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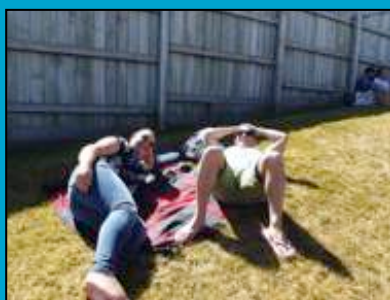
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GREAT DAY AT SCHOOL PICNIC



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope you are all enjoying this spate of lovely weather that we are having at the moment and I hope it holds for the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday. I would like to wish all of our students who have registered for this event the best of luck! I would also like to thank all of the families who attended the Family Picnic on Sunday. The weather was incredible and it was lovely to see so many families there. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for organising and cooking the BBQ as well as supplying the much appreciated ice blocks!

It has been wonderful seeing the amount of children and their whānau arriving and departing from school in variety of different ways this week. The annual Walk'n'Wheels Week is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of Active Transport. I would encourage families to look at ways of incorporating this into their normal weekly routines as it is not only important for their fitness, but it also builds independence and is fantastic for the environment. I would like to thank all of our teachers, student teachers and support staff who were involved in the planned walk to school yesterday, as well as the parents who joined us as well.

One of our school goals is to explore Learning through Play programmes and how this could benefit our tamariki. Over the next couple of weeks, syndicates will be travelling to other schools to view how this is run in their school. Kōhanga and Tē Ngahere teachers will be travelling to Ōpoho School tomorrow morning and Ngā Manu will be visiting there on Thursday 18 March.

Next week is going to prove to be an exciting one for the Tē Ngahere classes as they are visiting the Orokonui EcoSanctuary (Rata/Kowhai Wednesday 13/3 and Matai/Tawa Thursday 14/3). I would like to thank in advance the parents and caregivers who have made themselves available to help with supervision for these trips.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

Wear Black in support for Brain Injury
Awareness Week

#blackout
for Brain Injury

A New Zealander sustains a Brain Injury every 15mins
Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injury



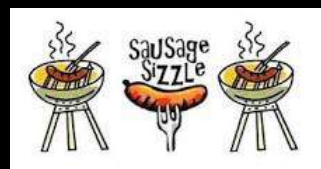
MUFTI DAY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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TUESDAY 12 MARCH

All children to please come wearing "BLACK" and to give a donation (at least a gold coin) in support of the Brain Injury Association Otago Inc.

Brain Injury Awareness Week is 18-22 March, but we are having our event next Tuesday 12th due to the School's schedule. Sausages (\$2.00) and Ice Blocks (\$1.00) can be ordered via our KINDO system. This will close at 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 8th March. There will be no late orders as we need to have a sufficient time frame for food orders.





WEEK 2 - WĀ TUHURA TIME



Last week the focus for the Ngā Manu children was Managing Self. Our Stars were the following - Max N, Shaun, Lily G, Cheyanne, Max W, Anson, Nick R, Levi, Amelia M, Maddy, Gregor, Katie, Miller, Brooke, Marnie, Martyna, Chante, Kaia, Ashton, Will, Liam C, Neve, Alexis, Ella, Olivia A, Paige, Sophie.



WALK'N'WHEEL



Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are looking forward to seeing all the children who have entered the **Weetbix Tryathlon** this year out at Memorial Park in Mosgiel this Sunday!

If you haven't been before, make sure you allow plenty of time to get to the park as there are hundreds of kids participating and you often need to park quite a long way away.

When you arrive look out for the **Grant's Braes School gazebo**. This will be our base for the morning. Feel free to bring picnic blankets/chairs etc to sit on.

When the triathlon is over, they call all the school groups over to get a special school photo - so please plan to hang around for that, and the prize giving which is usually about 12:15pm.

Kind regards

Rebecca McKeever



PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Hurricanes - Dominic (Toroa)

Tigers - Alex (Tawa)

Dragons - Callan (Pukeko)

Flyers - Cooper (Ruru)

Stars - Belle (Tawa)

Comets - Karlee (Tawa)

Comets 27/2 - Josie (Pukeko)

Sparks - Fleur (Kea)

OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPS Saturday 6 April Moana Pool



If your child is interested in entering these, please get in touch with Jen Stevenson by Friday 15 March.

