

# Green Island School



Respecting our Past | Building our Future

Newsletter No: 1

Term 1

31 January 2023

Kia ora, Parents and Caregivers

**PRINCIPAL COMMENTS** - Kia ora koutou, welcome to the new school year at Green Island School, Te Kura Okaihae. Welcome to our new families and students, welcome to our third-year student teachers, welcome back staff, returning students and whānau. It is going to be an exciting year. As principal, my job is to create an environment for the staff to create a positive and inclusive learning environment where students feel safe to take risks, feel they belong and can express themselves. I believe in collaboration, with staff, with students, with whānau, with the Board, with our school and community. The collective knowledge of us all, our strengths, our experiences will make our school a better, richer place.

Finally, Change will happen. Nothing improves by staying the same. We already do change well at this school. It's an exciting time in education. Change can be scary but I can't wait to play my part in continuing to make sure we are adapting to the needs of the next generation of students.

Ngā mihi nui

Aaron Warrington

**WELCOME NEW STUDENTS** – A special welcome to our new students Chloe Armishaw, Alayna Bishop, Kaydence Bishop, Donny Campbell-Hei Hei, Jack Hands, Arlo Hudson, Zayden Manson-Penson, Ellie Nemeth, Phoenix Penson, Arlo Pfyl, Melvin Reddy, Araia Te Waiti and Arlie-Jae Te Waiti.

**WELCOME NEW STAFF** – A huge welcome to Sue Miller. She is our new Assistant Principal and teacher in Room 9. We are so excited to have her on board.

**STATIONERY PACKS** – Your child will bring home a stationery list and a letter detailing how to order their 2023 Stationery Pack today. These packs are a great price and are sold to our families at cost.

**LITTLE LEARNERS PRE-SCHOOL VISITS** – These will start on Tuesday 7 February 2023, 9:00am to 10:40am

**MEET THE TEACHER EVENING** – Next week we will be having a Meet the Teacher Evening on **Thursday 9 February**. This is a great way to meet the new teacher of your tāmariki. It will start at 5.30pm to meet the Junior Teachers. We will be having a free BBQ at 6pm and then at 6.30pm it will be a chance to meet the Senior Teachers.

**NEWSLETTER 2023 Changes (No Paper Copies)** – This year we are going to change how we deliver our newsletters. As part of moving to more sustainable practices, unless otherwise requested, we will no longer be sending home paper copies of the newsletter. The newsletter will be emailed to all parents/caregivers, posted on our Facebook and Website. Please contact the school office if you require a paper copy. Furthermore, from next week newsletters will be fortnightly on a Tuesday.

**CONTACT UPDATES** – If any of your contact details have changed recently i.e. Phone Number, Email Address, Physical Address, Emergency contacts, please email or phone the school office so we can update our records.

**TERM 1 SUNHATS** – In line with our school policy, sunhats are compulsory during outside play in Terms 1 and 4. During the first week students will be given a grace period.

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**YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING** - The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on **27 February 2023**. Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia). This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist). **If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.**

#### **TERM DATES**

**Term 1** - Tue 31 Jan to Thu 6 April  
**Term 2** – Mon 24 April to Fri 30 Jun  
**Term 3** – Mon 17 Jul to Fri 22 Sep  
**Term 4** – Mon 9 Oct to Fri 15 Dec

#### **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Monday 6 Feb – Waitangi Day  
Thu 23 Mar – Otago Anniversary  
Tue 25 Apr – Anzac Day  
Mon 5 Jun - Kings Birthday  
Mon 23 Oct – Labour Day

**TECHNOLOGY** – As part of the Year 7/8 programme, Year 7s and 8s travel to Technology by bus. They will need to be at school by 8.30am. Technology starts this Friday.

#### **LUNCH MENU**

This year we are making some changes to lunch orders. Due to lack of orders sausage and bread will no longer be on Tuesdays. We will though once a month, hold a sausage sizzle for fundraising. These will be communicated in advance. Due to inflation American Hot Dogs and Pies will be increasing to \$3.

**Monday** – No Lunch Orders

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**Wednesday** – Sushi (*Online Only at Luncheonline.co.nz*)

**Thursday** - American Hot Dogs - \$3.00

**Friday** – Pies - \$3.00

The following items are available Monday to Friday: -

- Small Cookie Time Cookie - \$0.70
- Large Cookie Time Cookie - \$1.20
- Bottled Water - \$1.00

**LUNCH ONLINE (SUSHI WEDNESDAY)** Minimum top up for lunches is now \$1. This means you only need to top up as much as you need for each lunch, or alternatively you can top up a larger amount for the term if you like to avoid lots of top ups. Submit your order – No longer has a review page. This means no extra step, simply place your order – press submit and it's all done. Please remember to update your child's details by clicking "members" and changing their classroom name and school (otherwise their lunches will end up in the wrong location). If the child no longer attends a school with Luncheonline then they can make the child "inactive" by unticking the box next to their name. If your child is unwell or can't attend school, log onto Luncheonline, click onto the order for this day-you will see a cancel button. This must be done before the providers cut off time for ordering (most providers are 9am on the day of delivery, but some vary - check with your school).