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GREAT SUPPORT FOR HEART KIDS OTAGO



Last Friday's RED Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle was a huge success with all the children getting into the spirit of this in support of Arianah and Heart Kids Otago.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

The mornings are significantly getting lighter, which indicates spring is just around the corner! However, we have had to endure some bitterly cold winds of late!

This forthcoming week there are a lot of exciting learning opportunities for our students to be involved in. Tomorrow our Ukelele Group will be travelling to the Town Hall to participate in the annual 'Ukelele Jam'. Rebecca McKeever, Cath King and myself, with some parent helpers will be accompanying the students. Tomorrow, we have Maria, Harold and the Life Education Bus arriving and they will be here for all of next week teaching our students important lessons based around the Health Curriculum. More information will be shared in the teacher's weekly email. On Tuesday, a group of 30 Year 4-6 students will be travelling to Palmerston for the yearly sports interchange (postponement date Thursday 22 August). This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in three different sports and continue to build on the relationship our school has with Palmerston Primary. Jen Stevenson, myself and a group of parents will joining the children on this trip.

Next Friday is the PTA run 'Disco and the theme this year is 'Pyjamas'! At the weekly Class Reps meeting that I hold, I have heard from multiple classes that they would love a 'PJ Day' and a 'Disco', so what better way to organise this than to combine them! I would like to thank Magic Kids Club in advance for supplying the DJ's and equipment! See the information from the PTA in this newsletter for more details.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL



IT WAS AN EXCITING AFTERNOON FOR THESE PRE-SCHOOL BEAR CHILDREN AS MR TAYLOR PRESENTED THEM WITH THEIR BACKPACKS





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

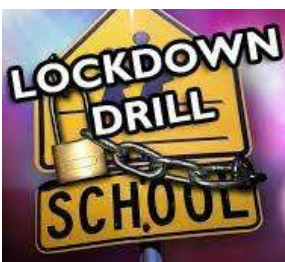
OUR PERFORMANCE IS MONDAY 26TH AUGUST, SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK TICKETS FOR THIS NIGHT
(THERE ARE THREE NIGHTS OF PERFORMANCES!)

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.

Don't leave it too late to buy, as these tickets usually all sell-out!

****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 next Friday 23 August @ 12noon.



At school we have drills for all emergency events: fire, earthquake and lockdown. Do you also have these drills at your house? Make sure you have discussed with your children the best way out of the house if there is a fire and where you will meet as a family once you are all out safely. Have you practiced your “drop, cover, hold” drill at home for an earthquake? It is important that your child feels confident that they know what to do if the worst should happen.

SPORTS UPDATE FROM OUR CO-ORDINATOR

JEN STEVENSON

Our winter sports teams are all wrapping up their final games of Netball, Kiwihoops and Hockey next week. I'd like to thank all the parents who were involved in coaching the teams this season. We are so grateful to have you share your time as well as skills and expertise with the children. Without your help, our children would not have had the opportunity to play for Grant's Braes School.

SUMMER SPORTS!!

Registrations will open NEXT WEEK for Rippa (Y3-6), Touch (Y3-6) Futsal (all ages) and Teeball (all ages).

As usual, all registrations will be required to be done through KINDO and the closing dates will be fully adhered to.

*OUR PALS ARE WONDERFUL SCHOOL LEADERS
AND RUN AWESOME GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE LUNCH BREAKS*



PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball

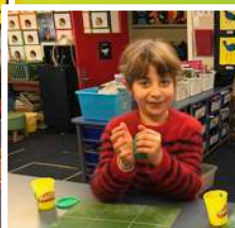
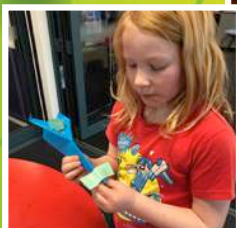
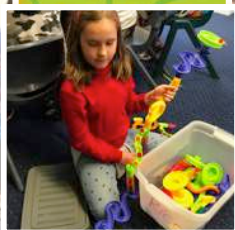
Diamonds - Rebecca
(Toroa) 13/8
- Emily (Ruru) 6/8

CHESS SUCCESS CONTINUES



Last Thursday, our three Chess Teams competed in a Primary Schools competition held at Sacred Heart School in North East Valley. The teams all performed brilliantly, coming in 2nd, 3rd and 4th behind George Street Normal School who won the tournament. Special mention to Yolanda (Ruru) who was 'Best Female' at the Tournament.

Wā Tuhura Week 3



Last week's focus was : E mahi ngātahi ana - We Are, and the following children were the Stars: Marlon, Miller (helping others), Shaun, Alex Y, Amelia Mc, Nishi, Warda, Ashton, Juno, Cindy, Josh (manners), Jack, Leila, Chelsea, Callan, Harry, Daniel, Owen, Ethan, Fisher, Nick W, Nick R, Mark and Olivia S.



