

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – We extend a very warm welcome to a number of Teacher Trainees.

ATHLETIC SPORTS – for our Greater Green Island Cluster were held last Thursday. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent our Zone at the Otago Athletic Championships at the Caledonian Ground on Tuesday 22nd November (p/d Thursday 24th Nov). The children going to the Champs can hang onto their uniforms but we would like the rest returned to school as soon as possible please. Congratulations to: Luke Duncan, Hamish Cranston, James Whelan, Teigan Burke, Abigail Spinoglio, Naomi Bennett, Bradley Harris, Cameron Porteous, Heaven Samson-Loffley also the Under 12 boys relay team, under 13 boys relay, under 13 girls relay, 13 + boys relay. Well done to you all.

SWIMMING – Started this week for Rooms 3 & 5. Rooms 6 & 7 will swim the week beginning 14th November to 18th November, Rooms 1, 2 & 4 will swim 21st November to 25th November. All children will need to bring their swimming gear each day. There will be a \$10.00 charge to cover transport so this must be paid prior to attending. Many thanks to the FOTS for paying for the professional swimming coaches.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – prizes are gradually filling up the Hamper boxes in our foyer. Many thanks to all who have donated so far. Other donations are welcome to be sent along as soon as possible. Thank you.

WALK – tonight for Y8 pupils and the Deep Cove Camp Parents. Please assemble at the start of the Fraser's Gully track at 6pm tonight, rain, hail or shine. These walks are **compulsory** for all who are going to the Y8 Camp. You are most welcome to bring along other family members for this enjoyable walk. See you there.

FUTSAL DRAW – The draw will be available at www.edgarcentre.co.nz.

COMPUTERS IN HOMES – We have been invited to nominate some families to participate in the fantastic “Computers in Homes 100,000 Challenge”. This programme aims to ensure that no New Zealand family with school-aged children is digitally disconnected. To be part of the programme a parent will need to attend the free training at school for ten weeks, (after school) working on a free computer that will then become yours at the end of the training. The programme will then provide you with free internet access and support in your own home. The only cost is an initial \$50.00 charge that can be paid off over the ten weeks of training. Please contact Steve or Justine on 4882314 for more details or if you would like to sign up for this programme. I have places for 28 families to join this exciting initiative. Computers in Homes strengthens links between families & schools, and directly contributes to positive education outcomes for both parents and their children.

“COINS FOR BRICKS” – is the name of the charity set up in Vanu Atu where our “Sounds Alive/Words Alive” teacher, Mrs Kate Lloyd and her family are now living. They are helping their school with buildings, houses and books and are busy raising money to make bricks. We would like to help them as our charity to support before the end of this year so we will give the profits from this week's BBQ on Tuesday and Thursday to this wonderful project. Thank you so much for helping out this school in Vanu Atu.

PHOTOS – for the following groups will be taken this coming Wednesday from 1.15pm, Little Learners, New Entrant classes and all Sports teams. Please make sure you have your sports uniform with you if you have one. It would be great if team coaches could attend too. Thank you

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

TOUCH RUGBY DRAW – For Monday 7th November (today) Year 3 & 4 only, GI vs. Grants Braes Meteors @ 4.15pm.

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR ART

The children have been busy once again with their art work to be made into calendars and cards, available for purchase by you (parents). The art works are available at the office for you to view and the final date for orders is Wednesday 16th November 2011.
Calenders \$10.00 each
Greeting Cards \$12.00 (pack of 8)
A4 Photo calendar \$12.00 (photo to be supplied). Order forms are accompanied with the newsletter.

A HUGE THANKS – to our wonderful FOTS (Friends of the School) who have recently donated \$2000 to our school. We really appreciate all of the wonderful things that they do for our children.

MR WARRINGTON – did a fine job in representing our school at Beachlands last Friday night. He qualified for the final and then got a magnificent 4th Place. Thanks to all who supported Mr Warrington in his racing debut.

HALLOWEEN DISCO - raised \$219.00 for our Y8 Camp and \$104.58 for our FOTS fundraising group. Thanks for your support.

RESPECT – is our Value that we are focussing on this term. ‘Willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard, to honour, to care about yourself and others.’

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Book Club orders are due in by Friday 11th November. All order forms should be completed and correct money put in a sealed envelope with name and room number on it. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand. If you would like your order held at the office please write HOLD on top of the order form and we will phone you when the order arrives. Thank you.

2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited from current Year 6, Green Island School pupils, for a Year 7 Scholarship at Green Island School next year. There will be 3 Scholarships - one each for the Arts, Sports and Academic. The Scholarship will pay your Green Island School Activity Account for 2012, it will pay for your attendance at the 2012 Young Leaders Conference and it will also pay for you to attend one other relevant workshop/course associated with your scholarship area. Please write a letter explaining why you would be the most worthy recipient for our school. Please hand your application to Mr Hayward by Friday 25th November 2011.

Steve Hayward

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.

REMINDERS – “Christmas Hamper” donations

- Mc Donald's receipts
- Computers in Homes

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes
Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. There are two cowboys in the kitchen. Which one is the real cowboy?
The one on the range!