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Grant's Braes continues to be a busy place! Shown above are our Drama Enrichment Group working with Esther (Fridays); Ngā Manu children reading with the lovely children from Grant's Braes Kindergarten; our eight House Leaders with Mr Howell at the Dunedin Hall before the National Young Leaders Day last Friday, and the amazing self-portraits from Room Toroa on display in the foyer at 55 Hanover St where the Centre of International Health, Injury Prevention Research Unit and Dept of GP and Rural Health are based. (All part of the University of Otago, Dunedin School of Medicine.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend with your families, and therefore this shorter week at school and work.

Winter has certainly arrived and therefore this is a good opportunity to remind you that children are able to wear navy thermals/polyprops (as part of school uniform) underneath their school polo shirt. The classrooms are well heated but it is important the children have enough layers when playing outside or going to or from school.

There has also been a lot of sickness about again over these first few weeks of this term. Can I please ask that you notify the school via email or phone call (leave a message on answer phone if not answered) as soon as possible - before 9.00am - to let us know your child will not be coming in, thus saving our office staff considerable time following up with parents/caregivers. It is also important for us to know this to ensure the safety of your child.

Board of Trustee voting papers are required to be returned to the school office by **NOON tomorrow**, **Friday 7 June.** If you haven't already dropped yours in, please do so as every vote counts towards who will form our new Board of Trustees. The five people who are successful in becoming our new Board will serve for a three year term through to 2022.

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



Ruru have been using a program called Tinkercad and our new laser cutter to make designs for a name logo. This is combining science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics skills - this is known as STEAM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nine nominations were received, and Voting Papers, along with a return envelope and a booklet with Candidates' Statements in, were sent out last week.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Please note that voting closes at <u>noon TOMORROW, FRIDAY 7 JUNE</u>. Only one voting paper per envelope please or the votes are invalid. Please place the envelope containing your voting paper into 'Milly the Mailbox'.

We have been advised by NZ Post that it is recommended for parents who intend to to post in their voting papers that they do this **TODAY**, **Thursday 6 June** to ensure they are counted as valid. <u>Postal votes will be accepted until 12 June if date stamped before 12 noon on 7 June</u>.

To ensure your votes are valid, please

- put their voting papers in the post TODAY if at all possible
- hand deliver the voting papers to our school office before voting closes.
- let us know immediately if you haven't yet received your voting paper. Votes are counted on Thursday 13 June and the results will be declared to our school community as soon as possible after that.

WINTER SPORTS DRAWS

To quickly and easily access the draws for hockey, netball and miniball each week, go direct to our school website link as below https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/ourlearning/sports-draws-winter

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

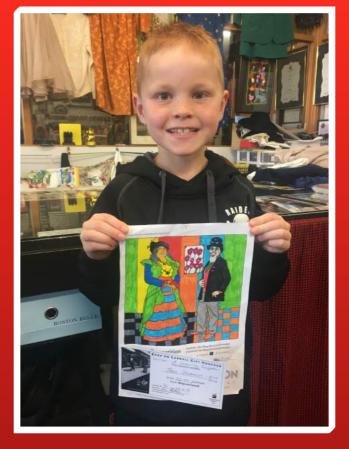
<u>Netball</u> Swifts - Delilah (Toroa) Mystics - Juliette (Toroa) Rebels - Sophia (Matai) Magic - Kiera (Tawa) <u>Hockey</u> Kiwisticks - Charlie S (Pukeko)

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.

WELL DONE THEO!



Theo entered the recent 'Shop on Carroll' Colouring Competition that was offered to all our children, and as you will see here, his entry was fantastic. Well done Theo for WINNING and we hope you enjoy spending your voucher.



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 Primary School Chess Fri 28 June - School Reports home Wed 3/Thur 4 July - School Interviews

Fri 5 July - Last day of Term 2 Mon 26-Wed 28 Aug - Stars on Stage (we will be on one night only, yet to be confirmed)

SCHOLASTIC SCHOLASTIC

ISSUE 4 Brochures have gone home with the children today. Orders to be in by <u>9am</u>, <u>Friday</u>, <u>28 June 2019</u>.

BOOK CLUB



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

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 do 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 fover to support this great cause.



ANNUAL BOOK FAIR Monday 17th - Thurs 20th June *Office Area* Start the children doing chores nowto earn some money to buy great value books!!

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.

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 7 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

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