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BLACKOUT MUFTI DAY



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



Thank you to everyone who supported the Sausage Sizzle and Blackout Mufti Day on Tuesday, raising very important funds to help the Brain Injury Awareness Trust Otago. We were very fortunate to have Cathy and Jane visit from the Trust, and they spoke to the children about how the brain functions and the importance of brain health. Cathy and Jane also answered some very impressive questions from the children.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope everyone is having a wonderful week and enjoying the settled-isa weather. Let's hope this lasts! I would like to thank the PTA and their helpers for running the sausage sizzle on Tuesday. This was also a Mufti Day raising much needed funds for the Brain Injury Trust. It was fantastic to see the students all wearing black in support of this important organisation.

It has been a week of multisports with the Weet Bix Tryathlon held last weekend where a huge number of our students competed. Yesterday, Mia, one of our senior students competed in the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon where she represented our school incredibly well. I would like to thank Rebecca McKeever for being our school representative at the Weet Bix Tryathlon.

Tickets are selling very quickly for the Nigel Latta fundraising event which is being held this Monday night. If you are still needing tickets, get in quick before the event sells out! Go to our school website - www.grantsbraes.school.nz to purchase.

Next week the Teacher's Union, NZEI, are holding three paid union meeting sessions where each teacher is required to attend one of these. Cover has been organised so there will not be any disruption to classes. If you would like to know more about the NZEI campaign you can follow the link: <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

PTA Update

The PTA AGM was held on 19 February. I'm pleased to confirm the following members of the **PTA Executive**:

President: Bridget Dickson
Vice-President: Vanya Thurston
Treasurer: Trudie Evans
Secretary: Nicola Thompson
Principal: Gareth Taylor
Staff Representative: Jen Stevenson
Executive Member: Chris Crooks
Executive Member: Dee Isaacs

We are pleased to be supporting the Grant's Braes Board of Trustees with **Adventures in Parentland** with **Nigel Latta**. We appreciate the School and wider community supporting this event. Before the Easter School holidays we will once again be selling **Arista Bakery Hot Cross Buns** with order details coming soon. **Digital Entertainment Books** are available for purchase. The PTA Executive have decided to go digital this year rather than sending a hard copy home with families. Purchase details on the Grant's Braes PTA & Friends Facebook page or in the Newsletter.

The Grant's Braes **School Fair is planned for Sunday 3 November**. Our next PTA Meeting, **Tuesday 19 March at 7pm in the Staff Room**, will be focused on the initial planning of this wonderful School and community event. Dee has kindly agreed to take a lead role in co-ordination but to ensure the success of the biannual Fair we need your help. Please come along to the meeting to see the opportunities, both large and small, where you can volunteer your time, expertise or contacts.

Bridget Dickson
Grant's Braes School PTA President

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2019/2020 PRESALES ARE OPEN!!

Please support the school and click on the link below to order your new Entertainment Book for 2019 (now) / 2020 (1 June).

If you order now you will receive some exciting bonus offers

Purchase either a digital version for your phone or a hard copy book – details on the link

Makes a great gift and great to use on eating out, coffees, activities, rental cars, hotels, travel etc

Feel free to get Friends and Family on board – all Regions (NZ, Australia, Bali) are available for purchase, not just Dunedin, Invercargill & Queenstown!!

Browsing options are available also via the link below to look before you buy!!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26014m9>



THIS YEAR IS A FAIR YEAR!!!

We are putting together a group of people to organise the 2019 School Fair (3 November 2019).

If you're interested in helping, please come to next week's PTA Meeting on Tuesday 19th March @ 7pm in the School Staffroom, or alternatively, email the office to put your name forward.

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 **TOMORROW - Friday 15 March.**

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Hurricanes - Will (Pukeko)
Warriors - Hugo M (PW)
Dolphins - Henry (Ruru) : 6/3/19
Sparks - Alex (Rata)
Tigers - Austin (Matai)
Dolphins - Charlie (Tawa)
Flyers - Anthony (Ruru)
Comets - Kiera (Tawa)
Stars - Hunter R (Rata)

**LAST GAME OF RIPPA RUGBY
NEXT MONDAY 18th MARCH!**



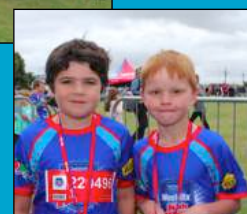
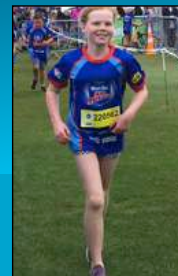
WĀ TUHURA WEEK 3



Last week the focus for the Ngā Manu children was Participating and Contributing. A big thank you to all our leaders who did an incredible job of running their stations and being so well prepared for the session.

