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WELCOME TO
LUKAS AND THOMAS
who started in Room 3 this week



YEAR 6 OVERNIGHT CAMP



Our group of Year 6 children enjoyed their overnight leadership camp at Camp Iona, North Otago last week. Many of the children challenged themselves as they completed the various activities that were part of the two day E.O.T.C. fun!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

The Year 6 Leadership Camp was held last Thursday and Friday at Camp Iona. The weather was amazing and so were the students!! All of them gave everything their all and certainly showed that each and everyone of them has leadership potential. Thank you to the parents who attended the camp, as this could not have gone ahead without them. I would also like to acknowledge the planning and organisation Mrs Barrow and Mr Fry undertook to make it so successful. Their end of year camp will be held at Waihola in November.

Ngā Manu (Senior) Innovative Learning Environment - Today is shifting day for Ruru, Piwakawaka and Toroa as the building work in the Ngā Manu classrooms commences on Monday. This is expected to take 10 weeks to complete and plans can be viewed in the Office area. This is a significant build but we have looked at ways to keep disruption to a minimum. As reported earlier, Piwakawaka and Ruru will combine together and teach out of the hall. This space is effectively a double classroom and will be set up effectively to house all of the children. Toroa will teach within Room 2, as the New-Entrants will continue to be taught in Room 3 by Mrs King and Mrs Stevenson during this time. Programmes will continue to be taught as per usual from Monday onwards and I know the students will make these spaces their own in the short-term. The builders will be accessing the site from Mathieson Street so there will be no vehicles etc on school grounds during the build. Just be aware that this will mean there will be less parking outside the school in this area.

The **PTA Annual General Meeting** is on next **Thursday evening starting at 7:00 pm**. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to thank all of the parents and children who are utilising the two road crossings that are run at the end of the school day, Belford/Mathieson Streets and Larnach Road. Unfortunately, there are still some parents who are by-passing these and crossing further up, which is unsafe and not good role-modeling for their children. There have also been a **few parental cars still parking on yellow lines or across driveways** in the mornings and afternoons around our school. Please ensure you are **adhering to the road rules** whilst driving and parking around our school, for the safety of ALL.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

MORE CAMP FUN!



**The PTA Annual General Meeting
is being held at 7.00pm
next 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.

THIS WEEK'S PLAYERS OF THE DAY

**Rippa - Blue Team : Levi Simpson
Red Team : Kahu Russell-Johnson**

**Tee Ball - Dodgers : Callan Power
Giants : Lachlan Sime**



"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 - School Code : **7kwnw**
Bookings opened at 9.00am today, Thursday 15th February and will 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 were sent home last week.

SPORTS INFO

FUTSAL - All Grant's Braes Futsal Teams will play on WEDNESDAYS this term, and games start next week. The draw for the first game has not yet been received; however Jen will pass this on as soon as she receives it. There is a place for **one more player in a Y5/6 Futsal team** - if your child is interested, please contact Jen by email ASAP - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz

Coaches are still required for the following teams -

*Rockets *Tigers *Dragons *Flames *Flyers *Thunders

Please get in touch with Jen - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz ASAP to help.

TOUCH begins next Thursday 22nd Feb. and games are played at the Oval.

FEEES FOR ALL SPORTS ARE DUE TO BE PAID BY TOMORROW, FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Futsal : \$43.00 Touch : \$13.00 Rippa : \$5.00

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!!!.

TEE BALL DRAW FOR THIS WEEK

Dodgers vs Big Rock Rockers, Bathgate 9
@ 10am
Giants and Slammers - Bye

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1

brochures went home with all children at the start of the term. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, next Friday, 23 February.



Grants Braes Pippins (GirlGuides)

Age 5 years to 7 years.

**Meet on Tuesday's at 3.45pm to 4.45pm
At Guide Hall on Scott Street, Waverley.**

Contact Danette 0212174232

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.

'Sausage Sizzle' orders and payments to the PTA will soon also be able to be made using this system, which will be FANTASTIC!!! Need assistance? Call the Kindo Help Desk on Freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).



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Registrations Open

For Juniors and Seniors

**Players also wanted for a Senior
Womans Team (any age 16+)**

**If you have a MyComet profile Register
now via the NZ Football registration portal**

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For more information contact the Club Co-Ordinator:

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at Grants Braes School

MusiqHub *Guitar / Ukulele / Singing* is looking forward to welcoming new students in 2018. The lessons feature:

- λ small group learning [max of 4 per group]
- λ conveniently located at the school
- λ exclusive access to MusiqHub lessons online
- λ quality teaching manuals
- λ end of year concert backed by a live band
- λ tuition from MusiqHub registered tutor

For more information please email Tim Davis at tim.davis@musiqhub.co.nz

See FAMILY NOTICEBOARD for information regarding Bagpipe and Drumming lessons starting next week, along with details about the Library's Kids Craft Club (starting today) and Lego Club (1st Wed of each month).

Parenting Helpline

get support, advice and practical strategies

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

Call 0800 568 856

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

