

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 29

5th September 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME - to Samantha Logan and Kane Dynes. We hope that you will enjoy your time here at Green Island School. I trust that our Green Island Dads enjoyed being spoilt yesterday – I know that I certainly did.

CONGRATULATIONS – to Kimberlee Jolly and Jordan Farmer on their selection to attend the Police “Blue Light” Camp at Berwick last weekend. It sounds as though they had an absolute ball!

SMART LUNCHES – Due to ever increasing costs (materials, fuel, products etc) the Smart Lunches are increasing in price from Monday 12th September. They will now be \$3.50 and \$4.50 each.

CONGRATULATIONS – also to Hannah Williams and James Whelan on their selection to work alongside Post-Graduate Marine Scientists at the Portobello Aquarium over the next few weeks. What a wonderful hands on science experience this is. Well done!

SPEECH CONTEST – for our Greater Green Island Cluster of schools, will be held at Fairfield School this coming Wednesday, 7th September, at 1pm. Best wishes to our representatives – Bailey Cavanagh-Welch, Serena Malloch, Konrad McDonald, Samantha Larson-Sanders, James Tapp, Nika Wood and Jakob Hodgins.

CAMP STALL – this coming Thursday, 8th September, our Year 8 pupils will be running a camp fundraiser during the lunch break. They are seeking donations of unwanted toys and books etc plus any baking suitable for their stall. Children are asked to bring along some money to buy these goodies on Thursday at lunchtime.

CAMP RAFFLE – All cards were due in last Friday. Please return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

GET WELL – to our very own Libby Conlon who is recovering from a recent planned operation in hospital. We are all looking forward to seeing you up and about shortly.

SPORTS – uniforms and gear need to be washed returned to the Office as soon as possible please.

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”.

POLYNESIAN FESTIVAL – was a huge success last Thursday. I was so proud of our Kapa Haka Group. Many thanks to Ana and Kopua and the team of supporting parents. More than 2000 children performed over the 3 days. Green Island School was one of ten groups taking part for the very first time. We are looking forward to next year already. Although not part of “National Standards” our children were “high achievers” – well done to you all. A DVD of all 3 days is available for \$30. Please leave your money with your order in the school Office.

CROSS COUNTRY – Championships for the Greater Green Island Cluster were held last week. Congratulations to the following children on their selection to represent our Zone at the Otago Champs this coming Friday, 9th September at Balmacewen Intermediate. First Race (Year 5) at 12 noon. Cameron Porteous, Bradley Harris, Luke Duncan, Oliver Murphy, Abigail Spinoglio, James Murphy, Tayla Padgett, Charissa Cullen, Samantha Larson-Sanders, James Whelan, Nathan MacArthur and Teigan Burke.

SMALL WHEELS DAY – Wednesdays +Thursdays.

ASSEMBLY – this coming Friday, 9th September in the Hall at 2:30pm. All welcome.

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GUITAR+MARIMBA – lessons have also started up for some children on Thursdays during the lunch break. Many thanks to Mr Warrington, Mrs Scarlet and Mrs Roe for giving up their time to do this.

MARLOW PIE – profit was over \$600.00. Thanks to all who supported this FOTS Fundraiser.

MINIBALL – has now finished for the season. Congratulations to our team who managed to get into the final last week. Although we didn't win we gave East Otago a run for their money. Thanks to Mrs MacArthur, Mrs Spiers and their helpers who made it all possible.

READING RESEARCH - Update from the Family-School Partnerships and Literacy Development Study.

Thank you again to all the participating families of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children. Thanks especially to the Year 1 families. We are enjoying working with you and seeing your child's reading grow as we video record your children reading to you across the year. Last term early literacy measures were administered to all participating children in the study, and it was exciting to see their progress. The next step is hearing family perspectives to learn more about how families and school work together to support children's reading development and learning. A questionnaire will be sent home with children to participating families. Some of you have completed this questionnaire before in 2009 and/or 2010 – we are sending it one final time so we can learn about the ways that families support reading development at home and in the community and how these might change as children grow older. Please look for this in your child's reading pack.

Thanks again, we look forward to hearing your views.

Pip Struthers, Juliet Kendall, and Elizabeth Schaughency, University of Otago

FOR RENT – 3 bedroom house Kirkland Street, \$250 per week, no smoking. Please contact Justine for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

6 a-side Hockey Green Sticks - Player of the Day - the whole team. Well done!!

ATHLETICS TAIERI – Have A Go Night, Tuesday 11th October 2011. Memorial Park, Mosgiel, 6.00 – 7.00pm, 3-13 year olds & 14 years old upwards. For inquiries please contact Lyn Mackay on 4893587.

Adventure & Education at Stewart Island School Holidays!

Adventure for Year 6-9 students

8-12 October 2011

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REMINDERS –Chocolate bar fundraiser money is now due back please.

- Orders for Stars On Stage DVDs (\$20) to the school Office please.
- Polynesian Festival DVDs on sale for \$30 at the Office

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. What did the skunk say when the wind changed direction?

It's all coming back to me now!