

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME - to our latest 5 year old, William Priest. We extend a very warm welcome to you.

I trust that you made the most of the springtime activities over the past weekend. Excitement is building in the World Cup Rugby Competition, fishing has started and the Silver Ferns play against England tonight. All of this is building up to yet another FORD victory at Bathurst this coming weekend!

Y6 CAMPERS – had an amazing week at Berwick. All of them achieved quite a number of personal firsts. Well done to you all. Many thanks to Mrs Spiers, Mr Warrington and Mr Gallagher for their help. Thanks also to our wonderful parent helpers, and to the one and only Mrs Davis. Without the support of you all (and your families) we wouldn't be able to offer such a high quality experience. We look forward to seeing the photos this week and hearing your stories. A huge thanks goes to the **Bendigo Valley Sports+Charity Foundation** for their generous donation of \$2000 towards our Y6 camp. Without their support, we wouldn't be able to offer such challenging activities.

TERM 3 – finishes this coming Friday, 7th October at 3pm. Term 4 starts on Tuesday 25th October, straight after Labour Day (and the All Black World Cup victory). Other dates of significance are Y8 Deep Cove Camp 5th - 9th December, Y8 Graduation on Monday 12th December, Christmas Concert and Singalong Wednesday 14th December and the *clean-up day* on Thursday 15th December.

CANTEEN BANDANAS – AND SNAZZY WRISTBANDS – FOR SALE.
Bandanas \$ 4.00 each, wristbands \$2.00 each.
Available from the office.

ASSEMBLY – this coming Friday (7th Oct) at 2:30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

AMERICAN HOTDOGS+MUFFINS – Y8 camp fundraiser went well last week. We raised \$138. Special thanks to Mrs Hayward for all of her help, we really appreciated it.

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

HELP – we are looking for a couple of “stand-by” BBQ helpers to assist with cooking on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 11:45am to 12:30pm. Our wonderful, regular parent helpers are occasionally unable to help us and we need some back-up volunteers. If you are able to help (on a casual basis) then please give your name to Justine in the Office. Thank you.

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. We are also looking for some cane baskets suitable for putting our prizes in.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – that has been postponed and changed a number of times, will now be held at our school this coming Wednesday between 10am and 12noon. This is for our Y1 – Y6 pupils. Weather permitting; Concord School will be joining us. Many thanks to our Y8 seniors for helping run this event.

WANTED TO RENT – 3 – 4 bedroom house, garage, and fenced section in Green Island or surrounding area. Phone Alisha on 4884535.

PAPER – and cardboard recycling has been going well in all classes this year. Thanks to your efforts we have just received 10 native trees for our school grounds. Thanks to Mr Gallagher and his team of willing helpers who planted them out for us last week.

SMALL WHEELS DAY – this coming Wednesday and Thursday **ONLY** for those children wearing their fluoro **SAFETY VEST**. This will be the final small wheels day for the year. Maurice has noticed quite number of scooters have been losing their small bolts and screws. It would be a good idea to give your scooter etc a check over during the holiday break.

VALUES – The Value we are focusing on this term is Responsibility. In the playground this means not dropping litter, looking after each other and playing in the right places, according to the agreed rules.

PLAY STUDY - Please remember to complete these questionnaires. The research team will be returning to Green Island School on Tuesday, 4th October from 8.30am to collect your child's accelerometer and your questionnaires. Please remember to put all those things in your child's school bag for the researchers to collect from school on that day.

HELP US GET FREE STORYBOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL - If you're a Telecom customer, you can turn your bill into a storybook for our school. All you have to do is switch to online billing by 24 November 2011 at telecom.co.nz/billstostorybooks, and choose our school to receive a storybook. There are 10,000 storybooks to be given away, so the more of you who choose our school, the more books we'll receive!

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

Board Jottings

Meeting held 28th September 2011

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Our Insurance is up for renewal – Crombie Lockwood have been sent a copy of our latest asset register with the estimated costs. They will be in touch to make a time to visit and discuss
- The Education Review Office (ERO) have sent notification they will be here for their review during Term 1 or 2 next year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Good representation with the number of children attending the Greater Green Island X Country, Otago X Country Champs and Speech Competition

CURRICULUM REPORT

- English – Written Language – Creating Meaning - Persuasive Writing
10% of children are working above their intended level, 50% of children are working at their intended level, 40% of children are working below their intended level.

PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE

- The security system is very old and replacement parts cannot be purchased for it. Proposal is that we replace the system with a new one with the control panel in the junior block to be removed leaving one in the hall and office block

- The tender documents for the remainder of the junior block up-grade and 2 hot water cleaning cupboards will be out shortly

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 26th October @ 5.30pm

REMINDERS – “Christmas Hamper” donations

- Mc Donald's receipts
Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. Doctor, doctor I've got **pigeon** toes.
Don't worry we'll find a suitable tweetment for you ... but for now, just put this birdseed in your shoes!