

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 6

7th March 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – to our latest 5 year old Jensen Bosworth. We also welcome Cherie Osten from Christchurch. I am sure that you will have a fantastic time at Green Island School.

HELP – do you have any surplus/unwanted school uniform? Our supplies are running low of free/low cost uniform that we can give out to families in need. Can you help us please?

BBQ PROCEEDS – from last week saw us donate \$134.88 to the Red Cross Christchurch Earthquake Fund. This is a wonderful effort.

MUFTI DAY – this coming Wednesday 9th March. For a gold coin donation, come along dressed in “Red+Black”. All proceeds will go towards the Red Cross Christchurch Earthquake Fund.

FOTS CHOCOLATE – Were sent home last week. Money is due in on Wednesday 23rd March 2011. Thank you to all who have returned their money already. If any families would like more chocolate to sell please contact the office.

FOTS – Meeting in the Staffroom this coming Wednesday night, 9th March, at 7pm. All welcome.

MOYLE’S STOCKTAKE – We have once again been approached to do the yearly Stocktake at Moyles Supermarket on Sunday 3rd April 2011 starting at 6.00am (new daylight saving time). If you are available to help out for a few hours please put your name on the list in the office. Thank you.

KAPA HAKA – starts next week but come along to this week’s Assembly to see a preview of what our Kapa Haka Group will be getting up to.

PROPERTY UPGRADE – starts this week with our latest fencing upgrade, Junior Classroom upgrade and a total exterior repaint of the school. We are thrilled to be having this attended to before winter and we do ask that you take extra care when moving around our school. Please keep right away from the workers and their equipment. Thank you.

SPORT ACTIVATOR – Bex Wilson, will start her lessons at Green Island School today. We are really looking forward to this “Pilot” project. We thank “Youth Town” – for their generous donation towards funding this project.

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

FULL ASSEMBLY – this coming Friday 11th March at 2:30pm in the Hall. We would love to see you there.

KINDNESS – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. **KINDNESS** -

- Helps build positive relationships
- Is needed by everyone
- Is respected and appreciated by others
- Builds a better community

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE – There are quite a few still outstanding. Please check these are correct or make amendments and return to the office as soon as possible. Please return regardless if there are any changes. Thank you to those who have already done so.

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Blair Jope – Green Island Dragons Futsal (last week)

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL – Please do not park over driveways, even if it is only for a few seconds. Our neighbours are having trouble coming and going from their own homes because of parents parked over their driveways. Thank you.

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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.

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.

FAMILY WORKS – GROWING TALLER
A small group, fun programme for children who are having a tough time at home, at school and with friends. **Where:** Cameron Centre, Level 1, 407 Moray Place, Dunedin
When: Thursday mornings, Tuesday after school
Yes: Morning and afternoon, Tea provided
Feedback: Regular sharing and follow up with Parents
Handouts: Information sheets for each session
For more information: Phone: 4777 116 Or Email: rayleenh@psotago.org.nz

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS - Developed by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton
The Incredible Years parenting programme is designed to develop positive family relationships, empower parents to make change and to manage difficult behaviour. Practical step-by-step suggestions help in handling everyday situations parents face. For more information about Incredible Years in Otago, please contact - Kerri Keogh (03) 471 5251, kerri.keogh@minedu.govt.nz Ministry of Education, Private Bag 1971, Dunedin, (03) 471 5200. Or for more information about Incredible Years visit the Incredible Years website www.incredibleyears.com

A Reminder of when to keep your Child at Home

If you child:

- Is complaining of or appears to have a sore tummy, throat or ears
- Has signs of being unwell i.e. grizzly, unsettled or tired
- Has a high temperature or feels very hot
- Has a continuous cough
- Has an acute gastro illness i.e. diarrhoea **and** vomiting within the last 48 hours (in the absence of any obvious cause e.g. eaten too much fruit or allergy)
- Has weeping, red eyes and/or a yellow discharge around the eyes
- Has skin sores that are open and weeping
- Has become ill with an infectious disease e.g. measles, chickenpox.

If you are unsure, call your child's School or Public Health Nurse. Alternatively you can Phone the Healthline on 0800 611116 for advice or go to www.healthline.govt.nz Please inform your school if your child is going to be kept home due to illness.

The Public Health Nurse for our ECC is: SUZANNE WILSON
Contact details are: 4769878

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.

REMINDERS – Stationery Accounts

- Activity Accounts
- McDonald Receipts are collected at the office

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. What is the easiest way to get a day off school?

Wait until Saturday.