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**WELCOME TO  
JOEL, WARDA  
AND AMER  
WHO HAVE ALL STARTED  
AT OUR SCHOOL OVER  
THE PAST WEEK**



## NGĀ MANU CROSS COUNTRY



The Ngā Manu children all competed in the school Cross Country Run yesterday morning in glorious sunshine! Teams of children will be selected from the finishers (in various age groups) to compete in the Ariki Cross Country next term against other primary school teams from within our Cluster Area.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## *Kia ora koutou*

Yesterday our Year 4-6 students participated in the Ariki Cross Country run off. This is to determine who has qualified for the Ariki Cross Country event in Term 3. I would like to thank the teachers for putting on this event, as well as the parents who volunteered their time as marshalls.

I would like to thank Gaylene O'Brien for her role as Returning Officer for the Board of Trustees Elections, as well as Caitlin Jenkins for assisting her. The confirmed results can be read on the opposite page. I would like to thank everyone who put themselves forward for this important role. Thank you so much to Jean Sutherland for your years of dedication to the school's Board of Trustees. Jean leaves the school's finances in wonderful order and she has always ensured that resources are put where they need to be to support the tamariki at our school. It has been a pleasure working with her and on behalf of the school, BoT and community, I would like to thank her for her dedication to the students, staff and parent community of Grant's Braes School. I would like to congratulate Rachel Brown, Trudie Evans, Paul Stevenson, Nic Wall and Steph Woodley who have been appointed onto the Board. I look to continuing to build upon the work has been undertaken and continue to enhance our wonderful school.

## Continued Road Safety Issues

Unfortunately, I am still getting reports of parents/caregivers parking illegally to pick up or drop off their children before and after school. This puts our students' safety at risk, breaks road rules and inconveniences local residents. The school has tried a variety of measures to stop this; through the school newsletter, placement of signs at dangerous areas, requesting police presence around the school, to name a few. As these measures do not seem to be making a difference to a few parents/caregivers, I have no other option then to provide the registration plate numbers of offending vehicles to the local police for them to follow up on. I would like to thank the majority of our parents/caregivers for adhering to the road rules and ensuring that they are putting the safety of our students first.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## **PIWAKAWAKA AND TOROA CATCHUP**



In Toroa and Pīwakawaka everyone has been creating their own marae on 'Cospace', a virtual reality website, to inform people of the importance of the marae and the significant features that can be seen. Each Wednesday we also watch a video that answers our 'Wondering of the Week', today's was 'why do we have eyebrows?' Akein, Dominic, Jonty and Ethan shared their presentation with us about their time at National Young Leaders Day where they listened to several different inspiring speakers who shared their life stories and what they think makes a good leader!



# BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

## Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

### Parent Representative Votes

Mohammad Abdel Rahim	8	Rachel Brown	82
Maggie Burgess	74	Amie Curtis	49
Trudie Evans	89	Richelle Hampton	16
Paul Stevenson	128	Nicola Wall	111
Stephanie Woodley	119		
Invalid Votes	2		

### The following are duly elected:

Rachel Brown

Trudie Evans

Paul Stevenson

Nicola Wall

Stephanie Woodley

### Staff Representative

At the close of nominations, there was only one valid nomination received. Therefore, I advise the following duly elected:

Desiree Wispinski

Gaylene O'Brien  
RETURNING OFFICER

# Extra Spelling Quiz



Three teams represented Grant's Braes School at the Extra Spelling Quiz on Wednesday afternoon. They were competing against 45 other teams from throughout Dunedin. They had 10 rounds of questions doing different things such as spelling hard words, guessing word origins and dictionary skills. All three teams placed in the top 16 which was a fantastic result.

## STEAM LEARNING



In Rata & Kowhai as part of our STEAM learning we introduced the children to Botleys. Botleys are a coding robot where the children can create an algorithm to tell the robot what to do. Our task was to get it across the river (a grid) in an interesting and creative way. There was some great problem solving as we discovered bugs in our algorithms. It was lots of fun! They are also very clever and can follow a black line. We had fun putting together the black line puzzle pieces to test how clever the robot is. We also revisited other activities such as Code spark, the coding mice and unplugged activities.



The **Annual Book Fair** is coming to our school again next week. A Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Reading for pleasure, inside and outside of school, has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

Make plans to join your child at our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Classes will all be given the opportunity to come and visit early in the week to view the books, posters and stationary. As usual, they will be given 'wish lists' to bring home to talk over with parents and caregivers. However, please note that children are made aware these are indeed just 'wish lists' and that their parents/caregivers may or may not be able to purchase books for them. Perhaps the children could use their pocket money to get something, or do some extra jobs over the weekend to earn some money to bring to school to buy from the Book Fair.

From the sales, our school earns a percentage to go back on buying books from the Fair for our library so this is a real 'win-win' situation.

**The Book Fair will be open next Monday 17 June through to Thursday 20 June from 8.30am-9.00am, and then from 3.00pm-3.30pm. There will be a late night on Wednesday night, 19 June through until 6.00pm.**

Payment for the items from the Book Fair can be either **cash, cheque or EFTPOS**, and Scholastic also provide a credit card machine, so Visa or MasterCard is also accepted.

We look forward to seeing you next week!



