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WELCOME TO

SASANKA

who joined her elder brother
here at school this week



Grant's Braes School 2018 HOUSE LEADERS



BELFORD

Captain - Aurora
Vice-Captain - Eli



DUNROBIN

Captain - Charlotte
Vice-Captain - Jayde



LARNACH

Captain - Monika
Vice-Captain - Jarrod



MATHIESON

Captain - Skylar
Vice-Captain - Ethan

The Elections for the 2018 House Captains and Vice-Captains took place last Friday afternoon. The candidates all did presentations to the other students in their House and then voting took place! We wish these students a great year as they rise to the challenges these roles will provide.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Last Friday a number of our Year 6 students put themselves forward as potential House Captains. They all delivered their presentation to their house group which concluded with a blind vote. I would like to congratulate the following students for their appointment as 2018 House Leaders:

Belford - Captain Aurora, Vice-Captain Eli
Dunrobin - Captain Charlotte, Vice-Captain Jayde
Larnach - Captain Monika, Vice-Captain Jarrod
Mathieson - Captain Skylar, Vice-Captain Ethan

I know that they will all work hard and be amazing role models for our students, and I look forward to working with them and seeing their leadership skills develop.

I would also like to publicly share the house flags. These were designed in conjunction with the 2017 House Leaders, by Alex Gilks and in my opinion, they are stunning!! The design concept explored 'what lies ahead' or 'what can you see' if you stand on each of the roads surrounding our school. Motifs and designs were then developed further, with nods to historical and present day, as well as embracing our bi-cultural society.



Our new school website is almost ready to be published on the internet and I will let you all know when this goes live. This has been a huge job and it will be a contemporary, informative web presence for our school.

There has been lots of information around next week's 'Walk 'n' Wheels' and I hope you all are looking at different ways your children can make their way to, and from the school. This is a fantastic annual event and I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her organisation of this. I would like to remind you that Wednesday 7 March is the school's 'Walk and Wheel to School Day' with various pick-up points around our local area. Check for further info later in this newsletter and also in the letter sent home earlier in the week by hard copy and also by email.

Last night the PTA Executive met and appointed the office bearer positions. I would like to congratulate the following on their appointments: President - Bridget Dickson, Vice-president - Chris Crooks, Treasurer - Trudy Evans, Secretary - Sarah Watts, Fundraising Correspondence - Nicola Thompson. I know they will work extremely hard to raise much needed funds, using exciting ways, for our school.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

'YELLOW SHIRTS' 2018



Our new team of 'F.A.B Yellow Shirts' (First Aid Buddies), responsible for peer mediation, playground friendship issues and minor injuries, are all set for a great year ahead. Pictured are -

Charlotte, Eli, Lauren, Nikos, Kate, Monika, Liana, Jeremy, Charli and Lukas.

JUNIOR TEAM CATCH UP.



WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN WORKING TOGETHER IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.

MR TAYLOR CAME TO VISIT US AND SHARED ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE STORY BOOKS.

WE USE FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES WHEN WE DO READING EVERY DAY WE WORK IN EVERY JUNIOR CLASSROOM. WE HAVE A GREAT TIME PRACTISING THINGS SUCH AS GIVING EACH OTHER INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT COPYING A PIZZA PATTERN.

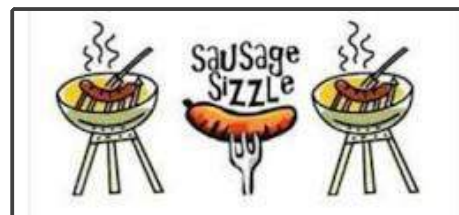
WE HAVE ALMOST COMPLETED OUR WORK LEARNING ABOUT LENGTH. WE HAVE MEASURED ALL SORTS OF THINGS AND WE ARE LEARNING TO USE CORRECT LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE WHAT WE ARE DOING.

OUR "IT NINJAS"



Shown here are our IT Ninjas, learning from our school's specialist, Mr Bonney - Dominic, Max, Taylor, Nick, Liam, Lily, Juliette, Akein, Miller and Alex.

This term's first **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** is to be held next **Friday, 9th March**, and this day will be a **Mufti Day** also - raising funds for the Red Cross to give to families affected by Cyclone Gita.



