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Kia Ora Koutou,

Thought for the Week

Friends are an important ingredient in this
recipe of life!

Shared Prayer

Room 4 will lead us for Shared Prayer in Room 6 at 9.00am tomorrow morning. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join with us.

Family Groups

Congratulations to our 9 Year 6 children who received their Family Group Leader badges last Friday at assembly. They have completed their first group task of writing our Code of Conduct for 2010 which will be presented to the children prior to our group picnic tomorrow (hopefully the weather will be kind to us).

Board Chair Message

This week we are attaching a letter from Education Review Office to the newsletter that summarises the findings of the office following their recent review of our school. It takes a real team effort to get such a positive review, and so as a whole school we can feel very proud. As well as the official report we also got some lovely informal feedback on the outstanding atmosphere, friendliness and supportiveness of the school. I'm sure you'll join with the Board of Trustees in thanking all the staff for their commitment and hard work in maintaining the school with such high academic standards and creating such an outstanding place to send our children. If you would like to read the complete report, a copy will be available at the school or you can get it through the Ministry of Education website.

Andy Redfearn

Camp

Not long to go now and everyone seems to be getting very excited. A reminder if there are any concerns please see either Jacqui or myself. Health and swimming forms should all have been returned to the office so this information can be collated prior to us leaving.

Caritas

Next Tuesday Catherine from Caritas is visiting our children to talk with them about the work Caritas does and how they use the money that is raised to help those in need. Our school supports the work of Caritas and during the season of Lent we will be discussing with the children possible ways we might do this.

Discovery Time

This term, with the support of the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB), we are trialling a new programme for five year olds – Discovery Time. Discovery Time will run on Friday mornings from 9.30 until 11.00 and all of Room One will be involved. Discovery Time is a 60 minute activity based programme. The session begins with the teacher introducing the focus for the day, which may target a specific aspect of one of the Key Competencies. Discussion may focus on why it was chosen, what it will look and sound like and how one would know if it was happening. The various activities for the session are explained and the children select and participate in the activities. During the session, the teachers observe, provide feedback, ask questions and encourage children. At the end of the session the children come together to share and reflect on what they have done and what they have learned. This programme will allow children to direct their own learning, participate in new experiences, encounter new challenges, extend existing skills, work co-operatively, interact socially, problem solve creatively and extend their oral language skills.

Room One Discovery Time Thoughts

It was pretty fun and the next time I want to blow huge bubbles! Ethan W	It was so much fun because there was loads of stuff to do. Paris
I want to do Discovery Time again! Joshua	I want to go in the water again to make the little ball move around. Jack C
I loved the water, it was so bubbly and soft. Jack S	I blew a great big huge bubble up the sky. Leith



Book Club

A reminder that book club orders and payment must be handed in to the office by tomorrow.

Touch

Good luck to our two touch teams who will play their first game this afternoon for the 2010 season. Have fun!

Dental Therapists

Today and tomorrow all our children will be seen by the dental therapy team. If any child requires further work, parents will be contacted, and an appointment will be sent in the mail.

School Uniforms for Sale

A reminder that there is a good selection of second hand uniform items for sale (for a gold coin donation) in the office. Come and have a look through – spares are always handy!

T-Ball Draw for Saturday, 20th February

SPC Raiders	vs	SFX Giants	Diamond 1	11.00am
SPC Swingers	vs	Cardinals Hawks	Diamond 7	10.00am
SPC Terminators	vs	St Clair Griffins	Diamond 10	9.00am
SPC Sluggers	vs	Tainui Yellow	Diamond 14	11.00am

Cancellations for Tball are broadcast on the MOREFM hotline (4717555) and also on the Softball Otago answerphone (4766575)

Altar Servers – 21st February

Cross Bearer: Kyra
Altar Servers: Dylan

Notices

Green Island Junior Football Club registrations for 2010 season are now open. PLEASE register online at www.gijsc.co.nz (this saves your committee a lot of time). Uniform collection will be on Wednesday 24th Feb and 3rd March at Sunnyvale. Any questions, contact Lynn King on 488 4380 or 0273726613.

Art Classes for children Green Island Gallery, Main South Road.– Wednesday 3.30 – 5.30pm. Limited numbers. Text Genny on 027 2000510 or email gennyh@earthlight.co.nz

Guinea Pig for sale! One brown and black male, born on Christmas Day. \$5.00. ph Amanda on 488 0505

Upcoming Events for Your Diary

Date	EVENT	Date	EVENT
19 th Feb	Shared Prayer Rm 4	26 th Feb	Rm 2 Assembly
1-5 th March	Year 5/6 Camp	5 th March	Shared Prayer – Rm 1

God Bless
Debbie Waldron

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