

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – to Ben Wotton, we know you will enjoy your time at Green Island School.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – will be taken on Wednesday 6th April, starting at 9am. The following sports teams will need to have their sports uniform – Futsal and Touch. It would be great if the Coach could attend as well.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNT – prompt payment discount ends on the 31st March 2011. Eftpos is available in the Office.

COIN TRAIL – this Thursday to support Autism Awareness. Please bring along your donation to support this worthy organization.

ROAD SAFETY – is always an issue of top priority for our children. We ask that all cars treat Howden Street as a downhill **ONE WAY** street please. This helps immensely with traffic flow and means that the children can be dropped off on the correct side of the road. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

HOCKEY – notice was sent home last week with those children who were interested in playing. Please return to Mr Hayward as soon as possible please.

FOTS CHOCOLATE – fundraiser. Please return your money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already done so.

MOYLE'S STOCKTAKE – this weekend on Sunday morning 3rd April, 6.00am (new daylight saving time). Please contact the office if you can help.

KINDNESS – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Congratulations to Skye Bennet who received the Values award at assembly last Friday.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Orders are due in by Wednesday 6th April. Please complete the order form and put correct money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and room number on it and drop into the office. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ.

PLAYER OF THE DAY

James Nicol – Phoenix Futsal

Congratulations to James Whelan – Most Improved Player Trophy for Carisbrook Titans Cricket Team

Congratulations to Brianna Reid – Coaches Choice Award for Green Island Rockets Cricket Team

Well done to you all!!

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

NETBALL - All netball notices should now be in. Please return yours A.S.A.P. if you have not already. Thank you.

HELP – We have been contacted by a lady who has come across a very old book written by children at Green Island School from 1933 to approximately 1944. The only names that can be made out are E Lewis and M Monaghan. Does anybody know either of these people? We are keen to get the book back to its owner or family. Please contact the office if you have any information.

YOUTHTOWN



THANK YOU – To Youthtown and the Commercial Tavern for their generous donation of \$7,500.00 towards the Sport Funding Activator to work with the Greater Green Island Cluster Schools - Green Island, Abbotsford, Fairfield, Concord, Big Rock and St Peter Chanel. Thank you.

GIRLS BORN IN 2000 INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL. Due to an influx of girls wanting to play football the Green Island Junior Football Club is looking to enter **2 all girls'** teams for the "born in 2000" year. To do this they need 3 - 4 more girls. If you are interested please urgently contact Rick Johnston on home phone 4880432 or email richard.johnston@abl.co.nz. Games start Saturday 2nd April

JIM HOFFMAN - TERM HOLIDAY BADMINTON PROGRAMME

APRIL 18th, 19th, 20th 21st
OBHS GYM & swimming at Moana Pool
9.30 am to 2.30 pm each day
Cost per day \$40.00
10% discount for 2 or more in the family.
Bring your lunch and togs

WHAT TEACHERS WANT YOU TO KNOW

Learning doesn't stop at 3.30pm – You can help the teacher do a better job by encouraging your children to show you something they are working on at school. Every time your children get a chance to show off what they know, it builds confidence.

Let your child make mistakes – Teachers don't want perfect students; they want students who try hard. Sometimes parents think every assignment has to be done exactly right, and they can put too much pressure on their children. But it's OK for children to get some problems wrong. It's important for teachers to see what students don't know, so they can go over the material again. Is your child struggling with an assignment? Encourage your child to take charge by asking the teacher for help the next day. Assignments are often clearly not the work of a child. What matters isn't the final result; it's letting a child have ownership of the project and learn along the way. Stay involved – Give support and be your child's cheerleader no matter how well (or poorly) you did in a certain subject. We don't expect you to be an expert on every subject. Just knowing their parent is paying attention can be very motivating for a student.

Keep your child organised – Most teachers have to spend far too much time tracking down forms sent home for a parent's signature. It's a good idea to have your children empty their backpacks every day as part of a regular after-school routine. Set up a special place, such as a box in the kitchen, where they can put the day's papers, or a brightly coloured folder for signed papers. Also, try to keep plenty of supplies on hand so children don't go to school for days without the proper gear – before they get around to telling you.

THE HIGHER YOU SIT THE SAFER THE FIT

Until a child is **148cm** tall, they are safer in a booster seat. If your child is not using one try the simple test below as taken from the S.K.I.P resource 'Kids and Car Seat Safety'. If you answer 'no' to any of the following questions your child needs to be in a booster seat as is not yet ready for a safety belt. When your child sits on the vehicle seat: Does your child sit all the way back against the car seat? Do your child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the car seat? Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and the arm? Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs? Can the child stay seated like this for the entire trip? For further information go to NZ Transport Agency at www.nzta.govt.nz, Safe kids New Zealand at www.safekids.org.nz or talk to your Public Health Nurse. **The Public Health Nurse for our ECC is: SUZANNE WILSON**
Contact details are: 4769878

REMINDERS – Activity Accounts

- Please watch out for changes at the school entrance as the workman install new gates and fencing

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. *Student:* "Would you punish someone for something they didn't do?"

Teacher: "No, of course not."

Student: "Good, because I didn't do my Homework."