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Waverley Community Newsletter



Awesome weather, fantastic organisation, a great variety of stalls and activities, wonderful donations from our own school community and wider, along with many dedicated people, all contributed to our biennial School Fair raising over \$20,000 to be put towards new playground equipment for our Junior Playground.

Our Year 6 students had a wonderful time at their Camp held at Waiholā in November, with many children trying activities for the first time! Even though the weather wasn't great for the duration of their time there, this didn't stop the children making some fabulous memories before they move on to different schools next year.



The Year 5 children enjoyed a fabulous week of extra special opportunities during this term. This included a walk from Mount Cargill down to Chingford Park, where the children had a picnic lunch and played frisbee golf. Games and activities at the Edgar Centre followed by a visit to Toitu Museum took place on another day, and then two highlights have been an overnight stay on Quarantine Island, and white water rafting down the Taieri River.



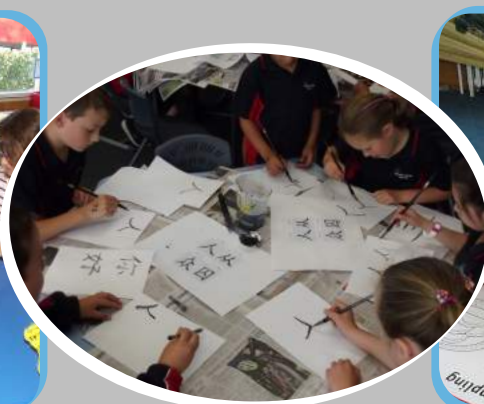
Our Year 4 Students 'Fun Day' included traveling by boat over to the Portobello Aquarium, then later by bus up to visit Larnach Castle. A sleepover was held in the School Hall that night, and the next day was a 'Pyjama Day' at school! An awesome two days, but some very tired faces went home at the end!



Our first 'House' Sports Day was held and it was a great success! Dunrobin, Mathieson, Larnach and Belford are our House names, and children dressed with a 'touch' of their house colour for the occasion.



A Chinese Immersion Day was organised by our Mandarin Enrichment Group. The full school participated with these students and learnt about some different parts of Chinese culture.



Our Technology Enrichment Group submitted their 'Chill-Out Space' project and accompanying design work into the Transpower Engineering Awards. They received a Merit Award for this with prize money of \$750 to the school.



Our two competitors in Otago Champs represented us well.



Talent aplenty at the recent 'Talent Quest'



Charlotte's poem wins 1st place in recent Chinese Gardens Poetry Competition.



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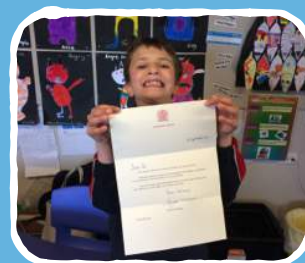
We hope you have enjoyed reading about our students activities and achievements this term.

If you are looking at schools or would simply like to know more about our school please take the time to come and look around at Grant's Braes. We would be delighted to talk with you about your child's needs and share the things we have in store. It may be the best decision you will ever make because here at Grant's Braes School every child matters.

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Cole delights in The Queen's reply to his letter.

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Kia ora koutou

We have come to the end of another school year and what an exciting year 2017 has been at Grant's Braes School! The school year started with another classroom space being added to our school and the refurbishment of the junior classes. This has resulted in eleven classrooms operating in 2017.

Our students were exposed to a wealth of learning opportunities which included the whole school performing at the 'Polyfest' and the Year 4-6 students presenting their adaptation of 'Moana' at the biennial 'Stars on Stage'.

Consultation with our parents, community and students was a focus for the Board of Trustees this year. The rich data that was gathered is being used to develop the school's Four Year Strategic Plan. We would like to thank everybody who contributed to the discussions.

Our teaching staff is very stable with a very similar teaching team operating in 2018. However, we are sad to farewell Jess Murrihy and Mel Gaul, but we wish them well in their next teaching positions. Candice Booyens will continue on Maternity Leave for 2018.

The summer break is going to be a busy one at school in terms of building. Ramps are being installed up to the top field, Rooms 2 & 3 will be re-roofed and sliding doors are being installed between two sets of Middle School classes. Please be aware that there will be many trades people here during the break.

2017 was also a 'Fair Year' and what a wonderful family orientated event! We raised just over \$20,000 which will go towards our playground redevelopment. Once again, thank you to the Fair Committee and the PTA for their hard work throughout the year and everyone who supported us for this event.

I would like to thank all of the parents, caregivers and community members for all of their support that has been shown to the students and the school as a whole, throughout this year. I would like to acknowledge the Year 6 students and their parents and caregivers who are leaving our school at the end of the year, as well as those families who are not returning to Grant's Braes School. I wish you all the best! I would also like to thank my incredible staff and Board of Trustees for their continued dedication to the school. 2017 was an excellent year and I look forward to all that 2018 will bring! I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Have a safe summer break and let's hope the sun shines for the majority of it!

Gareth Taylor, Principal

