



# Grant's Braes School

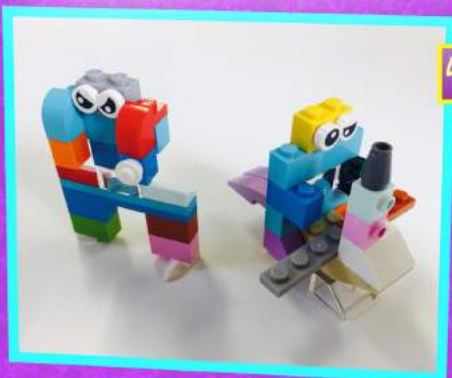
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## SCHOOLS A BUSY PLACE!



LEGO CLUB UNDERWAY



FUN LEARNING FRENCH WITH MISS PEARSON ON FRIDAYS!!!



WĀ TUHURA TIME CONTINUES IN NGĀ MANU



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Kia ora koutou*

Another wonderful week at Grant's Braes School! I hope you are all enjoying the Autumn weather and the colours that the seasons brings!

I would like to welcome Trudie Evans who has been co-opted on to the Board of Trustees. Trudie is now a full member of the BoT and her co-option was to aid the process of financial succession planning. Due to the co-option, Trudie resigned from her Treasurer's position on the PTA Executive and I would like to thank her for the diligent work she performed in this role. As a result, the PTA internally appointed Sonya Power on to the PTA Executive as the Treasurer. I would like to thank these two for accepting these positions and I know they will do an amazing job for our school.

Unfortunately, we are having a spate of parents/caregivers who are parking unsafely and illegally when either picking up or dropping off their children at school. This puts our students and other pedestrians in danger. Please ensure you are driving as per the road rules at all times. I would also like to remind all parents and students the importance of using the two school crossings that we operate in the afternoons. These are set up to manage the busy, narrow roads that surround our school and offer a safe place to cross. It is important that all users of these crossings wait until they are invited to cross, walk between the cones and straight across the road. I would also like to take the time to thank the parent helpers and the Year 6 students for running these crossings, sometimes in extreme weather! Please take the time to let them know that you appreciate them giving up their time for your safety.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## KOWHAI & RATA CLASS CATCHUP



Kowhai and Rata are developing their play based learning, particularly in their Maths and Literacy times. The photos above show the children in their new 'shop' established last term; water play in the new outdoor sink; building and making on the woodwork table; coding and making 'Rewana Bread' after the Tiger Reading Group read a story about this.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS



The Board Elections are coming up and letters and nomination forms have been sent out to all parents and caregivers. Those parents who were able to collect their envelope from the office on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and all others were posted Wednesday afternoon so you should receive this in your mailbox in the next few days. The informal is all self-explanatory; however if you have any queries, Gaylene is the Returning Officer for our School for these Elections so please contact her.

Also, there is some very good information on the School Trustee Elections website - [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz) ; click on the 'Becoming a Trustee' section and it provides a lot of relevant, up to date information.

## Dates to note are -

**24 May** : Nominations close

There are five available positions on the Board and if there are more than five nominations, voting will take place, and voting papers will be sent out.

**7 June** : Voting closes

**13 June** : Votes counted and results declared

A copy of the full Electoral Roll is available in the Office Reception area, above 'Milly the Mailbox' and you are welcome to call in to view this if you wish.

As nominations for Candidates come in, the names of these people will be displayed.

## IMPORTANT 'STARS ON STAGE' INFORMATION



Unfortunately, we have been informed that only 100 children will be allowed to take part in 'Stars on Stage' this year. Therefore, the decision has been made to make this year's performance for Year 5s and 6s only. The Year 4's will get the opportunity to participate in 2021 when they are a Year 6.

Apologies for the changes but this is beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding. *Lewis Howell*

## PLAYER OF THE DAY

Hockey Kiwisticks - 8.5.19 - Taylor (Toroa)



## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE



Mother's Day is THIS Sunday 12th May, and the PTA are again running their "Mother's Day Raffle".

