



# GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 20

27th June 2011

**Kia Ora**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

## PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER –

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).

School has been a very busy place over the past few weeks as teachers have been assessing students and collecting and collating information for school reports and parent interviews. It is to be remembered that your child's position on the achievement band is a progress statement where they are working towards our school and national expectations. If your child is below expected level in literacy or numeracy you can expect that they will be receiving a specialist programme to address their needs.

**MID-YEAR REPORTS** – will be sent home on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We are then going to be offering Parent Interviews on the following Tuesday and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>+6<sup>th</sup> July 2011. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming interviews. Prior to these you will receive a written report about your child's progress as we are now required to report twice yearly to parents in writing. Therefore we have modified our portfolios and changed their purpose. They will now be called a 'Learning Journal' and show some student self reflections on their learning. These will not come home but may be shared with you at interviews. Those wishing to have a Parent Interview, simply need to complete the accompanying slip and return it to school tomorrow please. Your interview time/s will be co-ordinated and returned home as soon as possible.

**SPELLING QUIZ** – for some of our talented Y5 to Y8 Spellers, this Wednesday (29<sup>th</sup> June). See the separate notice for other details. Best wishes for the competition and thanks to Mrs Scarlet and Mr Gallagher for accompanying you.

**FEATURE FILM** – casting will be carried out here at school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We have had more than 35 enthusiastic "movie stars" hold up their hands to take part. More details later as soon as I hear back from the Danish Director. This is so exciting!

**MARAE VISIT** – tomorrow (28<sup>th</sup> June). Only one more sleep until our 4 Junior classes visit the Araiteuru Marae in Shetland Street. Many thanks to all who have helped with organizing this. Thank you also to our parent helpers. Buses leave school at 9.00am. Children will need their drink bottles. We will return to school for lunch. Thank you.

**SMALL WHEELS DAY** – proved to be very popular last week so we are going to run another one this coming Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**RUGBY** – this coming Thursday afternoon (30<sup>th</sup> June) at Abbotsford School. Mr Warrington will confirm the details tomorrow.

**FINAL DAY** – for the "Wise Up Walk Tall Tamariki" Programme is to be held this Wednesday. Congratulations to the 7 children who will graduate this week. You can be very proud of your efforts. Many thanks to our 3 Tutors as well.

**HONESTY** – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Congratulations to Riley Jones the winner of last week's Values Award. Well done Riley.

## PLAYER OF THE DAY

Maia McDonald – GI Soccer Foxes, 6th Grade  
Oliver Murphy – GI 6-a-side Hockey  
Bradley Harris – GI under 10 Rugby also overall player of the day for the junior rugby club  
Ted McFadgen – GI Green under 7 Rugby

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**HOCKEY** – 6-a-side draw for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Green Island vs. Fairfield @ 3.45pm, Pavilion 4 and the 11-a-side draw for Friday will be available on the website. [www.oha.org.nz](http://www.oha.org.nz)

**MINIBALL** – Draw for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June (today) GI Raiders vs. Abbots Breakers, Court 5 @ 3.40pm  
Draw for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June GI Allstars vs. Balaclava Green, Court 2 @ 5.50pm

**NETBALL** – Draw for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July will be available on the website:  
[www.taierinetball.co.nz](http://www.taierinetball.co.nz)

**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.

**FUTURE FERNS NETBALL** – The Future Ferns Netball team are short of players. If you are Year 3 or 4 and want to play netball, please see Ms Lamond.

**MAGIC CHILDCARE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES** – Please visit [www.magicchildcare.co.nz](http://www.magicchildcare.co.nz) for information on

after school care and school holiday programmes. Subsidies available CYF & OSCAR approved.

**MUFTI DAY** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July in support of the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Trust. We are selling once again the very popular Red Socks and will be holding a free choice mufti day wearing your red socks. First in first served, on sale now at the school office. \$3.00 a pair.

## FREE EXERCISE PROGRAMME FOR BREAST CANCER THRIVERS

Restore mobility, flexibility and confidence through gentle exercise. Free YWCA Encore programme, 8 weeks long, starts 14 July to 1 September 2011. Thursday evenings 6.30 – 8.30pm at Moana Pool. This programme is funded by the YWCA and The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. To enrol now contact Tonelle Horner on 03 476 1779, 027 407 0067, [encore.dunedin@ywca.org.nz](mailto:encore.dunedin@ywca.org.nz) or view [www.akywca.org.nz](http://www.akywca.org.nz) for details.

**H**eaps of rubbish

**O**ver weighted and under powered

**L**azy

**D**readfully slow

**E**ngines rattley

**N**oisy

**S**luggish

**F**ast

**O**-100 in 4 seconds

**R**eal cars

**D**ynamic performance

**S**uperb reliability

By Hannah Chaplin Room 6

*Nga mihi nui/Best wishes*

**Steve Hayward**

**Principal**

P.S. Who writes joke books in Never Never Land?

*Peter Pun.*