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**WELCOME TO
JOSH AND GAIA
WHO BOTH STARTED IN
ROOM KEA
ON MONDAY**



YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP



QUOTES FROM THE CHILDREN

"Mr Howell was funny dropping everyone when they came down off the waterslide"

"The cabins were a 'bit dodgy', there were spiders!"

"I learnt to make pikelets and they were yummy"

"Doing the obstacle course blindfolded was very tricky but my friend made sure I went the right way!"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

A wonderful time was had by all at our Year 6 Leadership Camp held last Thursday and Friday at Camp Waiora. The fabulous weather, awesome children, amazing teachers and wonderful parent helpers all contributed to making this a very special time for all.

Parent and Teacher Interviews - 'What's The Buzz' are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday and I would encourage all parents and caregivers to book a time to come and chat with your child's teacher to give a personal insight into your child's needs for their education this year. The communication between home and school is very important, and our teachers look forward to meeting you all next Wednesday/Thursday. Further information in regards to booking times through our School Interviews link is provided below.

The Cancer Society recently awarded Sunsmart Accreditation to our school. This is great news and I wish to reinforce that ALL children must wear their school sunhats when outside during Terms 1 and 4. If your child does not have a school sunhat on, they will need to stay under cover of the verandah during sports/PE time and also morning tea and lunch times. Please put sunscreen on your child in the mornings before they come to school; we have more available in the classrooms if they need to 'top up' later.

A reminder too in regards to safe parking around our school environs, parking safely or parking a few more metres up the road could be the difference for a child.

And also on the topic of safety, to ensure the safety of ALL our children, and in particular our New Entrants, can you please ensure that as you come in, and also as you leave the school grounds, the gates are securely closed.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL



"WHAT'S THE BUZZ"



**Interviews are being held next
Wednesday 20th/ Thursday 21st February**

Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - School Code : **xh8px**.

Bookings will open at 3.00pm today (Thursday 14th February) and close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 19th February.

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

'What's the Buzz' sheets (pink!!) for you to complete and bring with you to your child's interview are being sent home with EVERY CHILD TODAY!!





PAYMENT REQUESTS 2019



All families should have received their Payment Requests sent home in white envelopes yesterday with eldest children.

Payment of all Sports Fees are due by **next Friday 22 February.**

The School Contribution payment will be receipted on 'official letterhead' and this can be used to send to the IRD which enables families to now claim one third of this back in tax (approx. \$66 per child).

Payment for all items on your account can be made at the office in cash, or by EFTPOS; via internet banking into our school account 03 0905 0914747 00 or via KINDO.

2019 Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon

Year 5 and 6 children are eligible, team and individual categories

Wednesday 13 March (postponement date Friday 15 March)

Venue - Watson Park, Port Chalmers

Cost - \$6 per athlete

If your child wishes to participate, please email Jen - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz to let her know by **TOMORROW, Friday, 15 February.**

Parents will be required to support their child for this event, especially in regards to transporting of bicycles, and transitioning of their bikes during the event.

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.

CHAMPIONS Begins next week on THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Champions is **beginning next week on Thursday 21 Feb.** Please note that this programme is running on Thursdays this year instead of Fridays. It is running from 8:30am-9am on Thursdays in the hall. Don't worry if your child is running late, they are welcome to arrive anytime between 8:30 and 9.00.

What is Champions?

Champions is a CRE (Christian religious education) programme. The Champions team present a high-energy style lesson incorporating songs, games, stories and digital media. We have a fantastic team of Presenters who have a unique skill set for teaching large groups of children in a fun and engaging way.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

A new arrangement for the awarding of Certificates for Player of the Day is underway. Coaches of teams for all sports will be given an appropriate number of Certificates and one is to be awarded and given to a child at the end of the game each week. This replaces them being handed out in Assemblies. Please email Gaylene O'Brien, or get one of the children to pop in to the office to advise who the POD is and their name will be included in the newsletter.

Rippa
Yellow Team - Blake (Toroa)

SCHOLASTIC

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
ISSUE 1** brochures went home with all children last week. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, tomorrow Friday, 15 February.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 20/21 - 'What's the Buzz' Parent Mtgs

Feb 21 - Elgregoe the Magician, 1.30pm

Feb 22 - PW/Toroa Assembly, 2.10pm

March 4-8 - Walk'n'Wheel Week

March 15 - Matai/Tawa Assembly, 2.10pm

March 19 - Kōhanga trip to Art Gallery

March 25 - Otago Anniversary Day

April 12 - Last day of school Term

April 29 - First day of Term 2



2019 METROPOLITAN JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DATES

Alhambra-Union

Contact: Ronnie Proctor 021 477 662
Sun 17 February | 1pm - 3pm
Tue 26 February | 4pm - 5.30pm

