

# Green Island School



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Term 1

21 March 2023

## PRINCIPAL COMMENTS

Kia ora koutou e te whānau.

Thank you for your support last Thursday. We regret the inconvenience of shutting our school for the day, but the message is not getting through to the politicians.

Our Education sector is in crisis. It is underfunded and undervalued. What many of us are calling for is smaller class sizes and more support staff in our classrooms. These two steps would make the biggest impact on our children's education. Teachers and Principals want better conditions of employment that will benefit students. We want the funding and time to do the job well! Over the last 6 years the minimum wage has gone up 44%. Full time work on minimum wage equates to \$47,000 per year. A beginning teacher, with a 3-year degree, starts on \$51,000, and takes home work, planning, marking, participates in school related activities etc. for an additional \$1.90 an hour to minimum wage. Add a student loan repayment to the mix and you will be under the minimum wage. Would this attract you to the profession?

We are hopeful that the Ministry of Education takes the advice of its commissioned reports (The Tomorrow's Schools Review) and makes the changes required to benefit future generations now.

We understand that strike action is disruptive to your child's education, but please know that teachers and principals took this step with great reluctance. We believe that a strong education system is the key to a thriving society. Here is hoping that the government agrees and comes back with an offer that shows they too value education.

Quote of the week: Stand up for what is right, even if it means standing alone.

Ngā mihi nui

Aaron

## GREATER GREEN ISLAND TRIATHLON

On the 29th of March, we are taking part in the Greater Green Island Triathlon. If your child has been selected for this, they will have come home with a notice last week. Please make sure these are returned by tomorrow (Wednesday the 22nd). The triathlon will take place at Abbotsford school starting at 9.45am and running through until 11.15am. We are still after a few more parents to help us with transport on the day. If your child is attending and you are able to help out please email Charlotte at [charlotte@greenisland.school.nz](mailto:charlotte@greenisland.school.nz).

## OTAGO MUSEUM TRIP

Junior classes are visiting the Otago Museum/Tuhura to participate in the Bugs Galore education program to help support our school inquiry, How Things Move.

March 27th 9.30 -11.30am (Rooms 3/2 combined)

March 27th 12.30 - 2.30pm (Room 1)

March 29th 12.30 - 2.30pm (Room 5)

Parents who can help to contact the classroom teacher directly.

## UNIFORM

**PLEASE make sure uniforms are clearly named (first and last name), especially polar fleeces and sunhats. We cannot return them to their rightful owner if they are not named.**



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## KINDERGARTEN CARPARK

The Green Island Kindergarten has asked for us to remind Green Island school parents that the carpark is for kindergarten parents and should not to be used by Green Island School parents for picking up and dropping off students. Also please do not use the carpark to turn around in as this is unsafe for all children in the area.

## ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety around our school is of the utmost importance. While most drivers are considerate and follow the road rules, a few are not. This is particularly true about parking. No stopping over driveways, corners or yellow lines please. We ask that you observe all road rules, including the parking restrictions around our school – e.g. the yellow lines, P5 and disability parks. We ask that all cars treat Howden Street as a downhill ONE WAY street. This helps immensely with the traffic flow and means that the children can be dropped off on the correct side of the road. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

## SPORTS

Over the next couple of weeks notices for winter sport will start coming home in Miniball (basketball), Netball and Hockey. These sports start in Term 2 and finish usually part way through Term 3.

Links below for the sporting codes so you can get the draw easily each week.

- **Touch Website and draw**  
<https://www.otagotouch.co.nz/where-to-play-touch-1/Dunedin-Modules/metro-junior-module-oval>
- **Futsal Website and draw**  
<https://www.footballsouth.co.nz/FUTSAL-1/Futsal-Fixtures-Results-1>
- **Volleyball Website and draw**  
Posted on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/volleyotago/>

## UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 23/Friday 24 March – Ramadan expected to begin subject to sighting of the moon

Friday 24 March – School Assembly – Juniors @2:15pm

Monday 27 March – Otago Museum Trip for Rooms 1, 2, 3

Wednesday 29 March – Otago Museum Trip for Room 5

Wednesday 29 March – Greater Green Island Triathlon, Selected Students

Tuesday 28 March – Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:45pm, Staffroom

Thursday 6 April – Last day of Term 1

Monday 24 April – School Closed for Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 25 April – School Closed for ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 April – First day of Term 2

## WILD DUNEDIN FESTIVAL – 14 TO 23 APRIL

Are you looking for things to do in the school holidays? Check out the Wild Dunedin Festival. Free and fun activities about nature for all ages plus great deals on boat trips, albatross and penguin viewing, Orokonui Ecosanctuary and Resistance Climbing Gym. See the programme and book here: [www.wilddunedin.nz](http://www.wilddunedin.nz)



Text absences or lateness to 021 244 4833, email [office@greenisland.school.nz](mailto:office@greenisland.school.nz) or phone 488 2314

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Thanks again everyone for coming to our Sea Lion activity last month, we had so much fun!

As usual, Tobia made a really cool short video of the day:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JjPSCIkZyk9hBoMfbX4G6H5tOQ-mZOgs/view?usp=sharing>

**Our next activity will be:** Rocky Shore adventures! We'll look for cool animals in the rock pools and under rocks at the low tide mark. We'll play games too!

**Where:** Broad Bay Yellow Head rocky shore. Best to park along Portobello Road. See map at the end of the email.

**When:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:30pm (tide will be at its lowest at 3pm)

**What to bring:** gumboots or shoes you don't mind getting wet, they need to have a good grip as the rocks can be slippery, warm jackets in case it's windy, sun hat and sun screen in case it's sunny...a change of cloth in case you kid ends up in the water (mine always does!), just bring more than you think you need ☺

Interested? Sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/pmmHCZSqiz>

**Anne Besson**, Kiwi Conservation Club coordinator, Dunedin branch

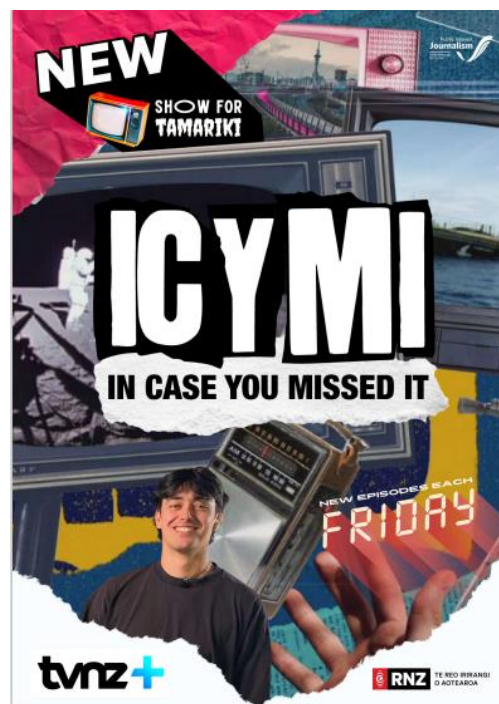
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TVNZ is excited to bring you a new informative, short form show called ICYMI (In Case You Missed It) aimed at tamariki aged 8 to 14 years of age.

ICYMI delivers a short and sweet, age appropriate news bulletin with some of the biggest news stories of the week, a look back at a milestone in This Week In History - and an engaging, 90-second explainer that tackles subject matter from everything from Dyslexia to The Wood Wide Web.

The first episode of ICYMI goes to air on Friday March 24th and every Friday at 3:45pm on TVNZ 2. The show is then available on

TVNZ+ for a fortnight. Extra content will also be available under a separate tab on the ICYMI page where you will find the Explainers that have been to air already.



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