

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

Newsletter No 4

20th February 2012

Kia Ora

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WELCOME – To Benjamin Christie. I am sure that you will really enjoy your time at Green Island School. Did you manage to see the Harley-Davidson Thunder Ride on Saturday? What an awesome sight and sound!

PARENT INTERVIEWS – and Goal Setting for 2012, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (28th + 29th Feb). A yellow booking sheet came home last Thursday. Please return this to the class teacher as soon as possible. Staff will be organising the timetable on Tuesday and then parents will be notified of their appointment time.

“CHATBUS” – a new counselling service offered to our children, will be starting up at Green Island School in the next couple of weeks. Please read the information brochure and permission slip accompanying this newsletter. I have seen the “Chatbus” working very successfully in a couple of other Dunedin schools and we are now thrilled to have it being set up in area.

COFFEE AFTERNOON – for parents/caregivers of children in Rooms 1+2 and in Little Learners, will be held in the school Staffroom on Wednesday 29th February at 2:15pm. Ideas on “How to Support Your Child in Their First Year at School” will be presented by Mrs Jan Burn and Miss Maskill.

FOTS – our hardworking “Friends of the School” fundraising group, will hold their AGM tomorrow night (Tuesday 21st February) at 7pm in the school Library. You are all more than welcome to come along, find out more about how to help your children with fundraising and you may even enjoy yourself. Hope to see you there.

ASSEMBLY – this Friday 24th February at 2:30pm. All welcome.

VANDALISM – unfortunately occurs around our school from time to time. Over the past week some lovely clay tiles, made by the children last year, have been smashed. This is very upsetting for our budding artists. Please don't hesitate to contact the Police if you see any suspicious activity around our fantastic school.

LUNCH OPTIONS – Please note we have been advised by our suppliers that there is a price increase in the Large Cookies. These are now \$1.20 each.

URGENTLY NEEDED HELPERS FOR P.M.P – Come along and be involved in our great Junior School. Every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9.00am – 10.30am. Please let Mrs Burn know or phone the office if you are able to help. We really need and appreciate your support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Orders are due into the office by Friday 24th February. Please put your completed order form and correct money in a sealed envelope with name and room number on it. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand.

RESPECT – Is the Value for this Term. Our School definition is..... ‘Willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard, to honour, to care about yourself and others.’

ROAD SAFETY – issues are constantly being brought to our attention. All children travelling to and from school need to be aware of the Road Rules. We can never be too careful. We also ask that drivers treat Howden Street as a One-Way downhill only, street. This not only helps with traffic flow but also road safety issues as well. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

CASION NIGHT – Saturday 17th March upstairs at the Lone Star, \$15.00 per ticket, Great Prizes. Fundraiser for Parent to Parent & Autism New Zealand. Please contact the office for tickets.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

UPDATE – Enclosed with the newsletter 2 week's ago was a copy of your child/children's contact details. Please check these are correct or make amendments and return to the Office by this Friday. It is most important all details are correct so we can contact you in an emergency situation. Thank you.

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 2012. 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.

ZUMBA CLASSES – Tuesday and Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.00pm, at the Green Island Rugby Club, \$5.00 entry.

BAGPIPE & DRUMMING CLASSES – free Bagpipe Beginner classes begin Thursday 23rd February 2012 @ 4.30pm, FREE Snare Drumming beginner classes begin Tuesday 21st February 2012 @ 5.30pm, FREE Bass & Tenor Drumming Beginner classes begin Tuesday 21st February 2012 @ 5.30pm. To enrol or for more details call Mark McNoe on 4891650 or go to www.ospd.org.nz. Classes suitable for Primary and Intermediate students.

PLAINS JUNIOR TRYATHLON – Friday 2nd March 2012 (no postponement date, event on rain or shine). Memorial Park, Mosgiel, report in time 5.00pm – first race starts at 6.00pm, entries close: Wednesday 29th February 2012 (no entries on the day), Cost: \$15 per individual or \$10 each if more than one sibling entering or \$10 per team member. Entry forms available from East Taieri School office, Moana Pool, Mosgiel Pool or www.east-taieri.school.nz



Parents Inc Toolbox Parenting Courses Day & Evening courses, Game On-dads / Seasons for Growth, Register now for 2012 0-6 years 6-12 years Tweens & Teens(12+)6 sessions; cost negotiable ph 4773403
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SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC

CLASSES - For Primary School Children
A wide variety of instruments to choose from.

- Approx one hour lessons.
- \$80 for the entire year for most classes.
- Instruments available for hire.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: “Let's Make Music”.

CENTRES

- George Street Normal School
- Bathgate Park School
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)

(Let's Make Music sessions are also held at Mornington and Tainui Schools) Enrolments will be accepted throughout February.)
TIMES: George Street School 9:30 – 11:00am
Bathgate Park School 9:30- 11:00am
INQUIRIES: Co-ordinator, Ph 477 2296

COMMUNITY CHOIR for CHILDREN 2012

THURSDAY, February 23 at 4.00pm, Music suite of the College of Education, Cost: \$50 per child per term (\$200 for the choir year).
Contact: Carole Randall, c.randall@xtra.co.nz, home ph 476 7233, cell 0272956477 for further details.

REMINDERS – school activity accounts receive a discount if paid before the end of March.

Nga mihi nui/Best wishes

Steve Hayward

Principal

P.S. Why did the flea get thrown out of school?

He just wasn't up to scratch!