Brighton

Contact: Nathan Hill 027 279 0177
Sun 24 February | 10am - 12pm

Dunedin

Contact: Denis McLaughlin 021 456 853
Sun 24 February | 12pm - 2pm

Eastern

Contact: Scott Clearwater 027 586 0016
Thur 7 March | 5pm - 6.30pm

Green Island

Contact: Jason Beech 027 588 2547
Sun 24 February | 11am - 2pm
Mon 25 February | 5pm - 7pm
Mon 4 March | 5pm - 7pm

Harbour

Contact: Peter Hill 027 269 9799
Sun 24 February | 11am - 1pm
Tue 26 February | 5pm - 6.30pm

Kaikorai

Contact: Simon Anderson 027 406 9309
Sun 24 February | 10am - 12pm
Tue 26 February | 5.30pm - 7pm

Pirates

Contact: Bob Jordan 021 176 6039
Sun 17 February | 11am - 1pm
Wed 27 February | 5.30pm - 7pm
Sun 3 March | 11am - 1pm

Strath Taieri

Contact: Tim Gorman 027 209 5486
Sat 16 February | 10am - 12pm

Southern

Contact: Robert Stout 027 467 8405
Sun 17 February | 11am - 1pm
Wed 20 February | 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Sun 24 February | 11am - 12.30pm
Sun 3 March | 11am - 12.30pm

Taieri

Contact: Tim Gorman 021 176 6039
Sun 17 February | 11am - 1pm
Sun 24 February | 3pm - 5pm

West Taieri

Contact: John Cowie 021 399 144
Sun 17 February | 11am - 1pm
Thur 21 February | 3.30pm - 5pm
Thur 28 February | 3.30pm - 5pm

Zingari-Richmond

Contact: Stephen Baughan 021 479 530
Sun 17 February | 1pm - 2.30pm
Wed 20 February | 6.30pm - 7.30pm



STAY UP TO DATE BY FOLLOWING US
@OTAGOCOMMUNITYRUGBY



OUR PROVINCE | OUR COMMUNITY | OUR GAME

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION INFO

Check out our Family Info Board in the office area for registration info for the following Clubs

- * Pirates Junior Rugby
- * Grants Braes Junior Football (Soccer)
- * Dunedin Technical Junior Football (Soccer)

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.

NOW ACCEPTING NEW ENROLLMENTS AT QUEEN'S AEROBICS

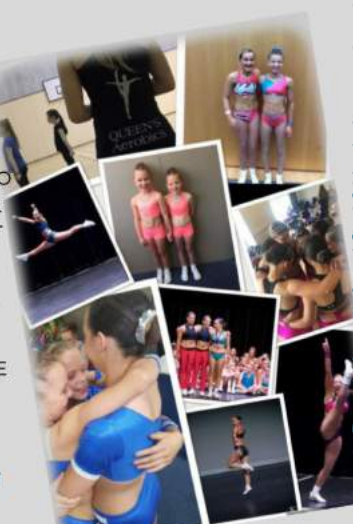
recommended to have previous dance/gymnastic experience



AT QUEEN'S AEROBICS WE HAVE A HUGE EMPHASIS ON FITNESS AND STRENGTH TRAINING! WE WORK HARD TO ENSURE THAT ALL ATHLETES ARE FIT ENOUGH TO PERFORM THE CHOREOGRAPHY WITH INTENSITY AND CAN EXECUTE THE SKILLS REQUIRED!

LESSON INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Contact: anneliselowther@gmail.com



southernchildrenschoir@gmail.com for details.'"/>

Grant's Braes School PTA is delighted to once again welcome Nigel Latta to Dunedin on Monday 18 March. We are exceptionally grateful to Nigel for generously donating his time and expertise for the benefit of our school community. We know that this will be an informative and entertaining evening, so please come along and listen to Nigel's new talk entitled "Adventures in Parentland". More information and tickets are available on our website: <https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/events/nigel-latta-tickets>



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

**CAN YOU HELP THE PTA BY DISPLAYING A POSTER AT YOUR WORKPLACE OR TAKING INTO THE
CHILDCARE CENTRE WHERE YOUR YOUNGER CHILDREN ATTEND?**

**We would love the 'get the word out there' about Nigel's presentation so call in to the office
to pick up a poster if you are able to help with this.**



Who you are determines who you attract

What kind of cheese do you like?

- *smelly and blue?*
- *soft and gooey?*
- *hard and sharp?*
- *feta or mozzarella?*
- *cheddar or camembert?*

Certain smells, looks, tastes attract us.

And it is the same with people
You can't always put a finger on it
But you find them attractive
You want to spend time with them
They seem warm and friendly
Gentle and kind
Fun to be around
Easy to spend time with

Because, it is hard to influence people if they don't like you
If they don't trust you, If they don't like being around you

So be the genuine article

- * Work on your personality * Be gentler * Kinder * More gracious
- * More caring * Less self-centered * Less self-absorbed
- * Speak with humility * Grace * Wisdom * Use tact * Be patient
- * Give Generously of yourself