art Gallery!

Local Matariki Events

Mana Moana: Ōtepoti Free public event Friday 24 – Sunday 26 June 2022, 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Steamer Basin, Wharf Street, Ōtepoti Dunedin

Come together to celebrate the inaugural Matariki holiday in Ōtepoti Dunedin through a spectacular, immersive show on the Otago Harbour waterfront. Over three nights, water and light will combine in a breath-taking and poignant cinematic experience for the whole family, created by Māori and Pāsifikā artists. The show will run on a reoccurring 30-minute loop, between 5:30pm-8:30pm over the three nights, allowing multiple opportunities for people to enjoy the spectacle.

He kōrero wheriko: A Glittering Story. FREE Wednesday 22 June, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Dunedin Public Art Gallery.

Join Waiariki Parata-Taiapa, our special guest kaikōrero as he shares stories of Puaka Matariki under the glittering canopy of The Golden Bearing(2014) – a majestic sculpture by leading contemporary artist Reuben Paterson (Ngāti Rangitihi, Ngāi Tūhoe, Tūhourangi).

This family friendly story time concludes with an opportunity to enjoy a special evening experience in the exhibition Kai tua o te hetu / Beyond the Hedge and a specially created cookie to take home.

ARO FREE Matariki Public Performances –

Thursday 30th June, 6pm workshop, 7.15pm BBQ, 8pm show at Puketeraki Marae, Karitane

Saturday 2nd July, 2.30 pm at Araiteuru Marae, 24 Shetland St, Dunedin

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