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**WELCOME TO  
MAISY  
WHO STARTED IN  
ROOM PIWAKAWAKA  
LAST WEEK**



Last Thursday our children, and staff, were treated to an amazing magic show performed by 'Elgregoe'. He included some of our children in his tricks, and they really enjoyed this. 'Elgregoe' wasn't just about the magic though; he also included a great anti-bullying message. His message used the word 'THINK' as an acronym for the children to remember. See the picture bottom left for what each letter stands for.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### *Kia ora koutou*

Last Friday a number of our Year 6 students put themselves forward as potential school leaders. These included Physical Activities Leaders (PAL), First Aid Buddies (FAB) and Whānau Leader (formally House Captains). I would like to thank everyone who either put in an application form or delivered their presentation to their Whānau group. It is important to note that we have 54 Year 6 students which makes a very, very large cohort of students, and as a result, not everyone was able to be appointed to one of these roles.

### Whānau Leaders:

I would like to congratulate the following students for their appointment as 2019 Whānau Leaders:

Belford Whānau - Captain Sienna, Vice-Captain Ethan  
Dunrobin Whānau - Captain Lily, Vice-Captain Akein  
Larnach Whānau - Captain Dominic, Vice-Captain Mia  
Mathieson Whānau - Captain Blake, Vice-Captain Anahera

I know that they will all work hard and be amazing role models for our students, and I look forward to working with them and seeing their leadership skills develop.

I would like to formally welcome Shelley Walker, who will teach in Matai when Belinda Collins goes on Maternity Leave and we look forward to her joining our staff. Shelley was involved in the recent 'What's the Buzz?' parent/teacher interviews and met the Matai parents who attended these.

There has been lots of information around next week's 'Walk 'n' Wheels' and I hope you are all looking at different ways your children can make their way to and from school. This is a fantastic annual event and I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her organisation of this. I would like to remind you that Wednesday 6th March is the school's 'walk to school' with various pick-up points around our local area. Check for further info in this newsletter and also in the letter sent home earlier in the week by hard copy.

Last week the PTA Executive met and appointed the Office Bearer positions. I would like to congratulate the following on their appointment: President - Bridget Dickson, Vice-president - TBC, Treasurer - Trudie Evans, Secretary - Nicola Thompson. I know they will work extremely hard to raise much needed funds for our school.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

**Grant's Braes School Grounds**

**THIS SUNDAY 3 MARCH**

**From 11.30am**

**BBQ - Sausages in Bread with Sauce provided**

**BYO Salads, drinks, picnic rugs.**

**deck chairs, scooters etc**



*'We look forward to our families coming along for this fun day together'*

## **Board of Trustees Update**

Kia ora koutou. A warm welcome to the beginning of the 2019 school year, and we hope all of your children have settled well into their new classrooms.

**School Playground:** We are really pleased with the new additions to our school playground and it is great to see that it is being well-used by our children! We would like to sincerely thank everyone in our school and wider community who made this possible, and also to key sponsors: Grant's Braes PTA, the Lion Foundation, Alexander McMillan Trust and the Otago Community Trust. There are still a few finishing touches to be made such as a sand-pit and raised garden beds, and we anticipate these will be coming soon.

**School Picnic:** As has appeared in the school newsletter in recent weeks, we would like to extend an invitation to all of our children and whānau to join our School Picnic this Sunday, starting at 11.30am. This date is special as it is also Te rā o ngā tamariki / Children's Day, in New Zealand (celebrated on the first Sunday in March) - we look forward to seeing you, and to celebrate our children and their important place in our community and society. We will provide sausages and bread, and please feel free to bring your own food, non-alcoholic drinks, picnic rugs, scooters etc, and enjoy some time in our new playground!

**SunSmart School:** SunSmart accreditation was recently awarded to our school by the Cancer Society. This means our School has reached the highest standard of sun protection for pupils and staff, and we join five other Dunedin schools (Fairfield, Andersons Bay, Silverstream, Portobello and Balaclava) in becoming SunSmart over the last 5 months. We also receive a free native tree to plant at school.

**2019 School Charter:** We have had two board meetings in the last few weeks, and the focus of these has been mainly to draft and refine our School Charter which includes our four year strategic plan. Thank you to Gareth, his management team and staff for all of the work that has gone into developing this, and to Michelle Kardos for lending her design skills to our front cover (a one-page summary of our Charter). You can view this document on our school website, and as always, feedback is encouraged and appreciated: [https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/media/1557/gbs-2019-charter-updated-27\\_2\\_19.pdf](https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/media/1557/gbs-2019-charter-updated-27_2_19.pdf)

**Paid Union Meetings:** These are planned for primary teachers and principals, and will be held across New Zealand between 18-22 March. The meetings are designed to update members on how the campaign initiated last year is progressing and will be an opportunity to decide on next steps. We anticipate the disruption to our School will be minimal due to the staggered nature of the meetings, and will keep you informed of any updates. Further information supplied by NZEI Te Riu Roa can be found here: <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/campaign-resources/paid-union-meetings-march-2019/>

**Nigel Latta:** Thank you to everyone who has helped promote this school PTA fundraising event and has bought tickets to come along to what will be an informative and entertaining evening. This is a new show focused on how we can prepare our kids for living a good life in the modern age. Nigel will provide thoughts and insights on raising tweens to teens and beyond. We hope that we can reach our goal of 470 tickets sales!

