

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – to our latest 5 year old Taylor Cayford. I am sure that you will really enjoy your time at Green Island School.

MARKET DAY – was another outstanding success last Saturday. We appear to have raised a record \$579.30 from our stall. This is a magnificent effort. Special thanks to our hardworking FOTS helpers and to all who did some baking. New library books will be purchased over the next 2 months with the proceeds from this event.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Cards and money MUST be returned to the Office as soon as possible. We thank you so much for your support. Proceeds will go to the purchase of new library books.

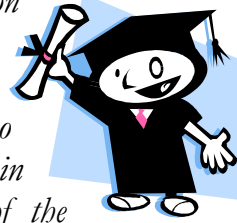
Y8 CAMP – to Deep Cove began this morning with the bus departing shortly after 8am. Mr Hayward, Mr Warrington and Mrs Spiers will be away to Doubtful Sound this week so Mrs Burn will be the Acting Principal. Many thanks to all who have helped support these Y8 pupils to camp - it will be a real highlight of their education and life so far. Special thanks to our wonderful parent helpers and their families for making it all possible. We should be returning back to Green Island at about 4:30pm-5pm on Friday. I will phone the school with an estimated time of arrival so you are welcome to contact the Office before 3:15pm for an update.

FLUORO SAFETY VESTS – need to be returned to the class teacher next Monday please. Once again it is very timely to thank the local Green Island Lions Club for supplying us with the initial safety vests. I know that they are worth their weight in gold.

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

Year 8 Graduation Evening

On Monday 12th December the Friends of the School will serve a formal dinner to the Year 8 students. This is followed by the Graduation Ceremony to which the parents are invited. One past pupil from our school and a special guest will also speak. Parents and children will join together for supper at the close of the ceremony.



This is a special evening for these students who have completed eight years of excellent education at Green Island School. My sincere thanks to the Friends of the School for providing, preparing and serving the dinner and supper.

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 or to sign up for this unbelievable offer. Please note that this is for parents/caregivers only – sorry not for children this time.

Christmas Singalong

Wednesday 14th December
1.30 pm – Civic Hall
All families welcome
Bring a cushion to sit on
(Limited seating will be available)



At the conclusion the children will go back to school with their teacher and the reports will be distributed. Thursday is our clean up day.

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

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.

RESPECT – is our Value that we are focussing on this term. Congratulations to last week's winner, Hunter Gaut. We are so proud of you and your efforts.

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

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



We will be doing Holiday Blocks in the last two weeks of the January school holidays. As a reward for trying so hard during swimming, we would like to offer you the discounted rate of \$50 for each Holiday Block. (Usually \$65) You can contact Sue on 477-1730 or 021 1321745 or email: swimix@clear.net.nz

SPORTS UNIFORM AMNESTY

Could you please all check your draws, cupboards, hot water cupboards, storage areas etc for any Green Island School Sports Uniforms. These can be delivered to the office. Thank you

SMART LUNCHES – The last day for Smart Lunches for 2011 is Monday 12th December. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

WANTED – Any long cardboard tubes e.g. from glad wrap, tin foil etc. Please deliver to Room 2. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS – Cameron Porteous, Kaka Point Surf Life Saving Competition. 1st place Board Race, 1st place Beach Flags, 2nd place Sprints. Well Done!!

MOYLES CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thursday 8th December, from 3.00pm. Lots of extra Christmas savings, fantastic prizes and giveaways. Great fun for the whole family

MAGIC HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Magic has put together one of its most amazing holiday programmes ever. We have a strong focus of enjoying the great outdoors while being mindful to let the children relax more often too. We have days at Waiora Camp which will include; archery, slip and slides, orienteering, pony rides and more, a trip for the middles to Outram Glen, a ride on a train for the juniors, trips to the beach with new fun beach equipment to play with, rocket making and other construction projects with Kevin, Taieri / Green Island / Fairfield trip to Treasure Island, tennis lessons, exciting new Have a Go sessions, the list goes on and on. Go to www.magicchildcare.co.nz for more info.

REMINDERS – “Christmas Hamper” donations are still being accepted
- Mc Donald's receipts

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. How long does it take to burn a candle down?

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