



# GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 4

21st February 2011

**Kia Ora**

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

I trust that you are enjoying what is left of our Otago summer. We ask that you *PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER* carefully. Important notices are put in the newsletter each week. If you don't read your newsletter you may not be aware of what is happening in the school. The newsletter is sent home each Monday, please ask your eldest child for it. If on the rare occasion they haven't got a copy, spares are available at the office. The newsletter is the best way we can communicate with all our families regularly. You can also view it on our school website at [www.greenisland.school.nz](http://www.greenisland.school.nz).

**KELLY SPORTS** – is a new after school programme. 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 child. We need 3 more names for this to go ahead. Please put your child's name on the list in the office.

**BBQ** – profits for all of this week (Tuesday 22nd February and Thursday 24th February) will go to Ronald McDonald House. We have had one of our school families use their services recently and as a sign of appreciation we are going to support their annual fundraiser. We thank you for your support.

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

**DENTAL SERVICE** – A survey is being conducted by the School of Dentistry University of Otago. They are seeking parents' views on the current and proposed School Dental Service. If you could spare an hour to be part of their discussion groups this would be much appreciated. Please contact the office to get your name on the list.

**FOTS** – Annual Meeting was held last Tuesday 15th February. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Helen Johnson and Mrs Karen Harris for many years of dedicated service to our school. Nothing has ever been a problem for these two ladies. We have really appreciated all that you have done for our school.

We are thrilled to announce that the FOTS donated \$16,000 to the Board of Trustees last year. \$14,000 of this was raised in the 2010 year. WOW we think this is a record. Thanks to your support we now have enough money to access the remainder of the grant for ICT at Green Island School from the Community Trust of Otago. The elected office bearers are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Toni Christie  
VICE PRESIDENT: Leigh Berland  
SECRETARY: Tracy Saunders  
TREASURER: Nikki Ishida  
FOTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Karen Sutherland, Angela Williams, Hayley Burnett, Nik MacArthur, Diane Wright, Lois Stephens, Teresa Dynes and Pauline Anderson.

**KINDNESS** – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. "Kindness is a willingness to help, show concern for and be friendly to others".

**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.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE** – Enclosed with last week's newsletter was a copy of your child/children's contact details. Please check these are correct or make amendments and return to the office as soon as possible. Please return regardless if there are any changes. Thank you to those who have already done so.

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**PARENT INTERVIEWS** – are often held in primary schools early in the year as a good way of communicating between the school and home. The purpose of holding them in March is really to get feedback from home as to how your child/children are settling in, how they are coping with new routines and homework etc. This year we are having trouble timetabling a week where all teachers would be available on 2 consecutive nights. Due to coaching commitments and Professional Development and training, we are happy to offer Parent Interviews during the week starting Monday 28th February. Please contact the individual teacher concerned if you wish to make an interview time. They will try to accommodate all requests in that particular week. It is our intention to hold full Parent Interviews later in Term 2 following the first written report that will go home near the end of June. It was great to catch up with so many of you at the recent "Meet the Teacher Night" and the FOTS meeting.

**TRIATHLON** – this coming Friday afternoon (25<sup>th</sup> Feb) at Abbotsford School. Racing starts just after 1pm for our Y5 to Y8 competitors. Best wishes to all who are challenging themselves in this Greater Green Island event. Good luck also to those who are taking part in the Weetbix Triathlon coming up in Mosgiel next weekend.

**MOYLE'S STOCKTAKE** – We have once again been approached to do the yearly Stocktake at Moyles Supermarket on Sunday 3rd April 2011 starting at 6.00am (new daylight saving time). If you are available to help out for a few hours please put your name on the list in the office. Thank you.

**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.

## ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to all parents please about your parking. Please park responsibly around the school. **Parking on yellow lines is illegal.** To make the traffic flow more smoothly we are asking that all parents/caregivers use Howden St as ONE WAY DOWN only. Children are expected to wear their safety vests to and from school. Also for those children walking to and from school to be very careful crossing roads and use pedestrian crossings where available. The KINDERGARTEN CAR PARK –is for Kindergarten parents only, not a drop off point for Green Island School children. Thank you

## 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.

**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.

## REMINDERS – Stationery Accounts

- Activity Accounts
- McDonalds receipts are collected at the office
- Names for Moyle's Stocktake on 3rd April to the office
- Names for Kelly Sports to the office

*Nga mihi nui/Best wishes*

**Steve Hayward**  
Principal

P.S. Why did the cat sit on the computer?  
*To keep an eye on the mouse.*