

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 7

14th March 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to see so many people out and about in the weekend enjoying our "Pretty City". Sadly, our thoughts are with those who have family and friends in Japan at the moment.

WELCOME – to Cherie, Josh and Meg from Christchurch. I am sure that you will have a fantastic time at Green Island School. We also thank Mrs Seeto, a teacher from Christchurch, for helping us out whilst her own school is closed and her 2 children are attending our school. We thank you so much at this difficult time.

HELP – do you have any surplus/unwanted school uniform? Our supplies are running low of free/low cost uniform that we can give out to families in need. Can you help us?

MUFTI DAY – last week raised \$286 – we think that this is a new record total for a Mufti Day at our school. All proceeds went to the Red Cross Christchurch Earthquake Fund. Thanks for your support.

ROAD SAFETY – is always an issue of top priority for our children. Early last week, I had to phone a few parents with concerns about the way in which their child was riding their bicycle to/from school. Sadly, last Wednesday, a young Napier boy was knocked off his bike and killed. It would now be a good time to go over road safety rules with **all** of our children.

OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY – will be held next Monday, 21st March. School will be closed for the day. Enjoy the holiday.



KAPA HAKA – starts this week. Congratulations to those children who were selected to join. All going well we hope to offer this fantastic opportunity again next term.

READING ROCKS – show will be performing for us this coming Wednesday. We are really looking forward to hearing their message. Costs for this performance are covered by your Activity Account. (Have you paid yours?)

HOCKEY – starts early next term for any children interested in playing. Players this year are to meet with Mr Hayward at 11.00am in the staffroom Wednesday 16th March. The 3 sections are Ministicks, 5 – 7 year olds, 6-A-Side, 8 year olds and above (as at 1st June), 11-A-Side Year 7 & 8's. Ministicks play on Saturdays at 1.00 pm, 6-A-Side play on Wednesday afternoons and 11-A-Side play Friday afternoon/evening and some Saturday afternoons. Games start the first week back next Term. All games are played at the Hockey Turf on Harbour Terrace/Logan Park. Anyone interested in coaching please contact Mr Hayward as soon as possible. Thank you.

DENTAL CLINICS – throughout Otago (and NZ) are gradually being shut down and replaced with a range of other options. Sadly, it is now time to say "Goodbye" to our wonderful Dental Therapists/Nurses. They will soon be leaving us. A new concrete pad has been laid at Abbotsford School to host the new mobile Dental Clinic. This should be up and running in the near future. More details later but for now we thank most sincerely, the many Dental Nurses who have worked at our school over the past decades. You have made such a difference. Thank you.

FOTS CHOCOLATE – fundraiser (\$2.50 per block) is now well underway. We still have some extra boxes available for sale from the office. We have some special prizes for the most sold. Please return money by Wednesday 23rd March 2011. Thank you

MOYLE'S STOCKTAKE – many thanks to those who have offered to help with this fundraiser so far. We need another 5 or 6 volunteers please. Sunday 3rd April, 6.00am (new daylight savings time). Please contact the office if you can help.

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PLUNKET PRESENTS – in association with Farmers: *What a Woman Wants*. Learn what to wear and how to wear it. Monday 4th April, 7.30pm at Maurice Joel Theatre, Otago Boys High School, tickets \$25.00 each includes a glass of wine on arrival and nibbles, contact: Dunedin Plunket Car Seat Rental Scheme 4559934, email: Jackie.bennet@plunket.org.nz or pop into your local BNZ branch.

THANKS – to Mrs Talei Ingram and Mrs Pauline Anderson for attending to some of our gardening tasks. We really appreciate your help.

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

KINDNESS – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Congratulations to Shannon Murch who received the kindness award at assembly last week.

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Kaylan Thomas – Green Sticks Summer Hockey (21st February)
Hayden Murphy – Green Sticks Summer Hockey (28th February)
Oliver Murphy – Green Sticks Summer hockey (7th March)
Luke Duncan – Futsal Dragons
Cameron Porteous – Otago Swimming Champs, finalist ribbon 50m freestyle, Southern Ocean Athletes (Surf Life Saving), Gold Medal, under 11 beach flags, Otago Junior Surf Life Saving Champs, 1st Otago Champion under 10 boys 2010-2011 season, Otago Champs, top male.
Well Done to you all!!!

HELP – Do you have any spare ice cream containers for the junior school? Please deliver to the office. Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING – Is done every Tuesday. Please bring your banking to either the class teacher or the office. Books are returned on a Thursday afternoon. If you would like to open a child's account please pop into Westpac in Green Island with some form of identification.

THE COMPLETE UKULELE WORKSHOP
Date & time: Sunday 27 March, 1:00 pm
Venue: Bennu Restaurant
From novice level through to intermediate and advanced players, this is a one-of-a-kind experience that you will treasure. All the way from Hamilton, New Zealand's longest serving ukulele band, the Big Muffin Serious Band, present "The Muffin Method" ©. Strum techniques, different rhythms, chords, as well as single note melody picking, transposing and arrangement – all demonstrated in the most entertaining and instructive manner imaginable. Bring your uke!
Duration: 120 min
Prices: Adult: \$20, Child/Student: \$10
Tickets: www.TicketDirect.co.nz, ph. 03 477-8597.
Booking fees may apply

BAY DAY' SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2011

In celebration of the Otago Heritage Festival
Glenfalloch's Golden Mile race - FREE entry
Kids get your running shoes ready and give the Glenfalloch Golden Mile race a go. This challenging course takes you up the track to the top of the hill, flattening out at the top and back down the other side to the finish line back in the Lower Garden. Prize for the winners of each year category from 9 up to 16 years. Chocolate treats for all runners. Race start: 10.30am
Gnaughty Gnome Hunt - Find the new golden Gnaughty gnome hidden in his secret location in this beautiful Garden of National Significance. 10am till 2.30pm Gold coin entry.
Famous Devonshire Teas - Famous Devonshire Teas including tea/coffee and our chef's freshly baked scones and pikelets served with berry jam and fresh whipped cream. Teas available 10.30 till 2.30pm Adults \$10 children free
Glenfalloch Woodland Garden, 430 Portobello Road, Dunedin Enquiries phone 4761.775 or email glenda@albatross.org.nz

REMINDERS – Activity Accounts
- Cards and Gift Soap on sale in the Office. All profits to the school.

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. Teacher: Why do we refer to the period around 1000 years AD as the *Dark Ages*?
Student: *Because there were so many knights!*