## Grant's Braes School



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#### **WELCOME TO**

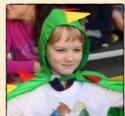
### **GERRIT AND TASHA**

WHO STARTED AT OUR SCHOOL ON MONDAY



### BOOK CHARACTER 'DRESS UP' DAY





























#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Kia ora koutou

It is not often you have a shop at your school! The Annual Scholastic Book Fair concludes today and it has been lovely seeing students and adults perusing the vast assortment of books. Not only do families have access to wonderful titles, the teachers each get to choose a book for their class, as well as the school receiving a share of the profits in books for our library. Gaylene has done an amazing job co-ordinating this and I would like to thank her very much! The Book Fair also concluded with a 'Book Character Dress Up Day' and all of the students and staff looked amazing, dressed up as their favourite literacy character. I would also like to thank the members of the PTA for running the sausage sizzle today.

The new Board met on Monday night and Steph Woodley was appointed Chairperson for a second term. I look forward to working with this dedicated group of parents to progress our Strategic Goals for the betterment of our school.

As previously mentioned a farewell assembly to Mrs Day is being held tomorrow at 2pm in the hall. Please note, there will be limited seating available so come early to secure a seat.

Just a reminder that reports will be sent home Friday 28 June with caregiver/teacher interviews being held Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July. The students in Kea are the exception to this and they will be receiving their reports tomorrow, with interviews being held Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 June. This is due to Jen Stevenson going on leave from Thursday 27 June and we wish her all the best for her exciting trip. Julie Thomson will be teaching in Kea during her absence.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL** 

# PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

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

An email will be sent home next week and this will include the link to the School Interviews Website for you to book a time with your children's teacher.

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.



## **Enrichment Assembly**

## Friday 28th June - Week 9

### 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 <a href="www.eaa.unsw.edu.au">www.eaa.unsw.edu.au</a> (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 THURSDAY 4TH JULY.

Dates for the Exams are as follows -

Science: Wednesday 4 September

**English: Monday 16 September** 

Mathematics: Wednesday 18 September

BRILLIANT EFFORT!
43 PAIRS OF PYJAMAS
DONATED TO FOSTER HOPE
\*\*THANK YOU\*\*



Did you know that there are children in New Zealand who have never worn a new pair of pyjamas in their lives.





The children in Kōhanga had a fabulous discovery time a couple of weeks back with their student teacher, Ms Elder.

Ms Elder was able to source an octopus and a dogfish, and as you can see the children thoroughly enjoyed 'investigating' the octopus, and then were super fortunate to witness seeing a baby being born (unfortunately stillborn!) to the adult dogfish. This was such an awesome learning experience for all the children and no doubt they talked about it heaps at home!

#### **PLAYERS OF THE DAY**

**Netball** 

Rebels - Moana (Matai)
Diamonds - Azaelia (Pukeko)
Mystics - Alice (Piwakawaka)
Magic - Ruby (Tawa)
Hockey
Kiwisticks - Patrick (Ruru)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THEO

for his awesome successes at recent gymnastics competitions, being placed 2nd in both the Dunedin and Invercargill Competitions.
Well done Theo!





# BOOK FAIR





There were many wonderful entries in the Book Fair Colouring Competition and it was very hard to choose the winners. The above children all won vouchers to spend on books, posters or stationery at the Book Fair, and there were an additional nine children who received a Special Mention and received a pencil as their prize.

## Just hanging at the Book Fair .....







#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 22 June - Otago Chess Championships 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 - Stars on Stage

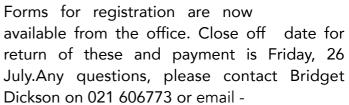
#### **■** SCHOLASTIC

**BOOK CLUB** 

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

#### **SAVE THE DATE** School Ski Weekend -Cardrona, Wanaka





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

Ngā 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



#### **Homestay Families for International Students**

We are seeking homestay families residing within the Bayfield High School area. If you are able to offer a caring environment and have the ability to communicate well with young people from different cultures on a short term or long term basis, please **Felicity Tombs** homestay@bayfield-high.school.nz or please Phone: 455 0113 ext 730 or 027 348 0648.



#### **Announcement**

#### We are now open over the School Holidays

#### Other great reasons to enrol today:

- Zero Fees for over 3 year olds.
- Outings in our kindy van
- Enrolments for 2 6 year olds Email: <a href="mailto:info@andybaykindy.co.nz">info@andybaykindy.co.nz</a>
- → Weekly bush walks
- Fully certificated teachers
- → Open 8:15am 2:45pm

Phone: 03 454 2242

#### **ENTERTAINMENT** BOOK 2019/2020

2 more weeks 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 just 5 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 or buy a digital copy. Sales will be closed from 5 July.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

# ADVENTURE PLUS!



#### **0800 SCOUTS**

couts.org.nz

Scouting teaches valuable skills that prepare our young people for life. Activities include weekend camps, canoeing, abseiling, hikes, interesting term programmes and outdoor skills

Ocean Beach Scout Group - 63 Victoria Road

Keas – age 5-8, Wednesday 5.15pm – 6.15pm Cubs – age 8 – 10, Wednesday 6.30pm – 8pm Scouts – age 10 – 15, Monday 7pm – 8.30pm

Scouting is for girls and boys of all ages, if your child is interested please contact:

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