

# GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 26

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*Kia Ora*

*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

**WELCOME** – to our latest 5 year olds Anika Chettleburgh and Brady Weatherston. I am sure that you will quickly settle into school and enjoy your time at Green Island.

I trust that you have made the most of the last two "Snow Days". Hopefully, that will be the last wintry blast for this year.

Please make sure that your child/children take extra special care when travelling to and from school. One of our pupils ran out between 2 parked cars on Friday and is very lucky not to be seriously injured. Road safety rules apply to us all particularly our young ones on foot, scooter or bicycle. Remember to wear your safety vest as well.

**MEASLES** – have broken out in many areas of New Zealand. Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about three days. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. About one in ten people infected need to be hospitalised. The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

### **PEOPLE WITH MEASLES MUST STAY HOME**

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events. Please follow the advice of the medical officer of health.

**MATHLETICS** – competition for Otago schools was unable to be held on Monday night and has been postponed to Monday 29th August.

**FOTS** – Marlow Family Pies. Order forms were sent home with last week's newsletter. Orders close Friday 19th August 2011 with money. Delivery Friday 2nd September 2011. If you need another form please collect one from the office as we have plenty of spares. Thank you

**SMALL WHEELS DAY** – tomorrow (Thursday).

**THANKS** – to all of our coaches, teachers, officials and supporters who have made it possible for our children to play sport during the winter season. This has been much appreciated by all.

**KAPA HAKA** – whanau/families met last Thursday evening to reflect on the success of this programme so far for our school. We will be participating in the Polynesian Festival to be held at the Lion Arena (Edgar Centre) on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. More details later but thanks Ana and Kopua for making it all possible.

**FACTATHON** – Your money is now overdue. Please hand in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**BOTTLED WATER** - for sale \$1.00 each. Available from the office.

**FOTS CHOCOLATES** – Were sent home last week. \$20.00 per bag. Each bar \$1.00. Please hand your money into the office in a named envelope. We still have a few bags for sale if you would like to sell any extras. Thank you.

**VALUES** – The Value we are focusing on this term is Responsibility. Congratulations to Lachlan Thorne who received the trophy at assembly last Friday.

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## PLAYER OF THE DAY

Congratulations to Alana Bagley – 2 x 1st place and 1 x 3rd place Tap Dancing and 2nd place Hip Hop. At the Timaru Dance Festival

**HOCKEY** – 6-a-side draw for Wednesday 17th August **GAMES CANCELLED** and the 11-a-side draw for Friday 19th August will be available on the website. [www.oha.org.nz](http://www.oha.org.nz)

**MINIBALL** – The draw for Thursday 18th August is: GI Allstars vs. Columba Green @ 5.15pm, court 2

**NETBALL** – Draw for Saturday 20th August will be available on the website: [www.taierinetball.co.nz](http://www.taierinetball.co.nz)

**HOCKEY** – No games on Wednesday 24th August due to a secondary schools tournament. The final games will be held on Wednesday 31st August with a brief presentation at the conclusion of the games.

**NETBALL** – Final day for Future Ferns netball is 20 August. There will be no future fern prize giving this year. Instead teams will play an extra fun game and each player receives a certificate, drink and chocolate bar. The fun day will have a PJ theme and positions will be lucky dip.

Final games for junior netball is 27 August. There will be fun games for sections 2-7 and finals played for section 1. First games start at 9am with prize giving at 11.45am.

**PLEASE – KEEP YOUR SICK CHILD/CHILDREN AT HOME IF THEY ARE UN-WELL.** By keeping your sick child/children at home it helps prevent the spread of these nasty bugs to other children and teachers. Please phone the office before 9.00am (the answer phone is cleared regularly) if your child is going to be away. Thank you for your support with this.

**STARS ON STAGE (S.O.S)** – There are still plenty of tickets available from the Regent Theatre (not online). Dress Rehearsal Friday – all costumes to be at school and left there. Thank you.

**KINGS HIGH SCHOOL** – Year 9 Enrolments for 2012, all information packs along with scholarship information can be collected and dropped into the main office.

Sunday 21st August at 10.00am Dunedin dad Rob Fehsenfeld will be climbing Mt Everest – on Dunedin's Baldwin Street. He will be undertaking this challenge to raise funds for his disabled daughter Daryl-Ann who has severe Cerebral Palsy, microcephaly (small head due to lack of brain growth) and epilepsy. Come along and join in on the day there will be great individual prizes, spot prizes, giveaways, hot food and entertainment for the whole family.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – to Paige Patrick for receiving the overall Term 2 Values Award.  
- To Monique Harper who was selected as the "Super Citizen" for Term 2. Thanks to Mr Mark Reid from Metro Reality for sponsoring the prize.

**APOLOGIES** – to the recipients of last week's Achievement Awards. We were unable to present them last week so we will do a double lot at the next Assembly in 2 weeks time. Sorry!

**REMINDERS** – when listening in to the cancellation service, make sure that you are tuned in to a "local" radio station and not a NZ wide network (their messages can often be out of date or not even broadcast).

*Nga mihi nui/Best wishes*  
**Steve Hayward**  
Principal

P.S. Did you hear about the thief who stole a calendar?  
*He got 12 months!*