There is now a **NEW** format for ordering Sausages (\$2.00) and Ice Blocks (\$1.00) - we're sure you will love not having to find the cash to accompany your childrens' orders!!!! We are using the Kindo System for these orders and it is really very easy to use! We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents who are paying for items this way. It is important you note **there will be NO cash orders, and no forms going home with the return slip included.**

For **existing KINDO users**, all you need to do is copy and paste the following link into your browser,

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

and then **log in** using the email address the school has on file for you, and follow through the prompts. The main thing to note is you need to **'top up'** your account by transferring the appropriate amount of funds, i.e. \$3.00 for one sausage and one ice block, and then allocate this at the checkout.

For **new users**, all you need to do is copy and paste the following link into your browser to register.

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

Make sure you are **using the email address the school has on file for you, and you are also logged in on this email account when ordering/paying.** See above paragraph re 'topping up' your account.

The KINDO site is **now open** for sausage sizzle orders to be placed, and it will **close for orders at 4.00pm on Tuesday, 6th March.**

Using this new ordering system will not affect how children receive their sausages and ice blocks. Children will still go to the PTA representatives outside the hall for their sausages, and to the 'old Dental Clinic' for their ice block.

For any assistance re using KINDO, please contact their Help Desk on Freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) - the Help Desk people are very nice and helpful. They are open from 8.00am - 4.00pm.

In regards to the **Mufti Day donation**, children are asked, as usual, to **bring a gold coin on the day and give to their teacher** for collection on behalf of the PTA.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Charli

who last weekend competed in the 10 year old grade in the Otago Athletic Champs.

She gained the following amazing results:

1st 400m

1st 800m

1st 1500m

2nd long jump

2nd discus

She has also been named in the Otago team to compete at the Otago/Southland Champs on Sunday, 17th March.

We are very proud Charli, and wish you well for the Otago/Southland Champs.



Next week is 'Walk n Wheel' to School Week, and you will have received information home, both in hard copy (on Monday) and in an email (on Tuesday) providing all the information about this fun week ahead.

If you live some distance away from school and usually bring your children by car, why not consider parking a couple of blocks away from

school and walk or scooter with your children.

Next **Wednesday 7th March** is our 'Walk and Wheel to School Day' and this is the only day that our teachers will be available to walk with the children from the designated points, as shown on the map included with the information sent home. If the weather is not great on Wednesday, **Thursday 8th March** will be our postponement date.

Hi-vis vests will be going home with the majority of children tomorrow, Friday (kitted out from youngest to oldest) and children are expected to wear these when walking/scooting to or from school. Please ensure your children look after these, and return them clean to their class teacher Monday 12th March.

All children scooting **MUST** be wearing a helmet.

Any queries, please contact Jen Stevenson - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz.



SPORTS INFO

Players of the Day for this week

Tee Ball - Giants : Lydia Peters

Rippa - Blue Team : Charlie Stevenson

Futsal - Stars : Ben Cameron; Hurricanes : Nikos Stamou; Sparks : Sammy Kinnaird; Rockets (21/2) : Austin Heggie, (28/2) : Tian Tian Jia; Nuggets : Antonius Stamou; Dolphins (21/2) : Marshall Rabbette, (28/2) : Thommy Bates; Flyers : Reuben Jones; Dragons : Levi Simpson; Thunders : Josh Lightfoot; Pirates (2 games) : Will Heggie & Nick Reid; Comets : Max Wells

SPORTS DRAWS FOR THIS WEEK

Touch - TODAY

Keas vs Wakari Blue, Field 04A @ 3.45pm

Hawks vs Green Island Sharks, Oval 04 @ 4.15pm

Tee Ball - Sat 3/3/18

Dodgers - BYE

Giants vs St Brigids Saints, BG 14 @ 9am

Slammers vs Big Rock Rockets, BG 16 @ 10am

PTA UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting of our school's PTA was held last week, and the new Executive has been appointed with Office Bearers as follows:

President :	Bridget Dickson
Vice-President :	Chris Crooks
Secretary :	Sarah Watts
Treasurer :	Trudie Evans
School Liaison :	Jen Stevenson
Fundraising Correspondence : Nicola Thompson	

The new PTA held their first meeting for 2018 after the AGM and wish to bring your attention to the first two major fundraisers coming up.

Arista Bakery Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - this has been a great fundraiser over the past few years! The Hot Cross buns are not only very reasonably priced but they are extra yummy as well!! Look out for information coming out very soon regarding this.

