

Green Island School



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Term 1

7 February 2023

Kia ora, Parents and Caregivers

PRINCIPAL COMMENTS

Kia ora koutou e te whānau. That first week went fast. It was so great seeing so many happy faces back at school. I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and didn't get too sunburnt unlike my poor father-in-law.

Getting back into routine and school is an important part of learning which begs the question *why do we come to school?* It is more than likely your child's teacher has actually asked this question over the last week. Some of the answers may have been; *because we have to, to get a job, to learn stuff, to make friends etc.*

These answers have some truth to them. The discussion in our classrooms would have been guided to the three most important points:

1. To make sense of ourselves (self-awareness/self-discover)
2. To make sense of others (empathy/awareness of others)
3. To make sense of the world which we live in

To make sense of these three things, tamariki practise to use what they learn in the classroom, school and ultimately in the community so we all can live, learn and get along. This requires discussion, compromise and respect. All qualities I'm sure you will agree make the world a better place.

I hope to see you all at our Meet the Teacher night on Thursday.

Ngā mihi nui

Aaron Warrington

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

A special welcome to our new students Anahera Kaahu, Zharleez Maaka, Lily Gilchrist and Dominick McChesney.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING THIS 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 tamariki. 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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of lost property from last year. **Please come and check if any belongs to your child – all items will be displayed on the ramp to the senior block, behind the office, after school today and tomorrow.** At the end of this week any uncollected clothing will be donated to charity.

HOWDEN STREET

With the start of the year we would like to remind parents considering different drop off points where our students can walk to school from. It would be fantastic if we could limit the number of cars at peak times on Howden Street. Please be considerate of our neighbour's driveways.

HOT WEATHER

The heat was particularly hard last week. Make sure your tamariki bring a water bottle to keep hydrated. From this week teachers will be making sure students follow our school policy, regarding sunhats. Furthermore, days where the MET service issue an Active Heat Alert, the school library will be open for children to seek shelter from the heat at lunchtime.

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SPORTS

Notices have been sent home regarding registration for Term 1 sports. Please make sure these permission slips are back ASAP so we can get our sports teams registered and nobody misses out.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Next **Monday February 13**, our Year 6 students will be travelling to Bannockburn for our annual school camp. Students are very excited about this amazing experience. Miss Ford has done a fantastic job in organising this camp. If you have any last questions feel free to email charlotte@greenisland.school.nz

CAREGIVER PORTAL

Please see the attached information on how to use this portal.

NEWSLETTER 2023 Changes (No Paper Copies)

After today's newsletter, you will only receive a newsletter fortnightly, on Tuesdays. 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.**

PAID TEACHER UNION MEETINGS – There is going to be a Paid Teacher Union Meeting on **March 1** in the afternoon. Like other schools, we will need to close that afternoon from lunchtime for teachers to attend.

LUNCH MENU CHANGE

Please note there has been a change to the menu (below). Reminder American Hot Dogs and Pies have increased to **\$3 each**. Please also see the attached information on how to sign up for Luncheonline.

Monday – No Lunch Orders

Tuesday – American Hot Dogs - \$3.00

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

Thursday – Subway (*Online Only at Luncheonline.co.nz*)

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

UPCOMING DATES

13 – 17 February - Year 6 Camp

20-24 February - Junior Swimming Pukeko, R5

1 March – Paid Teacher Union Meeting, school closed from 12.30pm

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

There was only one Mr Hayward when it came to jokes. I like my humour dry and cringy so I won't use this newsletter to torture you with my questionable sense of humour. I'm about quotes. Ones that make you think, that inspire and uplift. I hope you get something out of them over the year.

“Mistakes have the power to turn you into something better than you were before.” Unknown.