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**WELCOME TO
LOCKIE, ISLA,
CHARLOTTE AND HENRY
WHO ALL STARTED IN
ROOM KEA ON MONDAY**



OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE SCHOOL



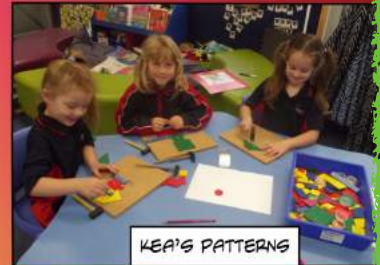
LITERACY TIME IN NGĀ MANU



KIERA'S AMAZING
MATHS WORK



KOWHAI'S LEGO TOWER



KEA'S PATTERNS



'BIRTHDAY GIRL' WORKING
HARD WITH CLAUDIA



NEW WOODWORK TABLE A HIT WITH RATA
AND KOWHAI CHILDREN



MS CARSON TEACHING SOME OF THE
KEA CHILDREN



KIWI CHILDREN HARD AT WORK



THESE BOYS ARE ENJOYING
THEIR FOLK DANCING



MRS TE HUNA MATHS
TESTING WITH LUKAS



NGĀ MANU CHILDREN
WORKING HARD IN
BREAKOUT SPACE



'POETRY SLAM' TIME
IN TOROA



MATAI & TAWA CHILDREN
ENJOY FOLK DANCING

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the new term. It was lovely to see the sun again over these past two days after the deluge and wind on Monday! The students have returned rested, happy and excited to be back with their friends and ready for their learning. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed time with your whānau.

I would like to welcome Lauren Carson, who has been employed to take over from Candice Booyens when she finishes at our school later in the term, and will continue to teach this class until the end of the year.

Next week will see the start of the winter sports season and I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have offered to coach or manage the sports teams. A large number of our students benefit from your dedication and it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Jen Stevenson for all of the work she has done co-ordinating the sports and organising the teams.

At the end of this term you will receive a mid year report for your children and this will be followed by parent/teacher interviews. The interviews are very important as they are used to not only discuss the progress and achievement of your child, but also their next steps in their learning, whether they need any support or extension and how you can help at home. Our online booking system will be opened up two weeks before the interviews.

The first PTA meeting of the term is next Tuesday, 7 May starting at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along and support this important group.

As we are entering the winter months and the days are becoming shorter, it is important to remind you all on our procedures around dealing with adverse weather conditions. The school may start later in the morning, or a decision may be made for all schools not to open at all. This decision is not made lightly and is made by a number of representatives from the Otago Primary Principals' Association after consultation with police and other agencies. This is made in the best interests of safety for all. A number of our staff, and children too, travel to our school from all areas of town, including many hill suburbs, therefore making driving on the roads very dangerous. In these instances, we will endeavor to contact you as soon as possible via text message and email, but please also check on our website or listen to 97.4 More FM, if you believe the school may be affected in this way.

Term 2 will be another exciting term at our school with lots of wonderful learning opportunities for our students.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL



CONGRATULATIONS
to our Term 1
Principal Award
Winners!

Amelia, Cindy and Sasanka won this award for their Syndicate for being amazing examples of Term 1's Value of 'E Kumanu ana - We Care'.

Kōrari

"Kōrari really helped me understand what it's like to be a school trustee"



An informal session for those interested in school board elections.

Location: Edgar Centre, DUNEDIN, Tuesday 9 April, 6.00pm

Attendance is FREE. All welcome. RSVP to: ishelley@nzsta.org.nz

Kōrari - a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

For more information contact us on 0800 782 435.



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The Board Elections are coming up and early next week a letter and nomination form will be sent home to all parents and caregivers. This 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.

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 will be available at the Office Reception from tomorrow, 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.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Mother's Day is next 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 next Friday (10th May). Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis. The raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 10th May.



2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This will be open tomorrow, Friday from 2.45pm-3.15pm.

For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform items, please text Andrea on 021 08200287.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 3 Brochures went home with children today. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday 24 May.

'**CHAMPIONS**' is the CRE (Christian religious education) programme run most Thursdays mornings before school, 8.30am-9.00am for children in Years 3-6.

This recommences for Term 2 next Thursday, 9th May in the Hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

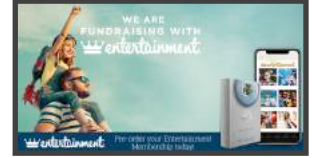
Wed 15 May - Playhouse Theatre
Fri 17 May - Pukeko/Ruru Assembly
Monday 20 May - BOT Meeting
Thurs 23 May - Chess Power Tournament
Mon 3 June - Queens Birthday
Mon 17 - Thurs 20 June - Scholastic Book Fair
Sat 22 June - Otago Primary School Chess Championships
Fri 28 June - School Reports home
Fri 5 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

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.



Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival 'Things for the kids'

Some fantastic children's authors and illustrators are coming to Dunedin for this Festival 9-12 May.

See the info on the Family Noticeboard for all the dates and times of the various activities

Eclipse Cheerleading is now offering junior recreational cheerleading programmes for primary school athletes ages 5-11.



Cheerleading is an exciting combination of gymnastics, acrobatics, aerobics and dance. It is a great team sport for all ages

Who: Any child aged 5-11

When: 2:30-4pm on Saturday afternoons

Where: Room 208, King Edward Court

Contact Roberta on 0210 844 9019

www.eclipsecheerleading.co.nz

OTAGO MEDICAL STUDENTS PRESENT

TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL



Bring your kids and their sick teddies to see our teddy doctors and dentists!
To book an appointment or for more information, visit our website: tbhdunedin.com

SAT 18TH MAY, 10AM - 2PM

HUNTER CENTRE - corner of Frederick and Great King Streets



VEGGIE BOYS



Colgate



ARCHAEOLOGY IN ACTION

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Family Fun

Become an archaeologist for a day!

Learn to sort and identify shells, analyse adze-sticks, compare animal bones (including moa), reconstruct two ancient ceramic pot puzzles and delve into the gallery trail to investigate the Museum's treasures!

10am-2pm, Saturday 4 May

NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK



NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Free

Atrium Level 1