

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

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Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

KIA ORA – This week we celebrate Maori Language Week. The Maori language is a national treasure to be shared and nurtured by all. It weaves a cultural cloak of identity for all New Zealanders. *Arohata te reo! Love the language! Manaakihia te reo! Cherish the language!*

WELCOME – to Maggie McDonald. I am sure that you will enjoy your time at Green Island School.

We also welcome Mrs Heidi Newman to our staff. She has been a reliever at our school for a couple of years and will be here until the end of the year, team teaching, in our New Entrant area.

I enjoyed seeing the following children competing in the "Extra" Spelling Quiz last week. Jared McKenna, Bailey Cavanagh-Welch, Jacob Burnett, Jema Wilson, Jasmine Ngatae, Annie McDonald, Alex Hill, Tessa Willis, Amelia Hodgins, Beth Sim, Nika Wood, James Whelan, Samantha Larson-Sanders, Alyssa Kennedy and Hannah Williams. The standard was extremely high especially in the Y5+6 section where the winning team scored a perfect 100/100 and the next 4 teams got 99/100. Well done to all of our participants. I have also been able to watch some of our sports teams compete against other schools in the past week. I have been impressed with how our children have been "Playing Fair" and have given 100%. Keep it up.

MUFTI DAY/RED SOCKS – are now on sale in the Office for \$3 per pair. Free choice mufti day this Thursday (7th July) for those purchasing red socks. Funds raised from the sale of these good quality socks go towards the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Trust. Thank you for your support.

SMALL WHEELS DAY – proved to be very popular last week so we are going to run another one this coming Thursday, 7th July.

BOT JOTTINGS – CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

- What a thrill it was to sit there from 9am to 5.15pm making cheese rolls, well done to everyone and a huge thank you for your help. It was great to catch up with everybody.

CURRICULUM REPORT

- Copies of ICT – E-Learning Curriculum Plan, Hardware Plan, Hardware Development Plan, E-Learning Action Plan.
- A huge thank you to Karen Lamond for all the work put in to prepare these documents.

F.O.T.S (FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL)

- Vote of thanks to the FOTS for the \$3,000 donation

PROPERTY

- The grounds are looking very good
- A discussion was held regarding the Waldronville playground equipment still to be installed and the up-coming Play Study
- A new lock has been installed on the front gate

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Board approve the additional funding needed to complete the ICT plan and server up-grade.
- Outstanding Family Accounts – reminder invoices have been sent out
- Feature Film audition request, they will be here on Thursday 28th July to hold auditions
- Astro Turf money has been granted from Bendigo Valley and the balance will be paid from reserve funds
- Charter 2011 – Mrs Burn along with the staff have done a fantastic job of up-grading the Charter for delivery to the Ministry on 1st July 2011
- The new furniture has been ordered
- Curtains have been ordered
- Mrs Heidi Newman has been employed as a New Entrant Teacher for Terms 3 and 4, 2011

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Thank you from the Green Island Kindergarten to those who attended the recent quiz night

NEXT MEETING – Thursday 28th July @ 5.30pm in the school staffroom.

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LOST PROPERTY – is piling up in the Office area. Please check the bin if you are missing some of your uniform. We also ask that you name all clothing as it makes it so much easier for everyone.

FEATURE FILM – casting will be carried out here at school on Thursday 28th 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!



DARE – Jethro Brandish participating in last Thursday's Room 8 DARE Fun Day with the Army.

HONESTY – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Honesty is largely a matter of information, of knowing that dishonesty is a mistake. (Edgar Watson Howe)

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Brayden Thomas – GI Under 9 Green Rugby
Trinity Redmond – GI Green Netball

CONGRATULATIONS – To Nathan Gibson who was awarded a prize for selling the most chocolates for the FOTS fundraiser. Also congratulations to the Whelan Family, Laila Wikio, Toby Burdett and the Joep Family.



MARAE VISIT – Alex Park, Hunter Gaut, Blake Fairbairn on the Junior School's Marae visit last week.

HOCKEY – 6-a-side draw for Wednesday 6th July, Green Island vs. St Leonard's Blue & Gold Mini Stix @ 4.35pm, Pavilion 4 and the 11-a-side draw for Friday will be available on the website. www.oha.org.nz

MINIBALL – Draw for Monday 4th July (today) GI Raiders vs. Macandrew Lakers Court 3 @ 3.40pm
Draw for Thursday 7th July will be available on the website www.basketballotago.co.nz

NETBALL – Draw for Saturday 9th July will be available on the website:
www.taierinetball.co.nz

ASSEMBLY – this Friday 8th July at 2:30pm in our Hall. All welcome.

WANTED – WOOL (red, black & white) if you have any spare lying around, the junior school would like some please.

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. What do you call the brother and sister who like to build things across rivers?

Archie and Bridget!