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NGA MANU RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY!



LOTS OF
BANGING
AND
CRASHING
GOING ON!!



ROOMS
PIWAKAWAKA AND
RURU HAVE MOVED
INTO THE HALL AND
ARE ENJOYING
THEIR SHARED
SPACE!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Our **'What's the Buzz?'** parent interviews concluded yesterday afternoon and I would like to thank all of those who took the opportunity to attend these. This was a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child and share with their teacher important information which will assist them throughout the year. One of the Board's Strategic Aims is to "to continue to enhance and nurture positive relationships with whānau" with an aspirational outcome of "increasing whānau/caregiver participation in parent interviews aiming for 100%." Approximately 83% of our parents/caregivers took this opportunity. If you were not able to make a time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and make a time that is mutually suitable.

On Tuesday, I accompanied Mrs Stevenson and the ten **P.A.L's (Physical Activity Leaders)** to a training day held at the Edgar Centre. As always, our students shone and were incredible ambassadors for our school. They will be able to utilise what they have learnt to run wonderful games and activities for our students and practice and develop their leadership skills.

This Friday we will be holding **House Leader Elections**. A number of Year 6 students are putting their hand up for these coveted positions and two people will be elected for each House Group, one as Captain and the other Vice-Captain. I look forward to announcing 2018 House Leaders in next week's newsletter.

Tonight is the **PTA's Annual General Meeting**, and their first meeting of the year will be held afterwards. All executive positions will be elected at the AGM. **Please come along and show your support** to this vital group who raise much needed money for the school, supporting of your children's educational success.

Property Information

The Board of Trustees (BoT) are required to create a 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP) which prioritizes all Health and Safety issues, then any upgrades to buildings. From there, the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the BoT create a 5 Year Property Plan (5YA) which itemizes the work that will be undertaken in the next 5 years. The BoT is supported by Jamie Lyons, Property Manager from Signature Property to create these documents and run projects. The amount of property money that the MoE allocate our school to complete these projects is based on the number of children on our roll. It is important to note that the MoE does not allow these funds to be used for playground development. It is also important to understand that the BoT has had to use the school's financial reserves to build an 11th classroom (Summer 2017) and top up the Nga Manu (senior) block redevelopment, which is currently underway. Each project goes out for tender and the contract is awarded based on price, timing etc. As the construction company who was awarded the Nga Manu project was unable to undertake the project throughout the January school holidays, the BoT negotiated the timing, asking for the work within the Te Ngahere (Middle Syndicate) classrooms be done in the summer break and then starting the major work early in the first term. As stated previously, this project is expected to take ten weeks and the students will hopefully be able to use these spaces from the start of Term 2.

The MoE also has funding available for special projects to support students to fully access all aspects of their school. This funding is above what is allocated to the school and does not affect the 10YPP or 5YA. The accessible toilet (2015), extension to the Nga Manu verandah (2017) and ramps to the top field (2018) have all been funded through this and have not only benefited our students with special needs but also all of our students. The BoT, with the help of Sonya Power, have applied to funding agencies to access much needed funds to assist with the playground redevelopment. As this is a large project and we are unable to access MoE money for this, these funds will be combined with the 2017 fair proceeds to start the upgrade as soon as possible. If you have any further questions around our property plans or current redevelopment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

OUR P.A.L.'S 2018

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS



OUR 2018 P.A.L.'S - JEREMY, SAM, LOCHIE, JARROD, ETHAN, ALEX, LUKAS, KELLY, KATE AND CHARLI ALL ATTENDED A TRAINING DAY ON TUESDAY AT THE EDGAR CENTRE. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO SHARE ALL THEY LEARNT WHEN THEY ORGANIZE AND LEAD THE LUNCHTIME GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN.

**The PTA Annual General Meeting is being held
TONIGHT, Thursday 22 February @ 7.00pm
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.

SPORTS INFO

'Player of the Day' for all Sports Teams - Coaches : please either email, or pop in to the office to tell me OR get one of the children in the team to let me know, so then children's names can be in the newsletter and they will also receive a Certificate.

Players of the Day for this week

Rippa - Blue Team : Ethan Hudson

Futsal - Flyers : Anahera Russell-Johnson; Dragons : Marlon Scott; Tigers : Charlie Maclean;
Flames : Ethan Hudson; Thunders : Miller Crooks; Sparks : Daniel Cameron; Comets : Henry Jin;
Stars : Hugo Iida; Hurricanes : George Gamble; Pirates : Blake Broome

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 GSN Gold, Bathgate 10 @ 10am; Giants vs St Marys Nets, Bathgate 14 @ 10am
Slammers vs Mornington Mana, Bathgate 16 @ 10am

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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

OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2018 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 7 April at Moana Pool.

If your child is interested, please contact Jen Stevenson in Room 3 or email her on jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz by **Monday 26 February**.

Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon

If any Y5/6 children are interested in participating in this either as an individual or with a team mate (up to children to sort teams), please email Jen jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz by MONDAY 26th March. We can only enter a small number of individuals and teams, so you must make contact with me promptly! We will require parent support with this. Please let me know if you are available.

Date: Wednesday 14 March. Postponement Date: Friday 16 March.

Venue: Based at Watson Park, Port Chalmers.

Cost: \$6.00 per athlete - \$18.00 per team

Categories: Year 5, 6, 7, 8 boys and girls + teams (no mixed teams)

Distances:

Year 5 and 6: Run 1.5km, Bike 4km, Swim 92metres.

Year 7 and 8: Run 2.5km, Bike 6km, Swim 153 metres.

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, TOMORROW Friday, 23 February.

Our Online School Shop is open now!

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the online shop that makes every payment easy

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.

POLi payments now available on our shop

Our Kindo shop now has another payment option... internet banking with POLi. [Learn more about POLi here.](#)

You can now choose to pay for items via your myKindo account using **debit/credit card** (American Express, Mastercard, Visa, China UnionPay), by **internet/phone banking** or by **Account2Account** or **POLi** (managed internet banking).

* To pay now, please visit our website or mykindo.co.nz, or click here https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Grant's%20Braes%20School.

* **NEW USERS...** If you do NOT have a kindo account already (here or at another school), visit this link to get started. <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant's%20Braes%20School>
[Attached is a flyer](#) with more information about how to use kindo to pay school.

Questions? Go to support.mykindo.co.nz or email hello@mykindo.co.nz



Registrations Open

For Juniors and Seniors

**Players also wanted for a Senior
Womens 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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2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the renovations to the Senior Syndicate block, the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will not be opening until the building work is finished.

For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform items, please text Andrea on 021 08200287.

EASY LUNCHES

These are again underway. Great value - \$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.

Pop-Up Op Shop / Garage Sale

Hunt Street, Anderson's Bay from 8.00am, Saturday 24th Feb
Lots of womens and girls clothes, toys, piano sheet music,