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Waverley Community Newsletter

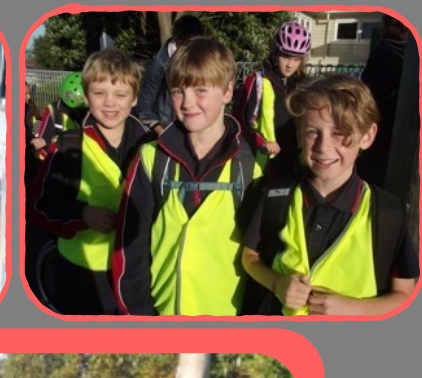


Our school has offered a variety of **Enrichment Programmes** to all the children this term and they have thoroughly enjoyed participating in these on Friday afternoons. The opportunities have included; science, chess and checkers, choir, ukulele, mindfulness and relaxation art, drama, technology challenges, ICT coding, pastel and pop art, dry ice experiments, cooking and printmaking.





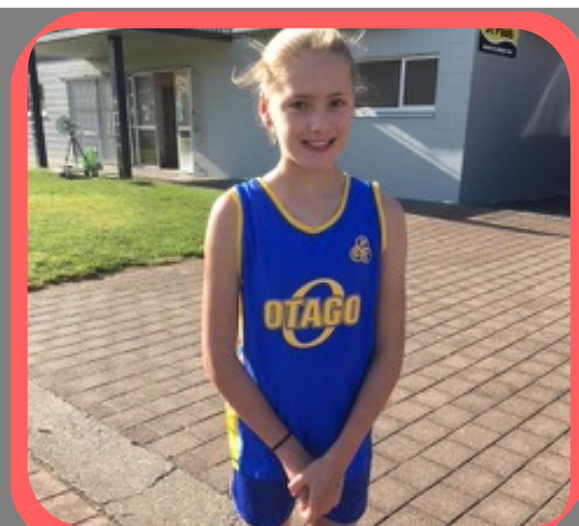
YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP was held in early February at Camp Iona in North Otago. Many of the children challenged themselves as they completed the various activities that were part of the two day camp.



The annual **'WALK AND WHEEL WEEK'** took place in early March and this was again a highlight for the children. They particularly enjoyed the 'Wednesday Morning Walk/Wheel to School with Teachers' and we had a high percentage of our children participating in this. We were also very excited to hear from Sport Otago that our school were the winners of a \$500 Stirling Sports voucher and Blake (from Room Ruru) was one of the lucky \$50 voucher recipients.



There has been high interest in our school wide Inquiry topic - **"What is in our Neighbourhood?"** and both the Te Ngahere (Middle Syndicate) and Junior Syndicate have enjoyed visits around the Waverley area to find out more about who are our neighbours and what happens right here 'on our back door-step'!

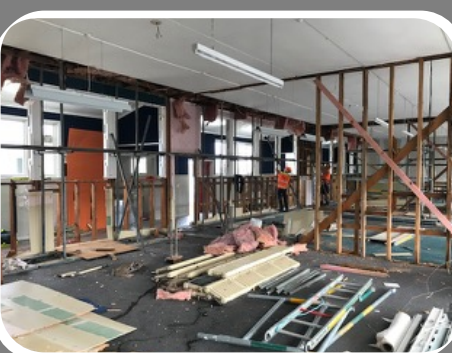


Charli, a Year 6 student has achieved some amazing sporting results this term. She was selected for the Otago Primary School Athletics Team and they challenged Southland. Charli competed in the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon in Central Otago and finished 7th in her age group. She also achieved some wonderful results in the Otago Primary School Swimming Championships held recently.



Our Senior Ukulele group really enjoyed their opportunity to join with other primary school children in the 'Ed-Uke-Ate' MUSIC event held in the Octagon before the Ed Sheeran concerts.

This term renovation work began on the three Ngā Manu (Senior Syndicate) classrooms.



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

P.A.L.S

Physical Activity Leaders



F.A.B. (Yellow Shirts)

First Aid Buddies



I.C.T. NINJAS



Brett Fairweather of Jump Jam fame visited and led the whole school in a number of fun routines.



Children love reading to these gorgeous, and very interested wee dogs.



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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

Once again Grant's Braes School has had a fantastic start to the school year! The students returned from their summer break relaxed, refreshed and eager to engage with their learning. Our staff has remained very similar to 2017, with the addition of Annette Littlejohn who has joined our fabulous Teacher Aide team.

The next stage in our building work has begun, which is a redevelopment of three senior classrooms being turned into seven flexible learning areas. As a result, we have needed to utilise the hall as a teaching space for two classes and the two new entrant classes have combined so that a senior class is able to use one of the junior classrooms. The teachers and students have made these spaces 'their own' and are proving to be very effective short term learning environments. There have been some unforeseen circumstances which has delayed this building project, however, we look forward to these spaces being finished later in Term 2.

Elections were held early in the term and the 2018 House Leaders were appointed. These school leaders will be developing their leadership skills through various organised activities throughout the year and also attending the annual Young Leaders Seminar. Other important senior roles, such as the Physical Activities Leaders (PALs), Yellow Shirts (Peer Mediators) and ICT Ninjas were filled and these leaders are working hard to support all of the students within the school, whilst adding to our lovely school culture.

I would like to thank everyone who is associated with the Grant's Braes School for their continued dedication to the students and the school. I wish all of the students a wonderful break and I look forward to all that Term 2 will bring.

Gareth Taylor, Principal

