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## Waverley Community Newsletter



Our Teina (Kohānga and Te Ngahere) and Tuakana (Ngā Manu) children both put on very special performances at this year's Polyfest. The many months of rehearsals culminated in our school receiving wonderful accolades about their performances, and we are all very proud of our children.





Our Ngā Manu children (seniors) moved into their new teaching areas on day one of this term! It was very exciting to have these new rooms and spaces finally available after a few delays along the way. The collaborative teaching style, taking place within our senior syndicate, is certainly thriving as a result.



Our annual Sports Exchange with Palmerston School took place at Grant's Braes this year, and it was another great day of fun and good sportsmanship. The children competed in netball, miniball, rippa rugby, chess and the 'tug-of-war', which both schools enjoyed as a finale to the day.





Every Monday, children from throughout the school enjoy coming to read with Barbara and Judith, and their four dogs! The dogs and children thoroughly love this interaction, with there being many benefits for all.



Our Pre-School Bears programme is back up and running again after not being offered in Terms 1 and 2 due to the space restrictions because of the Ngā Manu building alterations. This 'transition to school' programme is held on Wednesday afternoons and is offered to 4-1/2 year olds enrolling in our school.



**CHESS SUCCESS!** These children competed in the Otago Primary Schools Chess Tournament held earlier this term. Some awesome results were achieved with some of our children reaching the qualifying standard to attend Nationals.



Otago Hockey players were welcomed into our school to teach hockey skills.



The Ukulele Jam held at Tahuna Intermediate was another highlight of this term for a group of our senior children.



Our 'Yellow Mufti Day' raised over \$400 for Cancer

Qualifying through to the Otago Champs from the Ariki Cup, Charli and Marlon competed in the Otago Cross Country Champs and finished very credibly 16th and 58th in their respective age group races.



Ngā Manu children went to swimming lessons at Moana Pool every Wednesday this term.



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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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## Kia ora koutou

I hope you all enjoy our latest Grant's Braes Community Newsletter. This is a wonderful showcase of the exciting learning that our tamariki have been involved in during the past term.

The school term started with the Ngā Manu classrooms moving into their redeveloped classrooms. This was a significant property undertaking and the wait was certainly worth it! The space is now modern, vibrant and most importantly flexible, with teachers and students being able to change and utilise the spaces to fit the needs of the learning being undertaken. I would like to thank our Property Manager, Jamie Lyons, our Board of Trustees and the MoE for all of their hard work to get this project completed to such a high standard. I would also like to thank the patience of students and staff during the build time.

A major focus this term for our tamariki was preparing for their annual Polyfest performance. All of the hard work certainly paid off and we were all incredibly proud of the school's two performances. Our students performed with pride and wowed the audience!

Term four will be shortly upon us and will prove to be another very exciting and busy term with our school celebration "Sounds Wild", Year 6 Camp and the myriad of other end of year activities.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who is associated with Grant's Braes School for their continued dedication to the students and the school. I wish all of our students a wonderful break and I look forward to all that Term 4 will bring.

**Gareth Taylor, Principal**

