

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 19

20th June 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – Our thoughts are once again focussed on the people of Christchurch as they cope with their latest earthquake. Many others have had their travel plans interrupted with the fallout from the volcano in Chile. It makes us appreciate just how lucky we are to live in this part of New Zealand.

The shortest day is now upon us and we will soon be facing some real wintery weather. Children need to be warmly wrapped up on their way to and from school – with their safety vest clearly visible. We are quite happy for children to have a pair of slippers at school for wearing inside the classroom if you wish.

PLEASE – do not park in the Kindergarten Carpark as it is for **their parents** to drop off/pick up kindergarten children. They have kindly offered to let our parents use it after 2:50pm each day so long as we keep the 3 teacher carparks free (nearest the road) and we enter the carpark from the **top** end. Your help with this matter will help make Howden Street a safer place for all. We do also ask that you treat Howden Street as a **One-Way Street**, downhill. This really helps with the flow of traffic. Thanks.

THANKS – to our wonderful adult helpers who are assisting with PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme), several days per week. This is making a real difference for our children. We have seen so much progress in such a short time already. Thank you.

MID-YEAR REPORTS – will be sent home on Friday 1st July. We are then going to be offering Parent Interviews on the following Tuesday and Wednesday 5th+6th July 2011.

SMALL WHEELS DAY – proved to be very popular last week so we are going to run another one this coming Thursday, 23rd June. Unfortunately, due to the wet ground conditions, we cannot offer it to bicycles this time.

ABSENCES - For the safety of your children we ask that you ring the school office on 4882314 (answer phone available) before 9.00am 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 please. Thank you.

WINTER WEATHER – conditions sometimes mean that school may open late or it may be closed for the whole day. One of the main reasons that schools have to open late is because Staff cannot get to school at the usual time. Please listen to **local** radio stations for updates. This is also a good time to remind you that we carry out regular Trial Evacuations with the pupils and staff at our school. In the event of an emergency, we gather on the bottom field. It would be a good idea for parents/caregivers to go over their own arrangements with their family at home, in case you are faced with a Civil Defence emergency or fire at your house.

FEATURE FILM – 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. Please return the permission slips sent home with your child last week. I have taught some children who have ended up on the “big screen” – it can be done. If you need another permission slip please contact the school office.

ASSEMBLY – this coming Friday afternoon at 2:30pm in our Hall. All welcome.

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.

HONESTY – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. (Thomas Jefferson)

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PLAYER OF THE DAY

Tayla Padgett – GI Raiders Miniball
Emma Jocelyn – GI Blue Netball
Well done to you both!!

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.

HOCKEY – 6-a-side draw for Wednesday 22nd 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 20th June (today) GI Raiders vs. Abbots Sharp Shooters, Court 5 @ 3.40pm
Draw for Thursday 23rd June will be available on the website: www.basketballotago.co.nz

NETBALL – Draw for Saturday 25th June will be available on the website: www.taierinetball.co.nz

HEALTH SNIPPETS

Emergency Preparedness – It doesn't matter what you call it; EARTHQUAKE or 'FLU' or other major community illness or emergency; it is how well prepared we are that matters. Do you have an emergency plan including contact phone numbers that even your young children can follow? Do you have 3 days supply of food at home, plus Panadol and other essential things for illness like, cough mixture and tissues? If you as a parent get sick then you can help your family without having to leave home to get supplies in. There is nothing worse than traipsing through the supermarket when you are unwell or have sick children with you. Be prepared for colds and influenza this winter because you can almost guarantee that someone in your home will get a cold.

VACCINATION REMINDER

At 11 years your child may be due to 'dTap' immunisation to complete their immunisation programme. The 11-year-old immunisation is a vaccine including diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. It is one injection given in the upper arm. Your family doctor will be able to tell you if your child requires this immunisation and will provide it if required.

VITAMIN D

We all need Vitamin D to help absorb calcium. Calcium is essential for bone growth and strength. The best source of Vitamin D is from the sun. As we don't always see the sun during our winter months it is important to remember to get outside as much as possible when the sun is out! You can also obtain Vitamin D from some foods. A good source of Vitamin D is found in fatty fish (salmon, mackerel and sardines) and also cod liver oil.

For more information or if you are concerned about your Vitamin D levels talk to your GP or Public Health Nurse. The Public Health Nurse for our school is: Suzanne Wilson, phone 4769878

KIDS DISCO

“groove with your friends to the DJ's finest music”

Friday 8th July 2011

5-8yr olds from 6.00pm to 7.30pm

9-13yr olds from 7.30pm

Finishes at 9.30pm

@ Green Island Football Clubrooms, Sunnyvale

\$ 2.00 - Entry Fee

Drinks, Lollies and Glow Sticks available for sale. All kids must be dropped into and picked up from the Disco by an Adult. Adult Supervision will be provided but we will not be held responsible for any children who leave the premises without an Adult. Adults are more than welcome to stay

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

**Steve Hayward
Principal**

P.S. Who was the first man to do Maths?

Adam!