

# GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 3

14th February 2011

**Kia Ora**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

**WELCOME** – back our part-time teacher Mrs Hipgrave. She will be assisting with many things including Music in several classes.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

**UPDATE** – Enclosed with today's newsletter is a copy of your child/children's contact details. Please check these are correct or make amendments and return to the Office by this Friday. It is most important all details are correct so we can contact you in an emergency situation. Thank you

**NEW ENTRANTS/YEAR 1** – In order to provide a more stable first year for our 5 year olds we have decided to have 2 New Entrant classes this year. This means that children will stay with their teacher for the whole year enabling them to have less disruption to their learning. Ms Maskill & Ms Lamond will both receive New Entrants throughout the year. Another advantage of this new arrangement will be the positive role models the older children in the class provide for them. This will also reduce the need to move other children in the Junior Syndicate throughout the year.

**KELLY SPORTS** – at Green Island School Kelly Sports is offering a Fundamental Skills Programme for Year 1-4 children once a week after school for an hour for 6 weeks. The programme is designed specifically so children can enhance the basics required for a range of sports that will help them through their sporting lives at school. The Fundamental Skills taught include throwing, catching, hand and foot dribbling, striking, running and jumping along with many fun games to enjoy. The programme is for any child, both beginner and competent, it not only builds confidence but also improves skill levels. The cost is \$50 per child with 10% family discounts for more than 1 children enrolled. Please register your interest for the programme at the School Office and there will be a promotion day at Green Island School in the following week if there are enough numbers interested. A minimum of 10 participants are required for this programme to go ahead.

**HELP** – do you have a spare hour or two to help out with some minor gardening around the school in the next couple of weeks? I have some keen children ready to help but need an adult to help supervise and assist. Please let the Office know if you can help out. Thanks.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – to Nicola Bishop for being awarded the Helen O'Grady Drama Scholarship for 2011. Well done. If you would like to enrol your child in this very worthwhile After School programme please phone Helen Wilson on 4658412.

**REMINDERS** – NO open shoes to be worn to Manual/Technology on Fridays please. This is a Health+Safety matter.

**CONTACTING CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS** – Arrangements for your child are best made with them before school. A note to the class teacher regarding reminders about changes in their routine is welcome. We are able to contact children in emergency situations.

**FOTS** – stand for "Friends of the School". This hard working group of parents assist with many important tasks around our wonderful school. Many parents/caregivers find that this is an ideal way to make a contribution to their child's education...AND to have a lot of fun at the same time. The FOTS Annual General Meeting will be held in the school staffroom, this Tuesday 15th February starting at 7.30pm. You will not be given a job if you do not want one. Please join us, we would love to see you there.

**KINDNESS** – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Congratulations to Blake Fairbairn who received the "Values Trophy" at Assembly last Friday.

**SUMMER HOCKEY DRAW** – For Monday 14th February (today). Green Sticks vs. Waikari Green @ 4.00pm, Far 2.

**SUPERMARKET BAGS** – Please send along any spare bags for Maurice. Thank you.

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There are a number of outstanding Assessment Portfolios (Blue Folders with red clear file) from last year. Please return to school a.s.a.p.

## PLAYER OF THE DAY

Callum MacArthur – Green Sticks Summer Hockey

Alex Hill – Cardinals Magpies Softball (Last Week) Well Done!!!!

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS** – (\$25 for one child or \$50 for a family) can now be paid at the school office. There is a special discounted price available until the end of March 2010. Please remember that this money is used to pay for bus transport and entry to educational events and activities. We ask for the one payment instead of bothering parents for small amounts of money, several times per term. Thank you.

## INVITATION

Green Island Kindergarten Committee together with Dunedin Kindergartens warmly extends an invitation to all past pupils, parents, committee members and teachers of Green Island Kindergarten to come along to the official opening of our new kindy building. This will be held at the new kindy in Howden Street, Green Island on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 6pm. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Megan Taiaroa on 488 2691 and leave a message.

## DUNEDIN GYMNASTIC ACADEMY

Gymnastics is a sport that encourages confidence, develops movement skills and is also lots of fun. Our new club has trampolining, rhythmic and artistic gymnastics classes available for all ages and abilities and offers a range of options throughout the week at our three venues. Contact Dunedin Gymnastics Academy on 479 2808 or [dunedingymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:dunedingymnastics@gmail.com) for more information about any of our programmes. If you are particularly interested in rhythmic gymnastics contact Keita on 466 7349 or [keitamcgowan@hotmail.com](mailto:keitamcgowan@hotmail.com).

## WAYS FAMILIES CAN WORK WITH TEACHERS TO HELP CHILDREN ACHIEVE

- There's no doubt that the best outcomes for children and their learning happens when teachers and families work together. Here are some ways to work alongside children's teachers to maximise school success.

1. Meet your child's teacher(s)
2. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve.
3. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.
4. Support your teacher and their expectations at home.
5. Send children to school ready to learn (having had a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and healthy choices for snacks and lunch)
6. Make sure children are at school on time.
7. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes.
8. Encourage children to develop skills to work with others.
9. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.
10. Participate in class and school activities.
11. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience.
12. Discuss concerns about school immediately with the teacher (adult to adult), rather than with others or children.
12. Talk up what happens at school.

**ABSENCES** - For the safety of your children we ask that you ring the school office on 4882314 (answer phone available) before 9.15 am if your child is not going to be at school and the reason for their absence. If we haven't heard from you, Justine will phone home to ensure your child is safe. It will save considerable time if you are able to contact us first.

*Nga mihi nui/Best wishes*

**Steve Hayward**  
Principal

P.S. ...What's the computers favourite dance?

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