

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 18

13th June 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – A huge thanks to all who came to make cheeserolls at school yesterday. Getting the orders is one thing but then making them is the big part of the equation. We made a record number of cheeserolls – about 20,000! Thanks to your efforts, this money will go towards professional swimming lessons, playground equipment and new library books.

SMALL WHEELS DAY – proved to be very popular last week so we are going to run another one this coming Thursday, 16th June. Unfortunately, due to the wet ground conditions, we cannot offer it to bicycles this time.

HONESTY – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Congratulations to Paige Patrick who won the Award at last week's Assembly.

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Jasmine Saunders – GI Blue Netball
Cameron Porteous – GI Under 10 Rugby
Logan Clark – GI Under 7 Rugby
Caleb Flaherty – GI 6th Grade Foxes Soccer
Well done to you all!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Orders are due in by Friday 24th June. Please complete the order form and put the order with the correct money in a clearly named, sealed envelope with your child's name and class number. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand. Thank you.

MID-YEAR WRITTEN REPORTS –

Teachers are now preparing written reports which will be sent home on 1st July. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July. More information later.

HOCKEY – 6-a-side draw for Wednesday 15th June, Green Island vs. Wakari Red @ 4.35pm, Pavilion 4 and the 11-a-side draw for Friday will be available on the website.

www.oha.org.nz

MINIBALL – Draw for Monday 13th June (today) GI Raiders vs. EOHS Green, court 5 @ 4.50pm

Draw for Thursday 16th June will be available on the website: www.basketballotago.co.nz

NETBALL – Draw for Saturday 18th June will be available on the website:

www.taierinetball.co.nz

MOVIE – has your child ever wanted to appear in a "real" Movie? If your child is between the ages of 8 and 11 then here is a chance not to be missed. A film company from Denmark will be here in Green Island at the end of next month. The Dunedin born Director is keen to use some of our children and our school in the film. We will be holding auditions/casting here at Green Island School on Thursday 28th July (last Thursday of the holidays).

HELP – we have been having a few problems with unwanted visitors to our school during out-of-school hours. They have been climbing on the roof, setting fires on the bottom field and leaving unwanted material in our playground. We are very proud of our environment and don't want this type of behaviour at all. Please contact the Police if you notice any suspicious activity. We need your help.

Nit-Enz is so easy & half the price of other natural head lice products!
\$15.35 NIT-ENZ Certified Organic Shampoo 225ml (will last approx a school term when used as directed)!
\$10.20 NIT-ENZ Head Lice Repellent Hair Gel 200ml or Hair Spray 165ml to help keep them away!
Use as a normal shampoo twice a week, normal conditioner afterwards, **and you won't have to worry about head lice again!**

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS SNIPPETS – PUBLIC HEALTH SOUTH

Coughs and Colds

Coughs and colds are common for children and adults throughout the year, but particularly during the winter months. Children starting at school for the first time will be exposed to new bugs or germs and may develop frequent illness or colds for the first year. These are often also passed onto other family members.

As these minor illnesses can make school activities difficult for children, they should:

Be kept at home

Given rest and quiet activities

Have plenty of drinks and fluids

Given Paracetamol, as per normal instructions, to relieve aches and pains

Seen by a doctor if their symptoms do not improve or they get worse

Did you know that viruses travel about 6 metres when you sneeze, and 3 metres when you cough. These days, as one way of preventing the spread of viruses we are teaching children to cough and sneeze into their elbows. This is a good practice to get into.

MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S COLD SYMPTOMS

Research tells us that bed-rest and warm fluids is better treatment for colds than taking antibiotics and buying expensive cold products. That means keeping children at home when they are unwell and giving warm drinks like Milo/hot chocolate. Hot drinks will help with sore throats. Giving lots of fluids helps with fever. Some effects of a cold, for example sore throat, may be helped by products from the chemist. However, throat lozenges that do not have local anaesthetic in them are the same as giving them sweet lollies and do not help sore throats. Discuss with the chemist the sugar content of some medications as these can affect your child's teeth. Remember to keep your child home if they are unwell.

The Public Health Nurse for our school is: Suzanne Wilson, phone: 4769878

FOR SALE – Bottled Water, \$1.00 each, available from the office.

Do you have a pre-schooler from 0-6yrs? Saddle View Playcentre is re-establishing itself and needs new families now. The best choice for your child's education! 3 free visits.

We offer:

- A fantastic environment for children to learn through play following the Ministry of Education's Early Childhood Education curriculum.
- Mixed age sessions for 0-6 years on Tuesday 9.15 – 12.15 & Thursday 9.15 – 12.15.
- Excellent adult to child ratios of 1:5. Parents are on a roster to be part of the education team alongside a qualified team leader.
- Supported training and education for parents.
- A great way for you and your child to make new friends in your community. Enjoy the company and support of other adults.
- WINZ subsidy & 20 free hours scheme.

Come and experience a day at Playcentre!
Contact: Anna Leslie on 4760149, email: reese.whanau@ihug.co.nz, 119 Main Road, Fairfield. www.playcentre.co.nz

THANKS – to teachers, trainee teachers, parents and others who spend time coaching and transporting our sports teams.

- To Mrs Pauline Anderson for all of her help with our playground and gardens.
- To the Dunedin Casino for \$500 for our sunshade project and to the Bendigo Valley Sports+Charity Foundation for \$5000 for our Astro Turf Project

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward

Principal

P.S. How do you keep a stupid person in suspense?

I'll tell you tomorrow!