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Waverley Community Newsletter



Our Te Ngahere (Middle) Syndicate children enjoyed their visit to the Art Gallery. They produced some wonderful art work based around The Otago Peninsula, as part of their term's Inquiry topic on 'Our Neighbourhood'.



Friday afternoon ENRICHMENT GROUPS continued this term and the children were involved in subjects such as card making, block 3D art, chess and checkers, food technology, percussion and marimba, dance, pastel and creative art, ukulele, mime, technology challenges, ICT and relaxation art and mindfulness.



The 'CIRCUS CHALLENGE' group from Perth visited our school and put on a wonderful performance for the children. Workshop sessions followed where the children were taught some of their 'tricks'.





A 'Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character Day' was held earlier this term, and there was great effort put in by children and staff alike. A parade was held early in the day and the children loved being able to 'show off' their character!



The All Blacks came to town to play a test against the French a few weeks back, and our children got right into the spirit of this special occasion by dressing in black for an 'All Black Mufti Day'.



The Annual Scholastic Book Fair was again a success with the school's commission being over \$1100 in new library books!

These three Year 6 boys thoroughly enjoyed their weekly Science extension opportunities at Tahuna Intermediate.



Our eight House Group Leaders spent a great day at the 'National Young Leaders Day' held at the Town Hall.



Lauren won 2nd prize in the Yellow Eyed Penguin Writing Competition.



Winter sports well under way

Foster Hope
bringing hope to those in care



Year 4 student, Levi, sold cupcakes and raised over \$500 to support the children of Mango Tree School in Cambodia.



School families donated 43 pairs of new pyjamas in support of Foster Hope's campaign to provide pyjamas for children in foster care.

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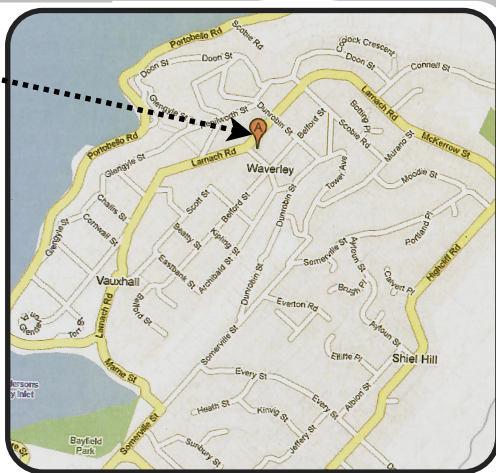
We hope you have enjoyed reading about our students activities and achievements this term.

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 instalment of the 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.

A huge influence on the school has been the building work, ongoing since the beginning of the first term. Although it has been challenging not having a shared hall space, and we have had to combine some classes, I have been very impressed with how the school has continued to run. It is a true credit to the teachers and the students for making this work so well. The building is scheduled to be completed in the school holidays with the new spaces being operational from day one of Term 3. Teachers and students alike are very excited about this!

The Enrichment Programme we had trialed in Term 1 continued for four weeks this term and we had a large array of exciting activities operating on a Friday afternoon. There was a variety of year levels in the groups and this resulted in lovely interactions between the older and younger students.

Throughout the term, a group of senior students practiced a 'Jump Jam' routine and performed this at the recent Dunedin 'Jump Jam' competition. They received a large number of accolades for their performance and we were all very proud of them.

Next term we are looking forward to hosting Palmerston Primary School for our annual sports exchange. A Chess Tournament is likely to be included as part of this day, which will be a great addition as we have had teams play in a number of local tournaments recently.

I would like to thank everyone who is associated with Grant's Braes School for their continued dedication to the students and the school, and I wish all of our students a wonderful break.

Gareth Taylor, Principal

