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WELCOME TO MOSE

**WHO HAS RETURNED TO OUR SCHOOL
AND STARTED IN ROOM PUKEKO
YESTERDAY**



SUCCESSFUL SPORTS EXCHANGE WITH PALMERSTON



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

I would like to thank Palmerston Primary School for being incredible hosts on Tuesday for our Annual Sports Interchange. The organisation on the day was fantastic and all children played with enthusiasm, enjoyment and with a strong sense of fair play. For the second year in a row, the Interchange resulted in a draw and as a result, we were awarded the trophy! Once again, I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her organisation of this event and the parents who took time out of their busy schedule to join us. Lastly, another thank you to the wonderful students who were amazing ambassadors for our school.

I attended a PTA Fair meeting last night which was an incredibly productive meeting. I would like to commend the Sub-Committee for their organisation and preparation for what is going to be a very enjoyable family occasion! If you are available to help at the Fair, and you have not let the PTA know, please contact Dee Isaacs (027 3331194). Remember to save the date, Sunday 3 November. Also, I look forward to seeing the tamariki at the PJ Disco tomorrow night. A huge thank you to the PTA for their organisation and Magic Kids Club for supplying the DJs, equipment and flashy lights. The kids will have a ball!

Next week will be a very busy and exciting week with Stars on Stage on Monday. I know the students are going to shine on the stage of the Regent Theatre and I would like to thank Lewis Howell for directing and choreographing the performance, as well as the teachers who are involved. I would also like to thank everyone else who has given their time, knowledge and skills to ensure this will be a polished spectacle! Also, next week are the Ngā Manu Ōtakou Marae visits on Thursday and Friday, and we have two teams of Year 5-6 students competing in the annual O'Mathalon Competition on Wednesday. Another exciting week at Grant's Braes School!!!

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL



Last Friday, our group of Ukulele children enjoyed playing the many pieces they had rehearsed over recent weeks, with other Dunedin Primary School children at the Dunedin Town Hall. As part of the Ukulele Jam, the opportunity was given for children to make and design their own ukelele, or to make a concept design of one. There were some fabulous creations made, and we were very proud of both Edward and Emily who gained prizes for their work. Come and see the four on display on the wall opposite the Office wall.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OUR PERFORMANCE IS NEXT MONDAY 26TH AUGUST, SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK TICKETS FOR THIS NIGHT
(THERE ARE THREE NIGHTS OF PERFORMANCES!)



Tickets went on sale on Monday 12th August, and these can be purchased via TicketDirect - online www.ticketdirect.co.nz or www.ticketrocket.co.nz. Tickets are also available by phone – 03 4778597 or 08004TICKET. In-person counter sales are available from Regent Theatre box office or the Edgar Centre. Prices are adults \$18, children \$10. Students and seniors with ID are \$16.

****Stars on Stage Rehearsal Performance****

For any parents who wish to come along and view the children at a full rehearsal, this will be held **TOMORROW**, Friday 23 August @ 12 noon.

POLYFEST 2019

Our students have all been busy rehearsing for this year's Polyfest.

We have just had notification that our School groups will be performing on **Thursday 12 September**. The following are the 'approximate' times for our two groups.

- 1.15pm - Teina (Te Ngahere & Kohanga)
- 2.15pm - Tuakana (Ngā Manu Y4-6)

Further information will be provided nearer the time.



BAYFIELD ART EXHIBITION

Congratulations to Devon who won 1st place with his artwork, and to Martyna who was Highly Commended for hers.
We were very proud of all the art entered from our children.





The visit from the Life Education Bus this week, with Maria and Harold, has proven to be a great hit with the children and they have enjoyed their lessons from the Health Curriculum being presented in this way.

MORE PALMERSTON SPORTS EXCHANGE PHOTOS



Our thirty children who represented our school in the annual Sports Exchange with Palmerston Primary School on Tuesday were a great credit to our School. They played fairly and with great spirit and this was 'topped off' with Grant's Braes bringing back the trophy to be housed on our Trophy Shelf in the office foyer for the year!

SUMMER SPORTS!!

Registrations are open now for Rippa (Y3-6), Touch (Y3-6)
Futsal (all ages) and Teeball (all ages)

All information regarding this was emailed home to all families last Friday, so check your INBOX if you haven't yet seen it.

As usual, all registrations are required to be done through **KINDO**. Please ensure you **CHECKOUT** (even though no money is transacted) for the registration to go through. Do not leave it in the cart!!!

Closing Date is **5.00pm Friday 6 September** and this will be strictly adhered to as Jen Stevenson needs to get teams formulated and registered, and this is a HUGE undertaking.

Any queries, please contact Jen - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz



Our GB Swifts Team were the Winners of their Grade in this year's competition. Well done girls!

HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE DAY

KiwiSticks

Mia (Toroa) - 22/8

Evan (Pukeko) - 14/8

This is the GB Diamonds team pictured with their Coach, Lisa following their last game of the season. Grace (Pukeko) was their Player of the Day





FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Father's Day is Sunday 1 September, and the PTA are again running their "Father'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 name and how many tickets they wish to buy on the front and drop into 'Milly the Mailbox' by 9.00am next Friday 30 August. Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis. (Spare envelopes are available from on top of 'Milly the Mailbox'.)

The raffle prize winners will be announced at Assembly on Friday 30 August.



****MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!****

Grants Braes School Fair to be held

Sunday 3rd November 2019

See letter attached for lots of important info



Time to start sorting out!!!!

The Fair Committee are ready for the drop off of donations of the following items into the boxes in the Reception Area

- * SMALL White Elephant items
- * Books * Clothing
- * Toys (in good working order/condition)

DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR CHOCOLATE WHEEL PRIZES FOR OUR SCHOOL FAIR

There is a bright and beautiful **BIG** box waiting for our families to please contribute items suitable as Chocolate Wheel prizes! This is the 'PERFECT' opportunity to re-gift those items sitting around home just gathering dust!!

