

# Green Island School



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Newsletter No: 6

Term 2

2 May 2023

### PRINCIPAL COMMENTS

Kia ora koutou e te whānau.

Welcome back to Term 2. You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members have voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit our work hours. We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations. We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time. Our day-to-day work to do this will continue, but we will no longer be working with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us. We will continue to meet with our boards. We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays. This includes sending or receiving digital communications. We also not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday, or public holidays. We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.

Ngā mihi nui  
Aaron

Quote: *The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. H Jackson Brown Jr*

### NEW STUDENTS

A special welcome to our new student Lincoln Fitzgerald who has started at Green Island School.

**THANK YOU** – A big thank you to all of those that supported our bring-a-can mufti day on the last Thursday of Term 1. We collected 228 cans in the end. Presbyterian Support Otago were very appreciative. It was great to hear other schools had also recently done the same.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all those whānau that have donated their unused scooters to the junior school in Term 1. They have been well received and it's great seeing these being used every day.



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 3

Orders are due back to the school office by 9am Friday 12 May or order online at [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)

### WHĀNAU HUI

Those involved in the senior Kapa Haka, we have our Whānau hui coming up Thursday 11 May at 3.30pm. This will be held in the library. Afternoon tea will be provided.

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## ANZAC SERVICE

Our school ANZAC service was held last week. Well done to the senior students for your excellent service.

**HEADLICE** - has been reported in several of our classrooms. Please check your child and treat if necessary. We are trying to stop the spread throughout the classes/school.

- Check behind the ears and at the back of the neck in particular (not in all cases).
- Treat using a treatment purchased from the chemist or the conditioner method.
- Treat following the instructions on the packet. *You will need to do it more than once.*
- Girls, wear your hair tied up and/or maybe a bandana.
- If you are not sure there is plenty of information available online or from your chemist.
- Prescriptions for treatment can be obtained from your family doctor.



## DISCO

Our first disco fundraiser of the year is coming up, organised by our senior students and FOTs. It will be held Friday 19 May, \$2 entry at the door. Juniors 6pm-7pm, Seniors 7.15pm-8.15pm.

Water and goodies will be available for purchase on the night.

## WINTER TERM

Conditions sometimes mean that the school may open late, or it may be closed for the whole day. One of the main reasons for this is staff cannot get to school at the usual time. Please listen to our local radio stations (The Hits, The Breeze, More FM, Radio Dunedin) for updates. The Hits Facebook page also has regular updates. Once we have been officially informed, it will be put on our Facebook page and you will receive an email from the school.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY IN THE WINTER

As we enter the winter terms, on Wednesdays we have Passive Play in the library at lunchtimes. This is chance for students to bring something in they can use at this time. It could a card or boardgame, something that is quiet to do. We are also for the first time, on Fridays, having LEGO club in the library for students to taken part in. Finally, we have the library open on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a warm, quiet, safe place for students to read.

## MUSIC

This term Mr Heron starts music lessons at intervals and lunchtimes. He is taking drums, guitar, marimba and choir. Our students are very lucky to have such a passionate and talented musician willing to give up his time.

## SPORTS TERM 2 AND 3

Wow. It is great to see so many of our students getting involved in school sport for the winter terms especially after the last few years. We have 4 basketball teams, 4 netball teams and 1 hockey team. Over the next week these sports will begin. This week uniforms will be handed out and the sport fees will be added to your school account.

## NUGGETS BASKETBALL TICKETS

Purchase one child ticket and get a free adult ticket. Select ticket and proceed to checkout then entry code.

This is the link here and the code for the game is "Saints13"

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/apr/otago-nuggets-season>

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### SPORTS DRAWS

This is the link to **miniball**: <https://www.otago.basketball/competitions/kiwihoops/>

This is the link to **hockey**: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/org/otago-hockey-association/junior-competition-years-3-6-winter-2023/57fa290e>

### RESTRAINT POLICY

In New Zealand all school must adopt a Physical Restraint Policy. Our BOT has now completed this new policy. It will be added to our website by tomorrow.

### UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 4 May – HPV for Year 8 Students with parent permission

Wednesday 10 May – Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:45pm, Staffroom

Thursday 11 May – Whānau Hui, 3.30pm, School Library

Wednesday 17 May – Elgregoe Magician Show

Friday 19 May – Disco, Juniors 6pm to 7pm, Seniors 7:15pm to 8:15pm



P3 Research



**CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY**

**We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers.**

**To take part in this study you must:**

- Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- Only use a reliever inhaler

**For more information:**  
visit: [www.p3research.co.nz](http://www.p3research.co.nz)  
or Phone P3 Research  
Dunedin on 03-974 8171

**What does it involve?**

- 1 year
- 3 visits + 2 phone calls
- Inhalers provided free of charge
- Breathing tests + asthma education
- Reimbursement for travel expenses



 MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NEW ZEALAND  

This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20/NTB/200)

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**TAIERI**  
TENNIS CLUB

presents...

# TENNIS

LESSONS IN TERMS 2 & 3

AGES 3 - 12, FOUR AGE GROUPS!

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS



Be active. Gain skills. Play with friends!  
Amazing coaches! Racquets and balls provided.

Hot Shots Autumn: 29 April - 24 June

\$40 / \$60 per child per term (group training sessions)

[facebook.com/  
taieritennisclub](https://facebook.com/taieritennisclub)

for more info,  
and to sign up, please visit:

[www.clubspark.kiwi/taieritennisclub](http://www.clubspark.kiwi/taieritennisclub)

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## PARENTING COURSES

**Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2023!**

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for 2023 being taken now:

Term 2 Start date: Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>

Term 3: Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> / Term 4: Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

### TOOLBOX COURSES:

The Younger Years  
(Pre-School & Primary Years)  
Wednesday mornings  
9:30-11:30am.

The Older Years  
(Primary/Tween/Teen)  
Wednesday evenings 7-9pm.

### GAME ON (FOR DADS)

Wednesday evenings 7-9pm.

This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.

<https://www.gameonline.org.nz>

To register: office: 4553838, [www.cathsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/](http://www.cathsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/)

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