PALS Training Day



Unfortunately Miller was away last week when the PALS photo was taken for the newsletter, so he has been included this week.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

The total amount requested from families for 2019 is the same as previous years (**\$200 per child, with a \$10 reduction per additional sibling**). The total amount is notated as a "donation" and will cover swimming, school trips, visiting performers, and also assistance towards the many aspects that make our school 'tick', all of which provide such a great learning environment for the children. For children attending camps, we will be requesting a contribution and therefore this is also notated as a "donation".

The good news for families is that upon receiving a receipt for payment, you are now be able to claim **one third of this donation** back in tax, therefore receiving approx \$66 back from IRD, per child.

We appreciate payment of these contributions; however do realize this is a large amount for some families to pay in one lump sum. Therefore, we are happy for automatic payments for smaller, more manageable regular amounts to be set up and receipts duly provided.

KINDO is also a great way to pay these contributions -If you **haven't used Kindo before**, click this link to get started, or paste into your browser - (all you need is the email address we have on record) <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant's%20Braes%20School>

If you are an **existing user**, just click on this link or paste into your browser

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

ILLNESS

There is a lot of illness around at the moment - sore throats, fevers, coughs and headaches.

We have had a number of children, and some staff away with these symptoms.

Please keep your children at home until they are fully well enough to come back to school. This will avoid spreading the bugs further to other children in their class and to our staff.



SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1

brochures went home with all children today. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, Friday, 22 March.

HEADPHONES FOR SALE

We have been able to secure headphones at a great price. We have a limited number available for sale @ \$20 each. If you would like to purchase these for your child, please drop into the office to pay - cash, EFTPOS or internet banking (03 0905 0914747 00).



THIS IS SO TRUE!!!

The mud will wash off, but the memories will last a lifetime.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4-8 - Walk'n'Wheel Week

Tues March 12th - 'Black Out' Mufti Day/
Sizzle

Wed Mar 13th - Kowhai & Rata to
Orokonui

Thur Mar 14th - Tawa & Matai to Orokonui

Fri Mar 15th - Matai/Tawa Assembly,
2.10pm

Mon Mar 18th - Nigel Latta event

Tue Mar 19th - Kōhanga trip to Art Gallery

Mr Science visit to GBs

PTA Meeting

Mon Mar 25th - Otago Anniversary Day

Tues Mar 26th - BOT Meeting

April 12 - Last day of school Term

April 29 - First day of Term 2

GirlGuiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic **leaders** that will provide positive support to girls aged 5 – 17 years old while delivering exciting programmes once a week. Group meetings run for up to 2 hours once a week during school terms. We have developed an amazing programme that uses fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills to help grow the next generation of female leaders. All support and training is provided by a dedicated team to help you do a great job. You can choose the age group you work with and you can take on a level of commitment that suits. You just need to bring a drive and a passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future! If this sounds like you, find out more information here <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/leaders-volunteers>.

Alternatively, you can email Andrea on andrea.mcclean@girlguidingnz.org.nz to talk about the different options.

School Docs Access

Visit the website -

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

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

Follow the link to the relevant Policy.

BRAND NEW SHOW Grant's Braes School "to explore, discover and learn together"

presents: **ADVENTURES IN PARENTLAND NIGEL LATTA**



Happy, healthy, confident children is something all parents want... but getting there is sometimes a bit challenging. While we might be the same humans we've always been for the last hundred thousand years or so, the world itself has changed incredibly, and those changes are only going to speed up over the coming years.

So how do we prepare our kids for living a good life in the modern age?

In this entertaining, challenging, and thought provoking presentation Nigel will share insights gained over a career that spans over twenty years and has taken him all over the world in search of answers to all kinds of questions. He'll cover everything from the parenting basics, to helping your kids plan for the future, and dealing with big issues like stress, anxiety, and depression. This is an evening full of real world solutions, for real world problems.

(* Suitable for all ages... although there may be a wee bit of swearing.)

DATE: 18 March 2019

TIME: 7:30pm

WHERE: Otago Boys High School Auditorium

TICKETS: \$30 each available from our website (<https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz>)

All proceeds raised will go to Grant's Braes School

Please support this amazing opportunity our School has in having the wonderful Nigel Latta offer his 'Adventures in Parentland' presentation as a fundraiser for our school. Get your group family and friends along to what promises to be a great night. Don't leave it to the last minute to book your tickets, get in now while there are still some available.

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