## **BOOK CHARACTER 'DRESS-UP DAY' & SAUSAGE SIZZLE/ICE BLOCKS**



**NEXT THURSDAY 19 JUNE**

**Come to school dressed as your favorite book character!!!! (no donation required)**

**Orders are now open on KINDO for next week's Sausage Sizzle and these will close at 9am next Tuesday morning (NO late orders as we need to get the orders in to our suppliers!)**



## 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

## Lost Property



### DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE ITEMS?

They are in our Lost Property Box! If yours, please collect before the end of the term, or they will be donated to a worthwhile organisation.

## Wā TUHURA WEEK 6



Last week's focus was - Participating and Contributing, and the Stars were Martyna, Nishi, Fisher, Yolanda, Alex Y, Anthony, Hunter R, Hunter W, Martin, Alex S, Callan, Gregor, Olivia S, Neve, Anahera, Maisie H, Ruby, Theo, Sam, Caitlin, Belle, Mia, Ella, Srinath, Adriana, Juno, Enya, Olivia A, Devon, Brooke, Frankie, Charlie G, Mark, Yash, Cole Berry, Max N, Marshall, Paige, Cooper, Ashton, Charlie St and Will H.

## HEALTH ISSUES

- \* There has been notification of '**Hand Foot and Mouth Disease**' within our school. This disease is a mild, infectious viral illness that most frequently occurs in young children. Symptoms include fluid-filled blisters that appear on the hands, feet and inside of the mouth, which makes diagnosis relatively straight-forward. No specific medical treatment is required as Hand Foot and Mouth Disease is usually short-lasting. Paracetamol is recommended to help relieve symptoms. Children should be kept home from school while the blisters in their mouth and on their hands and feet are present.
- \* **Headlice** has also again been notified and we would ask that parents regularly check, and treat their children's hair if signs of eggs, or live lice are found. Please do not send your child to school until they have been treated appropriately. It is also important for children with longer hair to tie their hair back as this is known to reduce the likelihood of lice being passed on.

## EARLY NOTIFICATION - PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are scheduled for Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July.

For parents of children in Room Kea, as Jen Stevenson has advised, interviews will be held on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June.

For families who have children in all the other classrooms, information in regards to booking interview times through the School Interviews website will be included in next week's newsletter.

School Reports are going home on Friday 28 June.

### PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### Netball

Rebels - Ruby (Pukeko)  
Diamonds - Yash (Piwakawaka)  
Steel - Chloe (Kowhai)

#### Hockey

Kiwisticks - Will (Pukeko)  
Miniskicks - Cole (Tawa)

## HELP NEEDED!

The PTA are running a Sausage Sizzle NEXT Thursday 20 June as part of Book Week. We need three parent helpers between 11.45am & 12.45pm to help cook & serve the sausages. Please consider a small donation of your time to help run an event the kids love. Please contact Jolene ASAP on 0272396788.



## KIDS X COUNTRY SERIES 2019



EVENT 1: JUNE 16TH, STARTING AT 9.30AM, CORSTORPHINE PARK, DUNEDIN

EVENT 2: JUNE 29TH, STARTING AT 12.30PM, WINGATUI RACECOURSE, MOSGIEL

EVENT 3: JULY 20TH, STARTING AT 12.30PM, WAIKOUAITI RACECOURSE, WAIKOUAITI

EVENT 4: AUGUST 4TH, STARTING AT 9.30AM, MEMORIAL PARK, MOSGIEL

EVENT 5: AUGUST 18TH STARTING AT 9.30AM, ROTARY PARK, DUNEDIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENTER GO TO  
[WWW.ATHLETICSOTAGO.CO.NZ](http://WWW.ATHLETICSOTAGO.CO.NZ)





## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 17 - Thurs 20 June - Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs 20 June - Book Character Dress Up Day  
and Sausage Sizzle

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-Wed 28 Aug - Stars on Stage

(we will be on one night only, yet to be confirmed)

## 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).

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**  
**ISSUE 4** Brochures went home with the children last week. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday, 28 June 2019.

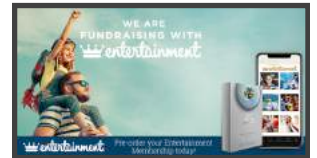


Did you know that there are children in New Zealand who have never worn a new pair of pyjamas in their lives.

**LAST DAY FOR DROP-OFFS -  
TOMORROW, FRIDAY 14TH**

Foster Hope are again running their annual new pyjama drive leading up to winter. One of the reasons that Foster Hope specifically ask for new summer or winter pyjamas (aged 0-18 years) is that many of these children have never had a brand new pair of their very own and knowing that someone has shopped especially for them is a huge boost to their self-esteem. We want this to be a positive experience as some foster children tend to feel like a bit like second hand kids themselves. Anything we can do to help them feel loved and valued is a huge part of what we do. Postie and The Warehouse currently have pyjamas at really good prices so please consider buying one pair, two pair or maybe even three pair and pop into the box in the foyer to support this great cause.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2019/2020



The 2018/2019 Books are about to run out this Saturday 1 June 2019!!

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](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26014m9)

We are going to close off our school sales at the end of this Term.

## 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 contact Felicity Tombs at email [homestay@bayfield-high.school.nz](mailto:homestay@bayfield-high.school.nz) or please Phone: 455 0113 ext 730 or 027 348 0648.

**Babysitter Available** - Sensible, reliable and honest 14 year old girl, available for babysitting and childcare duties. Can be delivered & collected in Andy Bay/Waverley area. Available for 'in your own home' day care during school holidays. Contact Paige Brown 022 4250754, [pebn2005@gmail.com](mailto:pebn2005@gmail.com) or Rachel on 021 735459.