



## Farewell Mrs Day



A lovely Farewell Assembly to Helen Day was held last Friday afternoon, and we were so very proud of the children who all made sure this was a very special occasion for Helen and one that she will always remember with great fondness. Helen has written a message to our school community, and you can see this over on Page 2.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Kia ora koutou*

Last Friday an assembly was held to formally farewell Helen Day. This was filled with songs, performances and heartfelt tributes. I was incredibly proud of our school children with how they showed how much they have appreciated Mrs Day's contribution and how much we are going to miss her. Thank you to the students and staff for making this a memorable occasion for Mrs Day, as well as the parents and caregivers who attended, it was wonderful to have you there.

I would like to welcome Susan Tait who has been appointed to the position of Kiwi classroom teacher and Team Leader for Kōhanga. Susan is currently employed at St Marys in Mosgiel where she has been teaching in the New Entrant's class since 2005 and has held many different leadership roles within the school. We are very excited with her joining our team. Her start date has not been confirmed as yet and Cath King will continue in Kiwi until she has worked out her notice.

Congratulations to our chess players who last weekend won the Otago Chess Championships held at Kavanagh College. This was a great achievement, and my thanks go to Hugh Fry and the group of parents who supported them on Saturday.

Just a reminder that reports will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 28 June with caregiver/teacher interviews being held Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July (with exception of the students in Kea who have already held theirs). This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's report and set goals for the remainder of the school year. One of the Board's Strategic Aims is 'to continue to enhance and nurture positive relationships with whānau' with an aspirational outcome of 'increasing whānau/caregiver participation in parent interviews aiming for 100%.' Please make the time to meet with your child's teacher as this is an important part of the partnership between home and school. The Ministry of Education's website has some important information regarding caregiver/teacher interviews and can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/parent-teacher-meetings/>

I would like to request you take the time to read the flyer coming home with your children today in regards to stopping and parking near our school. Unfortunately, this has become a serious issue around the streets close to our school and often the safety of the children is being compromised by parents/caregivers. Please read and be aware of the financial consequences of making a bad choice. There are a lot of parking options around our school, including over by Belford Park, so please consider your children walking a short distance. This is an especially good option for after school as our 'road patrols' are on at 3.00pm making it safe for children to cross the busy roads.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## Message to the Grant's Braes School Community - from Helen Day

*I am taking this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for the last twenty-four years spent at the school.*

*During this time I have worked with many amazing people: children, teachers, Support Staff, Principals, PTA and BOT members, parents and grandparents, volunteers, trainees and external agencies such as the RTLB service and many others. The experience was wonderful and it was with a sense of both regret and excitement that I finally made the decision to leave and rediscover the world out of the classroom.*

*I want to thank the children and staff who put together such a wonderful leaving assembly on Friday. I was so proud to sit back and enjoy the proceedings and felt such a sense of achievement looking at the faces of the children as they sang and shared with me. I have shed many tears reading the messages the children wrote along with some moments of laughter. I was made to feel very cared for. Thank you children and staff.*

*I want to also thank the parents who have sent emails, cards or got in touch to wish me well. Your comments were so meaningful to me. The B.O.T and P.T.A representing the community presented me with some wonderful cards and gifts - mostly relating to my love of the garden - which I'm sure will give me years of ongoing memories and pleasure.*

*I am enjoying my new journey so far, rediscovering the joy that time spent with family and friends can give and I will be looking for new pursuits. I can now take time to garden, cook and sew (and clean out 38 years of accumulated school bits) and am enjoying rediscovering our wonderful environment without the constraints of a "timetable". Thank you all once again.*

*Ka kite ano.*

*Helen*

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

These are to be held next week on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July.

Please go to the School Interviews website - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the login code - **ggmhz** to book interviews for your children. This website will be closed off next Tuesday 2nd July @ 4.00pm.

These interviews are a great opportunity to discuss with the teachers their progress that your children have been making throughout the year, along with discussing their 'next steps', so please take the time to make an appointment.

School will not be finishing early on either day; supervision will be offered here for the classes that will commence their interviews prior to 3.00pm.

