

# Green Island School



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## Name:

Kia Ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you will be aware, the Government has declared a **Public Holiday next Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**, to mark the passing of the Queen. School will be closed that day and re-open on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September. As a result of this, we have had to bring our scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting forward one week, to this evening at 5:45pm.

**COVID 19** – The Government has announced that household contacts of COVID-19 cases, will no longer need to isolate, but instead should undertake a RAT test every day for 5 days. This change will help to alleviate some of the pressure on staff numbers as well. It will also mean that children and young people who are asymptomatic household contacts of confirmed cases, will be able to attend school in person, including for assessments and national end of year exams. Free RAT test kits are available from the school office.

**VANDALS** – have sadly been very active over the past weekend around our school, Community Garden and our general Green Island area. Please **contact the Police immediately** if you see damage being done. These people need to be stopped. Our bike track has been damaged again by vandals on motorbikes and our pencils at the front of the school have been interfered with for the second time in two weeks. The beehives at the Community Garden were damaged twice in two days.

**BIKE SKILLS** – for our Year 6 and 7s, will be the focus of attention today and tomorrow. We thank Miss Ford and the DCC for arranging this for our students. Lessons learnt, will help keep us safe on the roads.



**OTAGO POLYFEST** – held last week, showed us all how much we have missed “live” performance in recent years. Our tamariki performed with much pride and enthusiasm. A wonderful experience. We thank Ana Pene for her expert tuition and look forward to this group growing even more as we prepare for the next two performances – GI Market Day and the End of Year Celebrations.



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**GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL TALENT CONTEST** – for our Green Island School pupils, will be held in Week 10 of this term. Auditions will be held during the week with the finals on the Friday. Sorry, no outside audience allowed but we hope to record this for later viewing.

**BINGO RAFFLE ITEMS** – Raffles will be sold during the Bingo evening on Wednesday 21 September. Could Year 8 students please supply 1-2 items to create mini hampers for these raffles. Please give to Kellie in the office. If any other student/family would like to donate suitable items to the raffle it would be gratefully appreciated. Tickets still available from the school office.

**WINTER SPORTS UNIFORMS** – must be washed and returned as soon as possible please. We thank you for your prompt attention to this. Just return them to Kellie in the Office. Many thanks

**SWIMMING** – for Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9, one more final session on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September from 1-2pm. Busses depart at 12:30pm.

**TROPHIES** – Can students that received trophies at the end of last year please return them to the school office.

#### 2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April
TERM 2	Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June
TERM 3	Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
TERM 4	Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- Wed 21 Sep – Bingo Night (Year 8 Camp Fundraiser)
- Mon 26 Sep – School Closed for Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day
- Tue 27-30 Sep - GIS Talent Show
- Tues 27 Sep – School Class/Individual Photos
- Tues 27 Sep – Final Senior Swimming from 1-2pm. Busses leave school at 12:30pm
- Fri 30 Sep – Talent Contest Finals
- Fri 30 Sep – Last day of Term 3
- Mon 17 Oct – First Day of Term 4
- Sat 19 Nov – Green Island Market Day
- Wed 14 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

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Nga mihi nui,  
**Steve Hayward, Principal**

P.S. We have recently purchased some new books for our Library.  
“April Fool” by Sue Prize and another one called “Come On In” by Doris Open.

