

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 2

7th February 2011

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – to Riley Iousa, we know you will enjoy your time here at Green Island School.

OUR SCHOOL POLICY – on “Concerns and Complaints” To comply with our Legal Requirements, attached to today’s newsletter is our **Concerns and Complaints procedure**

STATIONERY – Thank you to those who have purchased their stationery through the school. For those yet to purchase theirs, please hand your order to Justine in the office. EFTPOS is available. The teachers would appreciate all children having their stationery by Wednesday of this week.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS – (\$25 for one child or \$50 for a family) can now be paid at the school office. There is a special discounted price available until the end of March 2010. Please remember that this money is used to pay for bus transport and entry to educational events and activities. We ask for the one payment instead of bothering parents for small amounts of money, several times per term. Thank you.

UNIFORM – Please ensure that your child/children are wearing the correct school uniform at all times. New uniform items can be ordered through the school office at any time, please see Justine. We do have a good supply of second hand jerseys.

FULL ASSEMBLY – This Friday 11th February at 2.30pm in the school hall. All welcome.

TERM DATES FOR 2011

Term 1: Tuesday 1st February – 15th April
Term 2: 2nd May – 15th July
Term 3: 1st August – 7th October
Term 4: 25th October – 15th December

Meet the Teacher evening Wednesday 9th February

Come along and meet your child’s teacher, other parents and our new Assistant Principal, Mr Aaron Warrington.

There will be one complimentary sausage available for those attending this informative evening. We

thank the Friends of the School very much for their generosity and help with

We do suggest to all families to have their normal tea at night, as this

only be a small taste. The barbecue will be in the Library shelter.

Juniors: 6.00 – 6.30 p.m.

Parents of children in Rooms **1, 2, 3, and 5** meet in your child’s classroom.

Barbecue from 6.30 p.m.

Seniors: 7.00 – 7.30 p.m.

Parents of children in Rooms, **6, 7, 8 and 9** meet in your child’s classroom.

I look forward to meeting with many of you during the evening.



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FOTS – stand for “Friends of the School”. This hard working group of parents assist with many important tasks around our wonderful school. Many parents/caregivers find that this is an ideal way to make a contribution to their child’s education...AND to have a lot of fun at the same time. The FOTS Annual General Meeting will be held in the school staffroom, next Tuesday 15th February starting at 7.30pm. You will not be given a job if you do not want one. Please join us; we would love to see you there.

LITTLE LEARNERS

First Day back this year is this

WEDNESDAY 9th February

Please see Justine at the office for an enrolment form.

SUPERMARKET BAGS – Please send along any spare bags for Maurice. Thank you.

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Welcome back! From the Family-School Partnerships and Literacy Development Study, University of Otago.

Thank you to the parents, children and teachers who participated in our research in 2009 and 2010. Our results reinforced how important your involvement in your child’s learning is, and we enjoyed learning more about activities that happened at home and at school to support your child’s literacy development. We really appreciated your support, and look forward to continuing to follow your child’s development and working with you this year.

In addition to following the development of children who participated with us last year, we would like to invite new children and families of entering and continuing Year One students to participate in our research this year. Look for Information and Consent forms that will be sent home in your child’s backpack. If you would like to participate, please return the completed consent form to Green Island School with your child. We will keep you updated as our research progresses!

FUTURE FERNS PRESENTS NETBALL COACHING SCHOOL

WHO: Boys & Girls aged from 8-10 years old

COST: \$65 per participant

BE IN QUICK as there are limited places!

LEARN a variety of netball skills from some of Otago’s top netball players

AT Edgar Sports Centre Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

ON Tuesday afternoons, 4.00pm-5.30pm

DATES: 1 March – 12 April 2011

See Justine for a registration form.

SUNHATS – It is advisable for all children to have one sunhat here at school at all times. These need to be worn while your child is outside at school. Please make sure they have one every day. We have new “bucket style” hats in stock these can be purchased from the office for \$11.99 each.

PLASTIC BOOK COVERS FOR SALE - 3 sizes, colours available, \$1.00 each. Please see Justine in the office.

ABSENCES - For the safety of your children we ask that you ring the school office on 4882314 (answer phone available) before 9.15 am if your child is not going to be at school and the reason for their absence. If we haven’t heard from you, Justine will phone home to ensure your child is safe. It will save considerable time if you are able to contact us first.

LUNCHES – Are available daily. Please note Smart Lunches are available from this week. Please place all orders at the office **before** 9.00am daily.

OFFICE HOURS – Our school office is ‘manned’ from 8.30am – 3.30pm daily.

CONTACTING CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS – Arrangements for your child are best made with them before school. A note to the class teacher regarding reminders about changes in their routine, is welcome. We are able to contact children in emergency situations.

NEWSLETTERS – These are sent home each Monday with the eldest child in the family. Please ask your child on Mondays for the newsletter. If they don’t have one have a quick look in their schoolbag – you might be surprised by what else is in there! Failing that, please ask the class teacher the following morning. If your child is away on Monday, teachers will hold it for them until they return to school. Please give your email address to the office if you would like these emailed. They can also be viewed on the school website. (www.greenisland.school.nz)

REMINDERS – Supermarket bags for Maurice
- McDonalds receipts are collected at the office

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. “I bought this computer yesterday and I found a twig in the disk drive”.

“I’m sorry Sir, you’ll have to speak to the Branch Manager”.