### **Kids Cross Country Series Event 2**

**Where:** Wingatui Racecourse, Mosgiel  
**When:** 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 starting at 12.30pm  
**For more information and to register visit**  
[www.athleticsotago.co.nz](http://www.athleticsotago.co.nz)  
**Spot prizes available!!**

### **PLAYER OF THE DAY**

Hockey  
Kiwisticks - Mia (Toroa)



# CHESS

# CHAMPS



Last weekend, teams of our Ngā Manu children participated in the Otago Chess Championships held against other schools at Kavanagh College. These children performed amazingly and won the tournament overall! Well done to you all!

In Timeline Photos

## WHY READ AT HOME?

CHILD A

20minutes/day

1,800,000

words/year



CHILD B

5minutes/day

282,000

words/year



CHILD C

1minutes/day

8,000

words/year



# Enrichment Assembly

**Tomorrow, Friday 28th June**  
**2pm start**

There will be a short item from each of the following groups:

Lego Group  
French Group  
Dance Group  
Ukulele  
E-Pro8  
Italian  
Speech/Drama/Performance  
Chess Group  
Senior Spelling Quiz

## 2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Children in Year 4-6 are invited to take part. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 4-13 children to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It is a good tool for children performing in the top of their field to get a picture how they compare nationally.

**The entry fee per student is \$9.50 per subject, or all three for \$28.50. Payment and permission can be made through the KINDO system.**

For more information visit [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) (past tests can be purchased here if you would like practice ones or a limited amount are available just ask at the school office).

**ALL FEES AND PERMISSIONS NEED TO BE IN BY NEXT THURSDAY 4TH JULY.**

**Dates for the Exams are as follows -**

**Science : Wednesday 4 September**

**English : Monday 16 September**

**Mathematics : Wednesday 18 September**

## CONGRATULATIONS LUCA



For winning a Gold Medal at the recent DGA Invitational Gymnastics Competition

## CONGRATULATIONS



## NEVE AND CONAN

who achieved a Silver and Gold Medal respectively in last weekend's Dunedin Ice Skating Championships



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 28 June - Enrichment Assembly, 2.00pm  
- School Reports home  
Wed 3/Thur 4 July - School Interviews  
Fri 5 July - Last day of Term 2  
Mon 22 July - First day of Term 3  
Mon 26 August - Stars on Stage

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**ISSUE 4** Brochures went home a couple of weeks back with the children. Orders to be in by 9am, TOMORROW Friday, 28 June 2019.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE SWIMMING GEAR AT HOME?

Nga Manu children begin swimming next term, and Te Ngahere and Kohanga go in Term 4.

If you could donate any of the following to assist when children forget to bring their togs etc, this would be much appreciated. Drop into Sara or Rebecca in Room Pukeko or to the Office.

- \* Swimming togs (both boys and girls)
- \* Towels
- \* Goggles



## SAVE THE DATE

### School Ski Weekend - Cardrona, Wanaka



**Saturday 31 August/  
Sunday 1 September**

Forms for registration are now available from the office. Close off date for return of these and payment is Friday, 26 July. Any questions, please contact Bridget Dickson on 021 606773 or email - [bridget.dickson20@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.dickson20@gmail.com).

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2019/2020



### 1 more week left to buy these through Grants Braes School!!!

Get in now and support the school by purchasing a 2019/2020 version – available in printed books, or digital (use on up to 5 devices).

Buy the local version for Dunedin, Invercargill & Queenstown, or purchase additional copies or gifts for other regions in NZ, Australia or Bali.

**There are only 4 copies remaining of the Printed Book available to purchase in the school office – please place your order and payment on the link:**

**Buy online from [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26014m9](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26014m9)** or buy a digital copy

We are closing sales for 2019 next Friday 5 July, the last day of the term.

## NZ POLICE INFORMATION

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at [105.police.govt.nz](http://105.police.govt.nz) to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.



- ☒ After school tuition
- ☒ Free assessment
- ☒ Maths
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- ☒ Spelling
- ☒ English
- ☒ Dyslexia
- ☒ Years 1-13



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