Last week's Stars were the following children - Anahera, Taliya, Grace M, Paige, Will, Cheyanne, Leila, Chris, Bethany, Chantē, Josh, Cooper, Hugo I, Amelia, Clare, Ashton, Kaia, Martyna, Hunter, Sophie, Cindy, Lily, Kiera, Miklōs, Evan, and Mark.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON



Mia represented our school yesterday in the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon held at Watson Park, Port Chalmers and performed very credibly.

LITERACY QUIZ COMPETITION



On Monday, two teams of students from Year 6 represented Grant's Braes in the NZ International Lit Quiz held at Dunedin North Intermediate. They competed against other students in Years 6-8 from around the Dunedin area. The questions were really tricky and both teams did very well. One of our teams came 2nd in the Year 6 sub section, they also each won a book voucher for winning a round! Two students also won a prize for answering spot challenge questions.

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>

WHEN YOU
CUT IT FOR
ME, WRITE
IT FOR ME,
FIND IT FOR ME,
OPEN IT FOR ME,
TIE IT FOR ME...
ALL I LEARN IS
THAT YOU DO IT
BETTER THAN ME

NEXT MONDAY EVENING!!!



BRAND NEW SHOW 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, there are only a few left so get in now and book yours!

 **SCHOLASTIC**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
ISSUE 1 brochures went home with all children last week. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, next Friday, 22 March.

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.

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).



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SOUTHLAND**
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sponsorship of
school rugby.

Limited number available from the School Office. Only \$5.00 each. Please bring **CASH** for payment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Wed Mar 20th - Rata/Kowhai to Orokonui

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

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GOLD RUSH BOOK SALE

Celebrate Otago's golden heritage by heading underground and digging for literary gold.

Join the rush! Roll up your sleeves and fill your bags with treasure at the Libraries' annual basement book sale.

Remember to bring your own bags!

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 9.30am – 8pm

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 11am – 4pm

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 11am – 4pm

CITY LIBRARY CARPARK MORAY PLACE



CITY MOSGIEL BLUESKIN BAY WAKOIAITI PORT CHALMERS SOUTH BOOKBUS

FOUND - a beautiful big grey and white cat with a pink collar on.

Hit by a vehicle and sadly it didn't survive.
Intersection Belford street and Kipling street, Waverley on Tuesday night. Would like to find owner.

Please contact Danette 021 2174232



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Facebook: @KellySportsDunedin
Address: Kaikorai Valley College Gymnasium, 500 Kaikorai Valley Road

APRIL 2019 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

General information: This is a group of children who have been selected to participate in the holiday programme. We are looking for children who are active, outgoing, and have a good attitude. The holiday programme is a fun and exciting way for children to spend their holiday. They will be able to make new friends and have a great time. The programme is open to children aged 10-12 years.

What do you need to bring? Please bring a swimming cap, a towel, and a change of clothes. We will provide lunch and snacks. Please bring a list of your interests and hobbies.

Programme activities: The programme includes a variety of activities such as sports, games, and arts and crafts. There will be a focus on team building and leadership skills.

Programme details: The programme is a 10-day programme. It will be held at the Kaikorai Valley College Gymnasium. The programme is open to children aged 10-12 years.

Please contact Kelly Hamill on 027 695 8004 for more information. Spaces are limited and booking is essential.

Cost: The cost of the programme is \$17 per child. This includes lunch, snacks, and a swimming cap. There is a \$10 deposit which will be refunded at the end of the programme.

Final date: 5th April. School date: 10th April. Last date: 17th April. Trip date: 18th April.

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HARRIET MOIR PRESENTS

Emma Wright

NZ'S FAMILY BODY CONFIDENCE CONSULTANT

MONDAY
APRIL 8,
2019

7PM

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