

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 13

9th May 2011

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – to our visiting Malaysian Trainee Teachers. We know you will enjoy your time here at Green Island School.

PMP – Please see separate flyer with the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS – to Trinity Redmond, Alyssa Kennedy, Annie McDonald and Abigail Spinoglio who were selected to accompany Mrs Bell to the Jump Rope day tomorrow. They will get to work with Peter Nestler, the seven-time world champion.

DISCO – Theme Rock Star or Black & White This Friday 13th May
Juniors 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Seniors 7.15pm – 8.15pm
\$2.00 a ticket, please put in a named envelope with your room number in the Disco box in the office. There will be glow sticks and refreshments available for purchase on the night.

MUFTI DAY – this Wednesday (11th May). Gold coin donation please, with all proceeds going towards the **Save The Otago Peninsula** group. Come along dressed up as a “Scientist”. Prizes for the best one! Otherwise it is a free choice mufti day.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – have been sent home. All orders are due in by Friday 20th May. Please return orders in the envelope provided with the correct money. Thank you.

SCIENCE WEEK – was a huge success last week. Many thanks to Mr Gallagher and the teachers for the exciting educational experiences that were offered. Lots of wonderful learning took place.

F.O.T.S (FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL) – Meeting this Wednesday 11th May, in staffroom at 7.00pm. All Welcome.

ALBATROSS COLONY – trip was all go today (Monday 9th May). Some of our lucky 5 and 6 year olds were invited to go to Taiaroa Heads next Monday as part of a University of Otago study about “memory”.

ASSEMBLY – this Friday (13th May) at 2:30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

HONESTY – is the *Value* that we are focussing on this term. Please consider reinforcing our theme with these possible family discussion topics:

- Returning what has been borrowed
- Keeping agreements and promises
- Returning money that has been found

HOCKEY – 11-a-side draw for Friday 13th May, Green Sticks/Fairfield vs. Arthur Street/Warrington at 5.00pm on Far turf. Due to internet problems at school today please check www.sportingpulse.com for the 6-a-side draw for Wednesday.

NETBALL – The draw for junior netball and future ferns will be available on the website www.taierinetball.co.nz.

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Maia McDonald – Green Island Foxes 6th Grade Soccer
James Nicol – Green Island Thunderbolts 9th Grade Soccer
Well Done To You All!!!

BOOKS – Make great gifts and rewards. Reading to and with a child is one of the most valuable exercises you can do. Keep one of these dates free for our up-coming BOOK FAIR, 23rd – 27th May.

MISSING FROM ROOM 9 – Size 16 “Elements” zip up hoodie, dark grey/black colour. Please return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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PREVENTING ILLNESS IN SCHOOLS –

Children at school are:

- In close contact with many children and adults
- Exposed to new organisms or germs that the children have not built an immunity against

Well children get an average of 4-6 colds a year in their first few years of life. As they get older they develop immunity against some viruses. We also know that the virus that causes the common cold constantly changes or mutates, which means that when children come into contact with these viruses they will not necessarily have immunity against them. Therefore we can't remove the risk of catching infections for children, but we can reduce the spread of infections by the schools and early childhood centres having a clear policy on illness and exclusion.

Schools and their communities can reduce contact with illness by asking that children and staff who are ill stay away until there is no risk of them spreading an illness.

The Ministry of Health infectious diseases poster (a copy is in the school office) is a good guide for common childhood illnesses.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT

HOME – When your child:

Has signs of being unwell i.e. grizzly, unsettled, listless or tired

Has a high temperature or appears very hot
Is complaining of, or appears to have a sore tummy, throat or ears

Has a continuous cough

Should be at home if has diarrhoea and or vomiting within the last 48 hours

Has weeping, red eyes and/or a yellow discharge around the eyes

Has broken skin sores

Has become ill with a communicable disease e.g. measles, chickenpox

If you are unsure, call your child's School or Public Health Nurse.

Please inform the school if your child is going to be kept home due to illness.

The Public Health Nurse for our school is Suzanne Wilson, contact details: 4769878.

Greater Green Island Rhythmic Gymnastics Club

Otago Championship Competition on next Saturday May 14th & Sunday May 15th. Senior and International Levels complete on Saturday, Juniors compete on Sunday. If you require any further information please contact Sonya Ph: 487 9228. Great chance To see how much talent we have in our local club, come along and see for yourself.

Dunedin Gymnastics Academy

Advanced Incentive Awards Class
Suitable for 10 yrs + (no competition experience needed). Programme: GymSport NZ Incentive Award Badges. Includes: Artistic Gymnastic, Trampoline, Aerobics, Rhythmic Enrolments
Bookings through DGA non-comp coordinator: Megan Kerr, ph 4898443, megankerr@xtra.co.nz
For information on joining our other programmes please contact the gym at dunedingymnastics@gmail.com or phone 479 2808

MINIBALL DRAW

Monday 9th May, Green Island Raiders vs. Abbots Breakers at 4.50pm, court 3. Please check www.basketballotago.co.nz for Wednesdays draw.

REMINDERS – Ensure that your child is wearing their fluoro safety vest, to and from school please.

- Camp parent applications close on Monday 30th May
- McDonalds Receipts are collected at the office
- Activity Accounts can be paid at the office

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. What do you call a man who does everything at top speed?

Max.