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser will also be happening again this year, and an order sheet with the Early Bird deals will be going home to all families soon.

Sausage Sizzles and Mufti Days - The first one is next Friday, 9th March and information regarding ordering for this is outlined on a separate page in this newsletter. The second one for this term will be Friday, 13 April (the last day for Term One).

The next meeting of the PTA is **NEXT Monday, 5th March @ 7.00pm** and it would be great to see you there.

The PTA are a very friendly, dedicated group of people who help raise much needed funds for our School - for their children, and yours!

Your support in helping with some of the fundraisers and/or cooking and serving at Sausage Sizzles is much needed, and really valued. Please consider how you can help, and get in touch with any of the Executive members listed above.

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.



lunch orders will be available next **Wednesday 7 March**. Envelopes are sitting by "Milly the Mailbox". Orders must be placed into 'Milly The Mailbox' by **9.00am** next Wednesday

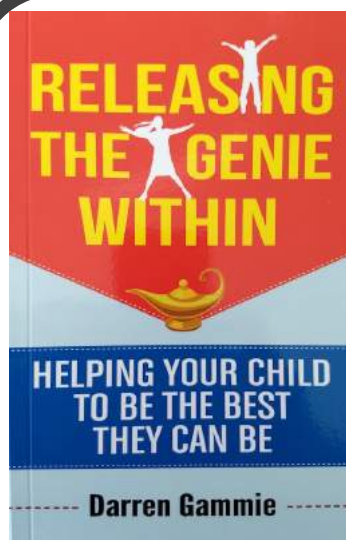
morning please. **Correct change please!** Subway lunch orders will continue to be offered the first Wednesday of each month unless notified otherwise. As usual, children come to the office @ 12.30pm to collect their lunch from Mrs O'Brien.

HEAD LICE is again a problem amongst our children throughout all areas of the school.

We would ask that all parents please be vigilant in **regularly checking their children's heads**, and treating for any sign of eggs, or insects.

We would really like this annoying issue to be eliminated as soon as possible for all concerned. Just a reminder for longer hair to please be tied back.

Also, if signs of head lice are found, please wash their bedding on a regular basis too.



Does your child...

lack confidence and self-belief?

display low motivation and persistence?

have difficulties in making and keeping friends?

struggle to achieve and learn?

Designed to:

- * Provide you with the essential concepts, tools, and strategies required to intentionally parent for confidence
- * Show you how to dismantle your child's roadblocks to confidence, and give you tools and tactics for getting things back on track when confidence is lost
- * Is written as a story and easy to remember
- * Support you to develop your own confidence as a parent.

Go To -

www.learningfocus.blog/releasing-the-genie?mc_cid=8726d4ea70&mc_eid=0537d74b47 for further info, and to purchase

Something to ponder as you journey with your children.....

A school principal in Singapore sent this letter to the parents before the exams:

“Dear Parents

The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well. But, please do remember, amongst the students who will be sitting the exams there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand maths.... There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about History or English literature.... There is a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter.... There's an athlete whose physical fitness is more important than Physics.... If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he or she doesn't please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them. Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life. Tell them, no matter what they score.... you love them and will not judge them.

Please do this, and when you do.... watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams and talent. And please, do not think that doctors and engineers.... are the only happy people in the world.

With warm regards”

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

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 1 2018

Home Learning

There are no policies to be reviewed by the community this term. However, if you wanted to read our policies, these can be found by following the instructions below:

Visit the website -

<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).

Follow the link to the relevant Policy as listed.

Read the Policy.

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type "Parent".

Enter your name (optional).

Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, School Office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Our Online School Shop is open now!

kindo.
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.

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.

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

SOUTHERN

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Does your child enjoy singing? Are they aged between 9 and 13 years? Then you might like to check out the Southern Children's Choir! Established in 2007 to fulfil a need in Dunedin for a children's choir that explores a wide variety of music, the choir is led by a professional musical director and brings opportunities for the children to perform to an audience in diverse settings.

The Southern Children's Choir meet each Wednesday of the school term in Marama Hall at the University of Otago from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Children interested in joining the choir can audition at any time throughout the year. For more details contact Rebecca at southernchildrenschoir@gmail.com.

PIRATES

Junior Rugby



2018 Registration Dates!

Friday March 2: 4:30-6pm

Saturday March 3: 11-2pm

See ya there!

Grants Braes AFC

Football Club

2018 Season

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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