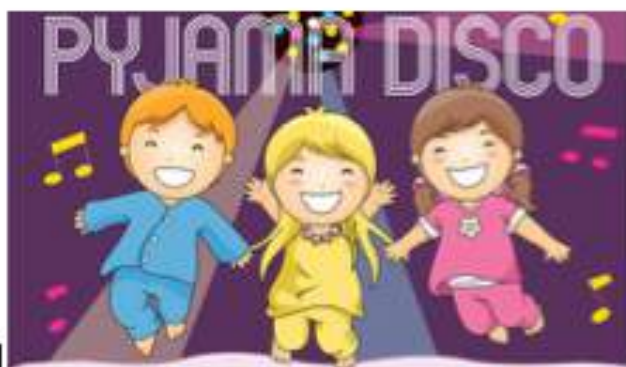
Some ideas are - boxes of chocolates (pls check expiry date!), stationery, gift vouchers, double-ups of games, toys, toasters..... Anythings that's "new but not really you"!!!



CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Recently we have had a number of children arriving at school very early, and this causes a safety concern for us. Classrooms are closed until 8.30am as teachers are often in meetings or completing their preparation for the day in the staffroom which means children are unsupervised.

Children can arrive at school from 8.15am and they are to sit quietly under the canopy outside Toroa until the bell rings @ 8.30am.



Friday 23 August

Year 0-3

6.00-6.45pm

Supper 6.45-7.00pm

Year 4-6

7.00-7.45pm

Supper 7.45-8.00pm

Entry is a gold coin for ingredients for fair baking.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 23 Aug - Pyjama Disco
Mon 26 August - Stars on Stage
Thurs 29 Aug - Ruru & PW Marae Visit
- OMathalon
Fri 30 Aug - Toroa & Pukeko Marae Visit
Tues 3 Sept - PTA Meeting, 7pm
Wed 4 Sept - Current Events Quiz
Thurs 5 Sept - ICAS Science Exam
Thurs 12 Sept - Polyfest Performances
Tues 17 Sept - ICAS English Exam
- PTA & Fair Meeting, 7.00pm
Thurs 19 Sept - ICAS Maths Exam
Fri 20 Sept - Sausage Sizzle & Mufti
Mon 23 Sept - BOT Meeting
Fri 27 Sept - Last day of Term 3
Mon 14 Oct - First day of Term 4
Wed 30 Oct - School Photos
Thurs 19 Dec - Last day of Term 4
Mon 3 Feb - First day of Term 1, 2020

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 6 Brochures went home with the children yesterday. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday, 6 September 2019.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE MATERIAL OR FABRIC JUST 'SITTING AROUND' AT HOME?

Rooms Kowhai and Rata would really love anything you could provide. Please drop in to their rooms. Thank you.

DAFFODIL DAY

Next Friday 30 August is Daffodil Day, and as usual, throughout next week there will be fabric daffodils available from the office counter, for a donation to The Cancer Society.

It would be good to see lots of our staff and children wearing these next Friday.



Grant's Braes Kindergarten

Grant's Braes Kindergarten currently have vacancies needing to be filled. We offer 30 hours free per week for those aged 3 and over and very reasonable rates for 2 year olds. We offer a wonderful outdoor environment, and pride ourselves on our community involvement. If you have a child who would be interested in joining us at Kindy please contact us.

Phone 454 3407
E mail - grantsbraes@dk.org.nz
Or pop in for a visit and chat.
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Tahuna Normal Intermediate Enrolments 2020

Reminder that the closing date for enrolments is 3pm on Monday 2nd September. These can be done online at <https://tahuna.school.nz/enrol/> or at the school office. The office can also answer any questions regarding our enrolment zone.



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SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday 3rd November 2019



Calling all builders – we are looking for someone to construct a haunted house. Are you up for the task of converting the top field fort into a temporary haunted house?

The kids love the haunted house so please help us out - get in touch with Jane Butterfield or email grantsbraesschoolfair@gmail.com to chat about options.

Raffle prizes / Chocolate Wheel prizes

A huge portion of our fair fundraising comes from items we use for the chocolate wheel and raffles. Do you, your business or employer have something to donate? We can promote your business on our Facebook event page, on the school website and at the fair itself.

Chocolate wheel prizes can go into the large purple box in the office or contact Sonya Power or email grantsbraesschoolfair@gmail.com to discuss sponsorship and donation options.



Thanks to all who have already dropped off items for the School Fair. We are still collecting items. Please bring smaller items into school and place in the allocated boxes in the main office area.

Children's Clothing and Adult's Clothing - Quality, clean, pre-loved clothing

White Elephant - Household items – kitchen, living, art, tools, furniture, linen and so on... if you've been thinking of having a clear out at home, we'd be happy to take the items off your hands.

If you have larger items, we can arrange a time for you to drop off. Please contact Kim Crawford or email grantsbraesschoolfair@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

Toys, games, puzzles – the toy stall is always a favourite at the fair. Drop these into the allocated box or contact Rachel Brown (rachel.brown@op.ac.nz) for any queries.

Plants and Produce - if you have any plants, produce or craft items that you'd like to donate, please contact Jane Butterfield (janebutterfield@hotmail.com) to arrange drop off or collection.

Books - there's nothing like reading a book. Share your love of literacy by dropping some pre-read books into the allocated boxes and be sure to pop along to the fair to restock your library.

Have you considered volunteering at the school fair for an hour or two? The children love seeing their families involved and we'd really appreciate it ☺

Send questions or suggestions to Dee Isaacs (deidre.isaacs@hotmail.com) or contact the school office.