

**Kia Ora**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

As  this is the last school newsletter for the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who have helped make 2011 such an exciting and memorable year. Green Island School continues to go from strength to strength and that is thanks to our wonderful parents, staff, Board of Trustees, Friends of the School, wider community and most importantly our amazing pupils. In particular I would also like to wish our Year 8 students all the very best for High School and the many other new challenges that the future will bring. The Year 8 Camp to Deep Cove showed how far you have all come in your time at Green Island School. We will miss you greatly but we will also watch your progress with pride. On behalf of the Staff and Board of Trustees, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Salvation Army Band certainly brought a lovely Christmas feel to the Green Island area yesterday.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** – cards and money should have all been returned to the Office by now. Winners will be drawn on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and announced at the Christmas Singalong.

**FLUORO SAFETY VESTS** – need to be returned to the class teacher as possible please.

We have places available, early next year, for our Little Learners Programme. If you know of anyone who may want to come along, please call at the office for an enrolment form.

**LOST PROPERTY** – The bin outside the office is overflowing with un-named items. Please check for your lost clothes. Thank you.

**Year 8 Graduation Evening**

On Monday 12th December (tonight) the Friends of the School will serve a formal dinner to the Year 8 student at 6.00pm. This is followed by the Graduation Ceremony at 7.30pm to which the parents are invited. One past pupil from our school and a special guest will also speak. Parents and children will join together for supper at the close of the ceremony. This is a special evening for these students who have completed eight years of excellent education at Green Island School. My sincere thanks to the Friends of the School for providing, preparing and serving the dinner and supper.



**Y8 CAMP** – to Deep Cove last week was another memorable experience. What a trip! We never saw a cloud all week until we returned to this side of the South Island on Friday. The children were a credit to our school. A huge thanks to our teachers and camp parents. What an amazing end to 8 years of primary education.



**REPORTS** – The end of year reports will be sent home on **Wednesday 14th December**. I must say that it has been a pleasure to read each of these Reports as I have watched our pupils develop so much, throughout the year.



**THANKS** – to all who have helped us out throughout the year, for those who have helped cooking the bbq each week, the FOTS for all their fundraising efforts, and to the Board of Trustees. Thank you!!

**SPORTS UNIFORM AMNESTY**

Could you please all check your draws, cupboards, hot water cupboards, storage areas etc for any Green Island School Sports Uniforms. These can be delivered to the office, no questions asked. Thank you

**LOST PROPERTY** – is bulging out of the bin in the Office. Please check out the contents if you are missing some of your uniform.

**Christmas Singalong**

Wednesday 14th December  
1.30 pm – Civic Hall  
All families welcome  
Bring a cushion to sit on  
(Limited seating will be available)



At the conclusion the children will go back to school with their teacher and the reports will be distributed. Thursday is our clean up day.

**RESPECT** – is our Value that we are focussing on this term. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to talk about ways we can respect our environment. This includes our school grounds, issues of pollution and the way we can all help.

**PLEASE COLLECT** – Your left over containers from the market day stall are at the office for you to collect. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – To Jacob Duncan who won his first Youth Ministock race at Beachlands on Saturday night.

**STATIONERY** – lists for exercise books for 2012 will be given out on the first day back in the New Year. We have good supplies of excellent quality books; all packaged up for you on the first Tuesday and Wednesday back at school next year (31st January & 1st Feb 2012). Top quality products at “Warehouse” prices. No parking hassles, no queues, just excellent books. Remember that we also have supplies of the colourful, durable covers at \$1.00 each. Covering books has never been so easy and never looked so good. See Justine for your supplies.



**UNIFORM IN STOCK** – The new uniform is being phased in over the next 18 months. In the mean time we have got the old stock to sell off. A decision has been made to sell these items for half price on a first in first served basis. Please see Justine with your requirements. Thank you.

**TERM DATES** – **Term 4** for 2011 finishes on Thursday 15th December (Clean-up day)  
**Term 1 2012:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 5th April  
**Term 2:** Monday 23rd April – Friday 29th June  
**Term 3:** Monday 16th July – Friday 28th September  
**Term 4:** Monday 15th October – Friday 14th December

**REMINDERS** –Mc Donald’s receipts can be collected over the holiday break and brought back to the Office next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!  
Nga mihi nui/Best wishes  
**Steve Hayward**  
Principal  
P.S. What Christmas carol is a favourite of parents?

Silent Night!