

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 35

31st October 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME - We extend a very warm welcome a number of 1st + 2nd Year Teacher Trainees to our school over the next 2 weeks. I trust that you will enjoy your time at Green Island School.

YEAR 7 RAFTING – trip on the Taieri River tomorrow (Tuesday 1st Nov) is still all go at the time of writing this newsletter. The weather forecast isn't great and Mr Warrington is off sick today but hopefully it will all come together tomorrow.

ATHLETIC SPORTS – for our Greater Green Island Cluster is on this Thursday 3rd November (p/d Friday 4th Nov) at Memorial Park, Mosgiel. More than 60 children have qualified for the sports so best wishes to you all. We will be travelling there and back by bus. Parents are most welcome to spend part or all of the day at the sports. Sports uniforms will be issued to those who don't already have a set from other sports teams, on Wednesday.

SUMMER – is just around the corner so we encourage all children to be Sunsmart and to wear a hat whenever they are outside during the day. Many thanks to the Southern Trust, Pub Charity and Dunedin Casino for their donation towards sunshade sails for the Junior Adventure Playground. They have been put up over the past holiday break. Unfortunately, vandals have been interfering with them already so please inform the Police/School if you see anyone abusing our wonderful playground.

HALLOWEEN DISCO – was a great success. Many thanks to the FOTS, Room 9, Mr Warrington and the other teachers, for making the night such a success. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I went to a 2011 General Election Forum where 8 candidates from 4 political parties explained their stance on matters relating to Education. It was most informative.

SWIMMING – Once again we are able to use the Fairfield School Pool for our swimming lessons. Rooms 3 & 5 will swim the week beginning 7th November to 11th November, Rooms 6 & 7 will swim the week beginning 14th November to 18th November, Rooms 1, 2 & 4 will swim 21st November to 25th November. All children will need to bring their swimming gear each day. There will be a small charge to cover transport so this must be paid prior to attending. Please look out for a separate notice regarding this.

FOTS – *Friends of the School* meeting this Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm in the Staffroom, all welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – prize donations can now be left in the collection box in the foyer. We are suggesting that families may like to donate the following goods from each class - Room 9 – Bottles (no alcohol), Room 8 – Snacks, Room 7 – Laundry, Room 6 – Bathroom, Room 5 – Toiletries, Room 3 – Packets, Room 2 – Cans or tins, Room 1 – Sweet treats
Please bring to the box in the office.

RESPECT – is our Value that we are focussing on this term. Children at our school are encouraged not to damage property at home, at school or in the community.

LOST PROPERTY – is bulging out of the bin in the Office. Please check out the contents if you are missing some of your uniform.

CONGRATULATIONS - To Alana Bagley who placed 2nd in Tap Dancing and 3rd in Hip Hop at the Alexandra Music Society Competitions.

WORLD DIABETES DAY – 14th November 2011, Forsyth Barr Stadium, Anzac Avenue, Dunedin, Gate J Level 4, 11am – 6.00pm. Find out more at: www.otagodiabetesresearch.org.nz

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CHILDREN'S CALENDAR ART

The children have been busy once again with their art work to be made into calendars and cards, available for purchase by you (parents). The art works are available at the office for you to view and the final date for orders is Wednesday 16th November 2011.
Calenders \$10.00 each
Greeting Cards \$12.00 (pack of 8)
A4 Photo calendar \$12.00 (photo to be supplied). Order forms are accompanied with the newsletter.

SPORTS, LITTLE LEARNERS, NEW ENTRANTS PHOTOS – Will be taken from 1.30pm on Wednesday 9th November 2011.

FUTSAL DRAW – The draw will be available at www.edgarcentre.co.nz.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Books make great Christmas gifts. Book club orders are due in by Friday 11th November. All order forms should be completed and correct money put in a sealed envelope with name and room number on it. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand. If you would like your order held at the office please write HOLD on top of the order form and we will phone you when the order arrives. Thank you

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.

Denise Henderson & Bridget Telfer
Present

Musicool Theatre & Dance Summer School 2012

- Check out our website www.musicool.co.nz

ASSEMBLY – this Friday in the Hall at 2:30pm.

REMINDERS – “Christmas Hamper” donations

- Mc Donald's receipts
- Make sure that you come along to Beachlands Speedway at 7pm this Saturday 5th November to see our very own Mr Warrington take on other schools in his first “legal” car race! Some free children's passes will be given out this week.

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. **Knock, knock ...**

Who's there?

Adolf.

Adolf who?

Adolf ball hit me in de mouf!

2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited from current Year 6, Green Island School pupils, for a Year 7 Scholarship at Green Island School next year. There will be 3 Scholarships - one each for the Arts, Sports and Academic. The Scholarship will pay your Green Island School Activity Account for 2012, it will pay for your attendance at the 2012 Young Leaders Conference and it will also pay for you to attend one other relevant workshop/course associated with your scholarship area. Please write a letter explaining why you would be the most worthy recipient for our school. Please hand your application to Mr Hayward by Friday 25th November 2011.

Steve Hayward