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.





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



**Grants Braes School Fair to be held
Sunday 3rd November 2019**

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"!!!



URGENT - CAN YOU HELP OUR PTA?

Please consider offering your help to run this fundraiser, and help our school at the same time!

The PTA would love a keen volunteer to help to co-ordinate the bacon buttie BBQ on Polytech grounds by the Stadium for Fleetwood Mac on Saturday 21 September. If you love bacon, this is the job for you!!

We have a keen group of volunteers ready to cook and serve on the night but need someone who can assist with the preparations of ordering supplies & collecting the BBQ from School on the trailer. If you are keen to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Bridget Dickson on 021606773 or bridget.dickson20@gmail.com



**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.

MUSIQHUB

Music Lessons here at school for guitar, ukulele, drums or piano/keyboard. Yamaha instruments available to hire and buy online. Contact Joel Dalloway, 027 5629830, joel.dalloway@musiqhub.co.nz or visit www.musiqhub.co.nz for further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 16 Aug - Life Ed visit

Mon 19 - Thurs 22 Aug - Life Ed visit

Mon 19 Aug - BOT Meeting

Tues 20 Aug - Palmerston Sports Interchange

Thurs 22 Aug - Palmerston Postponement Date

Fri 23 Aug - Pyjama Disco

Mon 26 August - Stars on Stage

Thurs 29 Aug - Ruru & Piwakawaka 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

Mon 9 Sept - Fri 13 Sept - Polyfest Week

Mon 16 Sept - BOT Meeting

Tues 17 Sept - ICAS English Exam

Thurs 19 Sept - ICAS Maths Exam

Fri 20 Sept - Sausage Sizzle & Muffi

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



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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Free seminar for parents of teens

Parents and caregivers of secondary school students (Years 9-13) are invited to a free 'Parents as Career Educators' seminar on 28 August. The seminar will provide parents with tips and advice to guide their teenagers through the various career and study options available to them in the modern world. This free seminar will cover:

The world of work: looking forward

- How to make informed career decisions now and in the future
- How parents can assist
- Career development resource.

Presented by a career consultant from the University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC), the seminar will assist parents to help their teens consider ALL their options, such as work, university, polytechnic, an apprenticeship, private providers or other possibilities. (This event is NOT about study options at UC.)

The seminar will be held from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Place, Dunedin on Wednesday 28 August 2019. Register online at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/events

Kids Cross Country Series

Event 5

Where: Rotary Park, Dunedin

When: Sunday 18th August 2019 starting at 9.30am

For more information and to register visit www.athleticsotago.co.nz

Spot prizes available!!



After school care information

At after school care we offer the children activities that are designed to explore creativity promote fitness and to encourage the children to learn something new.

At the start of everyday we have mat time to discuss the afternoons activities.

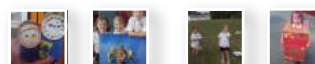
We provide fruit and sandwiches for afternoon tea and often bake or make other fun food items.

Twice a week we offer centre challenges in one of 4 categories: construction, arts, quizz time and sports.

Also we offer outside play time in the school grounds with extra fun activities - our kids choice days are Monday and Friday. Magic also have a prize box/chart for participation, helping and making positive choices.

Centre Challenges

A centre will be given extra money to spend for participation & enthusiasm with our fortnightly challenges.



Homework

We run 20-30 minute homework sessions four days per week, children have the option to read during this time. Supervisors encourage children to do homework and we help and support children where needed.



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Magic Kids Club is proud to support and be part of local school and community events. Such as School fairs/discos and community festivals! Please contact bl@magickidsclub.co.nz for further information.

Magic Kids Club is proud to offer - AIMY

With AIMY everything can be completed online - in the comfort of your own home.

Parents/caregivers can register and book online.

The portal offers a place to view bookings and check accounts.

All important information can be added when registering for the safety of your child/ren.

Holiday Programme Information

Junior (5-9yrs) & Senior (10-14yrs) Holiday Programmes
Designed for children of all ages

We have a range of activities and excursions for every holiday.

With a balance on providing a physical and inclusive environment where children are encouraged to engage in our activities. Our center days are packed with activities including sports, arts & crafts, cooking and fun construction.

We now have 'specialists' visits during our centre days with added exciting science, arts, sports concentrating on specialized learning. Your child/ren will enjoy grow and learn while with Magic, look out for our holiday flyer.

We also have amazing excursions, which are free!

Safe programmes - Oranga Tamariki approved

Affordable rates - WINZ subsidies available

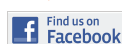
For further information and registration please visit our web site:

www.magickidsclub.co.nz

We would love to hear from you

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admin@magickidsclub.co.nz



Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write, and count. Childhood is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace which is right for each individual child.

