



# Grant's Braes School

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## WELCOME TO THESE CHILDREN WHO ALL STARTED AT GRANT'S BRAES THIS WEEK



Coco in Room  
Toroa



Martyna in  
Room Tawa

### ROOM KEA

Back - Fleur, Bentley, Lucy, Yazan; Inset - Abdullah  
Middle- Charlotte, Federico, Sloane  
Front - Henna, Maeva

## GOOD THINGS ARE WORTH WAITING FOR!



The new playground was installed over the school holidays and a **HUGE THANK YOU** must go to our Board of Trustees for all the hard work they did 'behind the scenes' getting funding arranged, and the installation completed. This is a wonderful asset to our school and the children are **LOVING IT!!**

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope you all have had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed the incredible weather we have experienced. It was so lovely to see all of their smiling faces this week and equally wonderful to see the children wearing their sunhats. I would also suggest ensuring sunscreen is applied in the mornings before school (more is available at school for the children to use).

2019 is going to be a very exciting year and there are many incredible events and opportunities planned. The school will be involved in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Peninsula Cluster Project which will span 3 years. This will see student learning their subjects in exciting and meaningful ways, whilst using incredible resources. The BoT is hosting Nigel Latta for a school fundraiser on March 13th and tickets are available from the school's website. Discussions have started around the new classroom build that the Ministry of Education announced last year. Today, the Year 6 students went to Waiora Scout Camp for their overnight Leadership Camp, which I am joining them on. I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have given up their time to attend, as well as Mrs Barrow and Mr Howell for their organisation of this. And also, 2019 is a school fair year!! I know this year will prove to be another rich and exciting time at Grant's Braes!

Meet the Teacher Evening - Tuesday 5 February 2019 - I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Tuesday night. This gave parents and caregivers the opportunity to hear vital information about their child's class, as well as an understanding of the collaborative approaches to learning that our school undertakes. The next formal opportunity to meet with your child's teacher will be at the "What's the Buzz" meeting which will be held Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February.

## Policies and Procedures

I would like to remind all parents and caregivers that they can access all of our school's policies and procedures from the School Docs website. Information of how to login is available later in this newsletter, as well as on our school's website.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

## SAFETY REQUEST

For 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.**

Thanks for your co-operation with this.



## PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONS

Unfortunately, we have already received a complaint from a Mathieson Street homeowner about cars parking over her driveway this week which meant she has had extreme difficulty both entering and exiting her driveway.

We would ask that when you are parking on any of the streets that surround our school that you please be aware not to park on yellow lines, and to always park a safe distance either side of a driveway (1m).



Please also drive slowly and with consideration as there is always a possibility that a child may run out between parked cars.



## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

To comply with new financial recommendations, this year there has been a change to how we request families to contribute to our school.

The Board agreed to keep the total amount requested from families the same as previous years (\$200 per child, with a \$10 reduction per additional sibling). The total amount will be 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. We will also be requesting contributions towards camps.



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



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If you **already have a mykindo account**, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school website.

Kindo is now offering internet banking at the checkout. POLi still remains the quickest form of internet banking (we have removed A2A)... but if you'd prefer not to use POLi, or your bank is not available through POLi, we have this option just for you. It's free to use. **What to do?** Add items to your cart as normal, click "Top up and place order" and choose 'internet banking'. You will see instructions, including the reference details to include when making your payment. As soon as your funds are received (generally the next business day), your order will be automatically placed for you.

## SCHOLASTIC

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1

brochures have gone home with all children this week. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, Friday, 15 February.

## 2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This will be open tomorrow, Friday from 8.45am-9.15am.

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

## SUBWAY

'Subway' is available via their online system and lunches are delivered from Subway Andersons Bay to our school every Wednesday. This service will recommence next Wednesday, 13 February. Please ensure your child's lunch is ordered by 9.00am on the Wednesday morning as Subway provide lunches for a lot of Dunedin schools. Go to [www.subwayexpress.co.nz](http://www.subwayexpress.co.nz) and choose the Andersons Bay store, and of course Grant's Braes School option. Children collect their lunch from the office @ 12.30pm.





## DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 7/8 - Year 6 Camp

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

## Return of 'Spare Clothing'

Often children require to be changed here at school, and so they are put into uniform items from our 'spare clothing' supply. Unfortunately a lot of 'spare clothing' items that were supplied in 2018 have not been returned, and we are in desperate need for these to come back - particularly shorts, trousers and also undies and knickers! Please drop any items that you may still have at home into the school office as soon as possible. Thank You. Also, if you have any items that you would be happy to donate for this purpose, these would be appreciated.

## 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](mailto:jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz) to let her know by next Fri, 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.

## 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.

**Dunedin Karate**

GOJURU YU OKINAWA KAN  
沖繩館  
KARATE DO KYOKAI

Beginners welcome  
Grants Braes School Hall - Wednesdays 6-7pm  
St. Philip's Church - Monday and Thursday 6-7pm  
Tahuna Intermediate School Hall - Tuesday 6-7pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/DunedinKarateKobudo>

## PLEASE SEE OUR PARENT NOTICEBOARD FOR INFORMATION RE THE FOLLOWING -

- \* Stride, Ride & Slide - Sun 17 Feb (for children aged 2-6)
- \* Meet the Black Caps on Mon 18 Feb
- \* Saturday Morning Music Classes
- \* Term 1 Children's Yoga Classes
- \* Parenting Courses and Parenting Support (Catholic Social Services)
- \* Art Classes for Children ([theartdept.org](http://theartdept.org))
- \* Foster Carers needed (Oranga Tamariki)

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.