

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

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28th November 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an amazing weekend it has been – “blown away” by the stunning Elton John Concert on Friday and then by the strong winds on Saturday. Great to have a nice day on Sunday...unless of course you are one of the sad Holden owners (25,000) who has had their brand new car recalled due to a faulty fuel line!

HOMEWORK - MARKET DAY is fast approaching. The FOTS will once again be running a fundraising stall on the main street of Green Island on Saturday 3rd December from 10am to 1pm. Attached is a recipe sheet for this week's homework. This replaces the normal weekly homework. Please deliver to the hall on Friday morning.

CONGRATULATIONS – to all who represented our Zone at the Otago Athletic Championships last Tuesday. We are proud of you all, especially to Naomi Bennet who was placed 2nd in the Long Jump. Well done!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Cards are selling well. More cards are available from the Office. We thank you so much for your support. Proceeds will go to the purchase of new library books.

Y8 CAMP – to Deep Cove is only 7 sleeps away. Parents please make sure that your Camp Account is all paid up and that your child has all of the essential gear on the list. Gear check this coming Sunday 4th December at 2pm in Room 10. This is compulsory for all who are going to camp.

WALK – tonight for Y8 pupils and the Deep Cove Camp Parents will start from the Taieri Mouth end of the Millennium Track at 6pm. Meet at the school at 5:30pm if you wish to car pool. These walks are compulsory for all who are going to the Y8 Camp. You are most welcome to bring along other family members for this enjoyable walk. See you there.

COMPUTERS IN HOMES – I still have another 22 spaces available. Free, training for 8 weeks and then you get a free computer to keep at home plus free access to the Internet for 6 months. All you have to do is attend the training sessions at school and pay off a one off \$50 commitment to the programme. 7 training computers will be installed at school next week and lessons will begin in about Week 2 of next year. Please contact the Office for more information of to sign up for this unbelievable offer.

THANKS – to the Nicol Family for their recent donation of some Book Tokens. We will put them towards some new books for our Library. Thank you also to Alyssa Barker who helped a child after school on Friday who had fallen off his bike in the wind. Your kind help is much appreciated.

CALENDAR – orders have now closed. We have raised a healthy \$533 from this project. Many thanks for your support. Thanks to Justine for dealing with all of the orders.

ASSEMBLY – this coming Friday, 2nd December, at 2:30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

RESPECT – is our Value that we are focussing on this term. How can children show respect on the telephone? Identify themselves, keep background noise to a minimum, don't call around meal times, ask if it is a good time to talk, take accurate messages, use 'please' and 'thank you'.

SPORTS, NEW ENTRANT AND LITTLE LEARNERS PHOTOS – were sent home last week. Orders close on Friday 2nd December.

FUTSAL DRAW – For Wednesday 30th November, GI vs. Soccer Daemons @ 5.15pm.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS – All library books are due in Friday 2nd December please.
BOOK AMNESTY – All school Journals and books can be returned to the bin in the foyer.

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TERM DATES – Term 4 for 2011 finishes on Thursday 15th December (Clean-up day)
Term 1 2012: Monday 30th January - Thursday 5th April
Term 2: Monday 23rd April – Friday 29th June
Term 3: Monday 16th July – Friday 28th September
Term 4: Monday 15th October – Friday 14th December

SWIMMING – has now finished for the year. We thank all of our coaches (Sue and her team), teachers and parent helpers who all made it possible. Lots of good progress was made and we hope that many children will go on to further lessons over the summer. We also thank our friends at Fairfield School for letting us hire their pool and all helped out with the cheese roll fundraiser.

UNIFORM IN STOCK – The new uniform is being phased in over the next 18 months. In the mean time we have got the old stock to sell off. A decision has been made to sell these items for half price on a first in first served basis. Please see Justine with your requirements. Thank you.

KIDZ INC CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Maori Hill @ Kaikorai Rugby Club. Enquiries, text 'info' to 021 982216, www.kidzinc.co.nz

DUNEDIN RSA CHOIR – Kings and Queens Arts Centre, Wednesday 30th November @ 7.30pm, Coronation Hall, Sunday 11th December @ 2.00pm. For bookings contact Ticket Direct on 4778597.

OTAGO RABBIT BREEDERS SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW – 17th December 2011, at Kaikorai Valley College, for more information please email: Otagorabbitbreederssociety@xtra.co.nz or phone 4672661. Entries close 13th December 2011.

SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS

TRYATHLON – Registrations for the 2012 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon are now open!! Sunday 18th March 2012, Memorial Park Mosgiel. School group registrations close: 4th March 2012, online registrations close 15th March 2012. Register online at: www.weetbix.co.nz or phone 09 5315080.

JIM HOFFMAN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

TENNIS/BADMINTON, RECREATIONAL SWIMMING
19, 20, 21, 22, 23 December for 12yrs and under. 9.30 to 2.30 each day
Book by emailing to me at jhoff5@xtra.co.nz or phone 4536808. Numbers will be limited.

HEADLICE – Please check and treat (if necessary) your child/children for headlice. This is a constant on-going problem around the school. Thank you.

FOR SALE – Skipping Ropes, only \$4.00 each. 2 sizes, please contact the office for your purchases.

CREATIVE DREAMS – 189 Main South Road (opposite Video Venue). Paper Art, Card making, Scrapbooking, Jewellery making, Stamping, Unique hand crafted gifts to give or treasure. Hours: Monday: 10.00am – 2.30pm Tuesday: 10.00am – 4.30pm, Wednesday: 10.00am – 4.30pm, Thursday: 10.00am – 2.30pm, Friday: 10.00am – 4.30pm, Saturday: 10.00am – 1.00pm, or by appointment.

REMINDERS – “Christmas Hamper” donations

- Mc Donald's receipts
- Assembly this Friday @ 2.30pm

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. What did the big candle say to the little candle?

"I'm going out tonight!"