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## OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE CLASSES!



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who attended yesterday's 'Meet the Teacher Evening'. This was a great opportunity to hear about the programmes that will be run throughout 2018 in your child's class. I would also like to thank the teachers for their preparation for this, as well as the members of the PTA who cooked and served the sausage sizzle. **'What's the Buzz' Interviews** are your next opportunity to discuss your child with their homeroom teacher. This meeting gives you the opportunity to share vital information about your child with their teacher and a form will be sent home shortly for you to complete, fill in and bring to discuss at this meeting. These have been scheduled for **Tuesday 20th (3:10 - 8pm) and Wednesday 21st (3:10 - 5:30pm) February**. As the first games of Futsal start on the Wednesday, can I ask, if possible, if those parents whose children do not play Futsal could select a Wednesday time slot please.

The **PTA Annual General Meeting** is on **Thursday evening, 22nd February starting at 7:00pm**, mark it in your diary and I look forward to seeing you there.

Today, the **Year 6 students** departed for their overnight camp at **Camp Iona**, North Otago. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a group and start to develop their leadership skills. I would like to acknowledge Rebecca Barrow and Hugh Fry for their organisation of the Camp, as well as the parent helpers who are attending.

With the start of the sporting season, I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have put their name forward to manage or coach. Once again, we have a huge number of children playing the various sports we offer and this co-ordination has been expertly done by Jen Stevenson. I know all of the children participating are going to have a lot of sporting fun!

Hei kona mai I roto I ngā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

**The PTA Annual General Meeting**  
**is being held at 7.00pm**  
**on Thursday 22 February**  
**in the Staffroom.**

Come along and support our school in this way. The PTA are a great bunch of people, and with your help 'many hands will make light work'!!!

Our first PTA meeting for the year will follow the AGM.



**"WHAT'S THE BUZZ"**



**Interviews will be held on**  
**Tues 20th/ Wed 21st February**

Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - School Code : **7kwnw**

**Bookings will open at 9.00am on Thursday 15th February and close at 4.00pm on Monday 19th February.**

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

**'What's the Buzz' sheets** for you to complete and bring with you to your child's interview will be sent home in due course.



# SPORTS NEWS

**FUTSAL** starts on Tuesday 20th (Yr 5/6) and Wednesday, 21st February. Futsal fees for this term are **\$43.00** and it would be appreciated if these could be paid for **by Friday 23 February**. Invoices went out to all families earlier in the week. Our bank account is 03 0905 0914747 00 should you wish to pay by internet banking, or why not try paying using your Kindo account - it is really very easy!!!.

**TOUCH** is beginning on Thursday 22nd Feb. Touch is played at the Oval on Thursdays after school for Y3 - Y6 and the fee for this is **\$13.00**

**RIPPA RUGBY** begins on Monday 12th February, and just a reminder that \$2.50 is payable each week on entry to the Edgar Centre. A **\$10.00** team fee is payable to the school.

**TEE BALL** recommences this Saturday 10th February and the teams remain as they were in Term 4 last year.

## Exciting News - **kindo.**

the online shop that makes every payment easy

**Our Online School Shop is open now!**

Our Kindo online school shop is now open and it really is very easy to use.

Just 'top up' your account, and allocate where you wish your payments to go!!!

You can purchase uniform items, or pay for items on your school account.

### Existing users

Click the link below, or copy and paste into your browser, to login and register for sports, purchase uniform or make part or full payments on your family account.

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?session=false&shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School>

### New users

Click here, or copy and paste into your browser, to register. -

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School>

All you need is the email address the school has on file for you. We'll send you an email with a password link to choose your password, and your registration is complete. You must be logged in also on this email account.

You can then easily purchase uniform or make part or full payments on your family account.

## OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2018 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

are being held Saturday 7 April at Moana Pool. Age is taken as on 7 April 2018. Boys and girls swim together in the heats. A swimmer may enter 3 individual events. Entries close 23/3/18. If your child is interested, please contact Jen Stevenson in Room 3 or email her on [jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz)

**FOUND - one Size 6 polo shirt** at the Edgar Centre, prior to Christmas. If you think this could be your child's, please ask at the Reception Desk when next in at the Edgar Centre.

## SCHOLASTIC

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1** brochures went home with all children last week. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, Friday, 23 February.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 8/Fri 9 Feb : Y6 Leadership Camp  
 Tues 20th/Wed 21st Feb: 'What's the Buzz' Mtgs  
 Mon 5-Fri 9 March : Walk'n'Wheel Week  
 Mon 26 March - Otago Anniversary Day  
 Fri 30 Mar - Tues 3 April : Easter  
 Fri 13 April : Last day of term  
 Mon 30 April : First day of Term 2  
 Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

## EASY LUNCHES

Easy Lunches commenced for 2018 again yesterday.

These cost \$5.00 for a pizza bun, muffin, small dessert, popcorn and fruit. Money in an envelope into 'Milly the Mailbox' by 9am on Wednesday mornings. Children collect their lunch from the office at 12.30pm.

## **Musikids Dunedin**

After school music activity groups for children Y2-Y8 - local venue @ Kazbah Studio, Upstairs at 22 Victoria Road - opposite Tahuna Intermediate.

Learn songs, play music games, play instruments, create music, learn skills and theory in fun, active class. Term 1 starting 12 and 15 Feb. Registration info on Family Noticeboard.

## **HOMESTAY FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

We are seeking homestay families residing within the Bayfield High School area. If you are able to offer a caring environment and have the ability to communicate well with young people from different cultures on a short term or long term basis, please contact Tracey Candy by email [homestay@bayfield-high.school.nz](mailto:homestay@bayfield-high.school.nz) or Phone: 455 0113 / 027 348 0648.

## **SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES and SOUTHERN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Information up on Family Noticeboard.

We have received a notification of **SCARLET FEVER** for a child in our school. This is very contagious and it is important that children are kept away from school until fully well. The symptoms present primarily with a bright red rash, fever, very sore throat (bacterial cousin to strep throat), swollen lymph nodes and nausea and vomiting. This needs to be treated with antibiotics so please ensure if your child presents with these symptoms, you visit your GP.



**Early bird discount for this year's Weet-Bix kids Triathlon ends this Sunday the 11th February.**

It is a saving of 32% when you sign up as part of the Grant's Braes School group so it is well worth doing before Sunday.

The tryathlon is being held on Sunday 11th March at Memorial Park in Mosgiel.

Any questions please email [rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz)

## **Making Parenting Easier**



Would you like to:

- Enhance your relationship with your child
- Improve the atmosphere in your home
- See the positives rather than focusing on the negatives
- Boost your child's emotional intelligence (EQ)
- Identify personality clashes

Then contact Sue, I specialise in family work; more specifically, assisting parents with the many challenges children bring. I have a passion for empowering parents to have happy, healthy relationships with their children. Often subtle changes in parenting can make a big difference to family life; together with parents we explore parenting strategies and develop a plan to move forward, making parenting easier.



Follow the link to book a session, initial 30minutes free

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