**Board of Trustee Elections:** These are coming up with the election date set for 7 June 2019. More information will be available soon, but if you would like to discuss the roles of a trustee please don't hesitate to speak to Gareth, myself or any of our current trustees.

Nga mihi,

Steph Woodley, on behalf of the Board of Trustees



## Grant's Braes School 2019 WHĀNAU LEADERS



### BELFORD WHĀNAU

Captain - Sienna  
Vice-Captain - Ethan



### DUNROBIN WHĀNAU

Captain - Lily  
Vice-Captain - Akein



### LARNACH WHĀNAU

Captain - Dominic  
Vice-Captain - Mia



### MATHIESON WHĀNAU

Captain - Blake  
Vice-Captain - Anahera



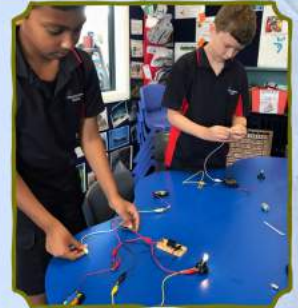
Our **Year 6 PALS** (Physical Activity Leaders) this year are pictured left - Maisie, Josh, Taylor, Jonty, Cindy, Alice, Lily, Daniel, Sienna. Clare and Xavier.

Our **Year 6 FABS** (First Aid Buddies) this year are pictured right - Delilah, Cindy, Maddy, Rebecca, Alice, Theo, Ben, Juliette, Brooke, Chris, Holly, Lola, Nick, Olivia and Charlie.



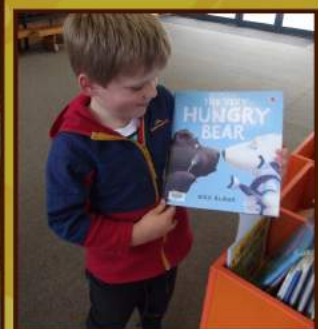


# WĀ TUHURA TIME IN NGĀ MANU



Wā Tuhura (Discovery Time) commenced last week in Ngā Manu and their focus was on showing our school value of 'We Care'. The following people were our 'Stars' who actively portrayed this value last Friday : Yash; Harry; Max B; Dominic; Akein; Jake; George; Xavier, Ethan, Paige, Owen - caring for our environment by cleaning up'; Kaden - caring for our environment by tidying up after others; Grace M; Lucy; Delilah, Theo; Ella; Sophia; Sam; Josie; Frankie; Amelia; Enya; Clare and Juliette.

# PRE-SCHOOL BEARS UNDERWAY AGAIN





## RATA AND KOWHAI NOW HAVE ROBOTS TEACHING THEM!!!



### PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### Tee Ball

##### Dodgers

9th Feb - Evan (Pukeko)

16th Feb - Dominic (Toroa)

23rd Feb - Mackenzie (Matai)

##### Rippa

Yellow - Nick (Piwakawaka)

#### Futsal

Hurricanes - Miller (Piwakawaka)

Stars - Adam (Ruru)

Sparks - Claudia (Kowhai)

Sparks - Reghan (Kowhai) - 20.3.19

Dragons - Jake (Matai)

Dragons - Joaquim (Matai) 20.3.19

Dolphins - Charlotte (Kowhai)

Thunder - Ben (Pukeko)

Tigers - Addie (Tawa)

Flyers - Max (Pukeko)

## 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>



Info in regards to what is planned for next week was sent home via paper copy on Monday of this week. This letter included a map of the meeting points for Wednesday's "Walk/ Wheel to School Together" on the reverse side. Please make sure you read this so as you know the plans for the week.

Yesterday, a count of how the children came to school showed that over half of them were transported by car, and interestingly a high proportion of these children live within walking distance! Let's try and increase 'active transport'

**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.

**Introduction to Junior Coaching –  
Football & Futsal**

**This, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Football South, 20 Logan Park Drive.

18:00 – 20:00pm

**FREE**

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**

**\*\***

**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 on Tuesday 12th due to the School's schedule.

Sausages (\$2.00) and Ice Blocks (\$1.00) are to be ordered via our KINDO system. This will open next Tuesday 5th March, and close at 12noon on Friday 8th March. There will be no late orders as we need to have a sufficient time frame for food orders.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sun March 3rd - SCHOOL PICNIC, 11.30am

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 - Kohanga 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

## 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.

## **2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

This will be open tomorrow, Friday from  
2.45pm-3.15pm.

For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform  
items, please text Andrea on  
021 08200287.

## **UPDATE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH SOUTH**

### **WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS VOMITING OR DIARRHEA .....**

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhea, it is important that they are kept away from school for **at least 48 hours from the last event!**

Please note and adhere to this time frame for sickness of this nature - this is in the best interests of the health of both the other children and our staff.

## **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).



## **\*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.