



Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to Tahuna Intermediate on Tuesday morning. This was an 'Open Morning' for the children to see what happens at Intermediate, and to get a taster of some of the fabulous activities that take place there. There are currently Open Nights planned for the various schools in Dunedin and these give families the opportunity to visit and see what school is the best fit for the child next year.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

This week has certainly felt like winter! I hope you are all keeping warm!

I am looking forward to accompanying the athletes who have qualified for the Ariki Cup on Wednesday 7 August (postponement date Friday 9/8/19). I would also like to wish the Chess Team all the best for their tournament next Thursday. We all look forward to see how you all do at these exciting events!

A new entrant student will be starting at our school in Kea next week who has severe allergy to nuts and eggs. The school has received funding from the Ministry of Education to support this student to minimise the risk and he will be supported during break times, as well as making sure the environments are safe for him. An Allergies Policy has been reviewed and will be published on School Docs early next week. The parents have supplied the following statement to share with our parent community. I would also like to welcome Rebecca Then to our Learning Assistant team.

"Our child Ollie is starting school next week and he has severe allergies to all nuts and eggs. Please ensure that the children know not to share their food to others, and to be more cautious in general. Handwashing is very important. Oliver will be in Room Kea. His reactions to these food allergies are severe and could be life-threatening. We would really appreciate your assistance in this matter."

Road Safety

A couple of concerned parents came to the office this morning worried that students and parents/caregivers have been crossing Larnach Road at the corner of Mathieson and Larnach Road, bypassing the Road Patrol operating in the afternoons. I have also noticed this on the Belford crossing too. As reported previously, these two patrols offer a safe place to cross the narrow roads around our school and should always be used. I do , especially on cold, rainy days, that there may be more of a wait due to increased traffic, but I would argue that this increase results in more of a need to use these. I ask that parents and caregivers are good role models for their children by using these correctly.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

A reminder to please contact the office if your child is going to be away sick or for any other reason

It is **important for the safety of our children** that we know that those children who are meant to be at school have arrived safely. If your child is late to school, they should call in at the office on their way to class. If they don't, you will receive a text or phone call from us as they will have already been marked absent on the roll. If you do not notify us about the reason your child is away, the absence will be marked "Unexplained" on the roll. These absences automatically become labelled as "Truant" after five days.

Please note that our phone has a 24 hour message service on it, so you can call at any time if you wish to report an absence. Emailing is also an option - if you email your child's teacher, please also copy office@grantsbraes.school.nz in as sometimes a teacher is away and the relief teacher is not aware of the reason for a child's absence. When the office texts you, you may REPLY to this; however, don't save the number for future messages as these texts come from our Student Management System and are a different number each time.





Well done to our Grant's Braes boys - Levi, Will, Marlon and Max who all play in the same football team for Dunedin Tech. Over the recent school holidays they competed in the Christchurch International Cup, a tournament for children of their grade from throughout New Zealand, and included teams from Sydney also. These dudes played their hearts out and won the cup for their Under 10's Grade. This was a hard fought battle with three penalty shoot outs and they thoroughly deserved their win! They have beautiful gold medals which they are very proud of!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THEO



Theo was placed 1st in last weekend's Otago Champs Gymnastics Competition.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball

Diamonds - Olivia (Toroa)

Rebels - Amelia (Ruru)

READING WITH THE DOGS



Judith and Barbara, along with Meg, Maggie, Kate and Abby (the dogs) come along each Monday to read with children from various classes. Both the children and the dogs (and Barbara and Judith too!) enjoy this time and the great opportunity to enhance their reading skills.



****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 -

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

These can be dropped into the boxes in the corridor in the Reception area from next Monday.

PTA calling for help with a fundraising event

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



**RED MUFTI
DAY AND
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE NEXT
FRIDAY 9TH
AUGUST**

**This is in support
of our Year 4
pupil, Ariah and
other Heart Kids
in the Otago**

**Region. Children are asked to wear RED
and bring a donation along on Friday and
give to their class teacher.**

**Sausages and Ice Blocks can be ordered
via KINDO as usual. This will open this
afternoon, and close at 9am on
Wednesday morning. There will be no
late orders as the food orders need to be
in.**

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE TIME YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

This table was a contribution to the NZ Teachers Facebook page

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 7 Aug - Ariki Cup

Thurs 8 Aug - Chess Tournament

Fri 9 Aug - Ariki Postponement Date

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

Wed 4 Sept - Current Events Quiz

Thurs 5 Sept - ICAS Science Exam

Mon 16 Sept - BOT Meeting

Tues 17 Sept - ICAS English Exam

Thurs 19 Sept - ICAS Maths Exam

Fri 27 Sept - Last day of Term 3

Mon 14 Oct - First day of Term 4

SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS NEEDED

The PTA are running a Sausage Sizzle on Friday 9th August. **We need three parent helpers between 11.45am & 12.45pm to help cook & serve the sausages & ice blocks.** Please consider a small donation of your time to help run an event the kids love. Please contact Jolene on [0272396788](tel:0272396788).



2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This will be open **TOMORROW** Friday, 2 August from 8.45am - 9.15am and from 2.45pm-3.15pm. For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform items, please text Andrea on 021 08200287.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 5 Brochures went home with the children last week. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday, 9 August 2019.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS which includes **CHAMPIONS** has been rebranded and is now known as 'LAUNCHPAD'.



Friday 23 August

Kōhanga and Ngāhere
6.00-6.45pm
Supper 6.45-7.00pm

Ngā Manu
7.00-7.45pm
Supper 7.45-8.00pm

Entry is a gold coin for ingredients for fair baking.



PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDREN'S POLAR FLEECEs?

The Stanley family have lost three polar fleeces and they are all named! Please check the tags on the polar fleeces your children are wearing, and if your child has mistakenly taken home one belonging to this family, please drop into the school office as soon as possible.

Wanted to buy solid 3-4 bedroom family home in Waverley and/or surrounding areas.

One of our school families is desperately looking for their new home closer to the school.

If you are selling, or know of a friend/neighbour selling, please contact 027 8405134 to discuss further.