

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We live in a fantastic part of the world. Dunedin City and the Stadium put on a fantastic display last weekend. I was fortunate to be at the game on Saturday night (my 6th function since opening only a few weeks ago) and I was very proud of the facilities, people and behaviour.

UNIVERSITY – of Otago “Play Study” Researchers have visited Rooms 2, 3, 5+6 today to explain the study to the children and to hand out permission slips for signing. Our school will benefit greatly from this work as we have been chosen as an “Intervention School”. After initial testing of the children, we will then be able to add some new and exciting things into our playground. The University will be assisting us with this, at very little cost to our school.

THE ASTRO TURF – on the “Top Court” is now up and running. New poles and nets are due to arrive this week. We thank the “Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation” and the St Kilda Community Sports Society for their generous support.



CAMP STALL – for our Year 8 pupils raised just over \$360. This was a fantastic result. Year 8 thank all who supported their stall.

Board Jottings
Meeting held 31st August
2011

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Welcome Tony McFadgen onto the Board of Trustees
- A huge thank you to all of the staff, teacher aides and helpers for the extra effort put in to our children

CURRICULUM REPORT

- Social Sciences – there has been an improvement since the last Social Sciences report which is pleasing to see
- Long Term Plans, Class Letters and Timetables were presented

PROPERTY

- The Astro Turf has been laid
- A quote has been accepted for the spraying of spider control to be carried out in the last week of the October school holidays
- The Delta quote has been accepted for the grass cutting
- The recent emergency drainage problem which has now been fixed

MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- 2012 Start and Term Dates (388 half days)
Start Monday 30th January 2012
Finish Friday 14th December 2012
Term 1: Monday 30th January 2012 – 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
 - Year 6 Berwick Camp RAMS and Timetable have been signed off by Steve and Sharon
- NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 28th September @ 5.30pm.

SMALL WHEELS DAY – Wednesdays +Thursdays.

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUN STUDY AT SCHOOL?
PLAY STUDY. Rooms 2, 3, 5 and Room 6.
Today, Monday 12th September, a group of researchers from the University of Otago visited these classrooms. They talked to these two classes about the *Play Study* which will investigate the link between playgrounds and activity. **All children in Rooms 2, 3, 5 and 6 are invited to take part in this study have been given an envelope to take home to their parents/guardians.** The envelope contains an information sheet with further details about the research and what will be involved for your child. There is also a consent form and Freepost envelope in the pack. The research team will return to Green Island School on Monday, 26th September to measure all the children who have consented to take part and they will give the children an accelerometer belt to wear for the week. An accelerometer is a small watch-like device worn around the waist on a stretchy belt.

- If you and your child would like to take part, there are three different ways of telling the researchers at the University:
1. Complete the consent form and post in the Freepost envelope provided so the research team receive it by *Thursday, 22nd September*. That way when the researchers visit Green Island School on Monday, 26th September they will be prepared for your child to take part.
 2. Email the researchers at play@otago.ac.nz saying that you are happy for your child to participate. Please include your child’s full name, their date of birth, the class they are in and that they attend Green Island School. Please put “Play study” as the title of your email.
 3. Text the words ‘Play study’ to (021) 02963356 and the researchers will call you back.

We hope you decide to take part in this exciting research.
Thank you so much!

MINI HOCKEY – practise for the 5 to 7 year olds who signed up earlier this year, will take place in the Hall during the lunch break on Wednesdays. Mr Nicolson and I will run the session starting at 12:55pm. Gear will be supplied if you don’t have any. The first Saturday skills session and game is set down for Saturday 24th September, 1.00pm – 2.00pm until 10th December (no games during school holidays). Please remember to pay your \$35 to the Office as soon as possible please.

ROAD SAFETY – messages have been emphasised in the last 2 newsletters. Unfortunately, I have now received more reports of dangerous skateboarding and use of scooters, by a number of our children, in the Westpac Bank car park. This is happening before school at about 8:10am. This **MUST** stop before someone is seriously hurt. Please discuss this with your child/children if they are possibly one of the children involved. Thank you.

SMART LUNCHESES – Due to ever increasing costs (materials, fuel, products etc) the Smart Lunches are increasing in price from today Monday 12th September. They will now be \$3.50 and \$4.50 each.

VALUES – The Value we are focusing on this term is Responsibility. Congratulations to Simon Zhao who received the “Values” award at assembly on Friday.

REMINDERS – Chocolate bar fundraiser money is now due back please.

- Orders for Stars On Stage DVDs (\$20) to the school Office please.
- Polynesian Festival DVDs on sale for \$30 at the Office

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. Doctor, doctor, I think I’m a cat.
How long have you felt like this?
Since I was a kitten!