As per previous years, the raffle is all about the children bringing along their money to buy the tickets - 50c each. Please have your children put the correct money in an envelope, and write their name, class number and how many tickets they wish to buy on the front and drop into 'Milly the Mailbox' by 9am TOMORROW Friday (10th May). Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis. The raffle will be drawn and winners announced at Assembly on Friday 10th May.

## WINTER SPORTS START DATES

Forthcoming dates are -

- \* Year 5/6 Netball : Tuesday 14 May
- \* Year 3/4 Netball : Tuesday 4 June
- \* Kiwihoops Miniball : All teams on Thursday 23 May

Our **LEGO CLUB** would love any donations of spare Lego that you may have! If you have any you would be willing to donate to our school, please drop into either Jess McAuley (Kowhai) or the office. Thanks.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 15 May - Playhouse Theatre

Fri 17 May - Pukeko/Ruru Assembly

Monday 20 May - BOT Meeting

Thurs 23 May - Chess Power Tournament

Fri 31 May - **Pink** Anti-Bullying Muffi Day and Sausage Sizzle

Mon 3 June - Queens Birthday

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 Championships

Fri 28 June - School Reports home

Fri 5 July - Last day of Term 2

## 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.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### BOOK 2019/2020

### PRE-SALES ARE

### OPEN!!



Please support the school and click on the link below to order your new Entertainment Book for 2019 (now) / 2020 (1 June). Includes 50 new offers including Virgin Australia and Qatar Airways 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 by copying and pasting the link below !!

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

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**  
**ISSUE 3** Brochures went home with children last week. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday 24 May.

**MUSIQHUB**  
PLAY SMART

at Grants Braes School

MusiqHub Guitar is looking forward to welcoming new students in Term 2. The lessons feature:

- small group learning (max of 4 per group)
- conveniently located at the school
- exclusive access to MusiqHub lessons online
- quality teaching manuals
- end of year concert backed by a live band
- tuition from MusiqHub registered tutors

For more information please email Tim Davis at [tim.davis@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:tim.davis@musiqhub.co.nz) or call / text on 027 4895957  
[www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz)

**TE NGAHERE** would still appreciate any donations of the following items for their Pataitai time. If you can help, please send them along to Mrs McAuley in Room Kowhai.

- \* Off cuts of wood
- \* Barbies & dolls
- \* Marbles
- \* Outdoor kitchen equipment
- \* Old electronic devices for the children to deconstruct (don't need to work)
- \* Screwdrivers/hammers
- \* Matchbox cars
- \* Materials/buttons

**Leith Cross Country Relays "Ponydales"**  
**Saturday 18 May 2019**

**Venue:** Dunedin Pony Club Grounds, Three Mile Hill Road, Dunedin  
**First race starts at 12:45pm.**

**ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?**

Get a team together made up of families, friends, school or work mates. There is no prerequisite that runners need to belong to a running club to enter.

Entries are open to runners in teams of 1, 2, 3 or 4 team members – the only rule is that the team must complete the 8,000m or 16,000m course and team runner changes occur at the start finish area. Primary school children run a 650m lap course and there is even a race for children under 7. Intermediate school children have the option to enter a team in the 2000m lap course.

**PONYDALES CHALLENGE:** Runners start running at race 1 start time and run laps for the entire afternoon. How many laps can be completed before the last team competitor in race 4 has finished?

Free entry for children of intermediate school age and below  
All other ages entry fee is \$10 per team member.

Check website [leithharriers.com](http://leithharriers.com) for further details  
or contact Margaret 0274696688 or 4766288 or email [raybmarg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raybmarg@xtra.co.nz)

**FOUND** - small silver ring found in Room Kowhai. If this is yours, please call in to the office.

**Lost Polar Fleece named BENTLEY.** Please check your child's fleece and if found, return to Room Kea. Thanks.