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IMPRESSIVE POLYFEST PERFORMANCES



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

Once again, Grant's Braes' Kapa Haka Tuakana (Ngā Manu) and Teina (Kōhanga/Te Ngahere) performances were stunning! This was a wonderful example of our school vision in action; 'Kia tūhura, kia kite, kai mahi ngatahi - To explore, discover and learn together', as all of the students worked together to deliver something very special. Our school Whakatauki was also on display; 'Mahia te mahio tō ake ngākau - Do things from the heart'. There was a lot of 'heart' shown on the stage last Thursday and certainly a lot of 'heart' shown when the Tuakana and Teina groups each acknowledged each other's performance with a haka. I would like to take the opportunity again to thank Dennis Mariu, Tammy Russell, Liz Stoddart, Logann Russell and Aima Nicholson for their expert support. I would also like to thank the whole staff team for all of their hardwork leading up to this. Kay Masters and Hugh Fry also deserve a huge acknowledgement for accompanying the students with their musical skills. Lastly, a huge thank you to the tamariki for wowing us, it was such a proud Principal moment for me!!

At the end of this week, four of our student teachers, Miss Parson (Pukeko), Miss Corkery (Toroa), Miss Elder (Kea), Miss Monk (Piwakawaka), will finish their last practicum with us. It has been wonderful to watch them grow as teachers and develop exciting, motivating and engaging learning opportunities throughout the year for the students in their care. We wish them all the very best in their career as a teacher and know each and everyone of them will be an asset to the teaching profession. I would also like to thank their mentor teachers for all of the support they have given to them. Last week, Miss Duval-Smith (Rata) and Miss Trevathen (Kowhai) joined our school as Masters students and they will be with our school into Term 4. It is wonderful to have you both with us.

Over the last few weeks I have had very few parking issues reported to me, which is wonderful. Parking is going to be scarce over the next wee while with major roadworks being undertaken on Belford Street, so please be mindful of this when you are dropping off, or picking up your children.

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

POLYFEST



CAN YOU HELP NGĀ MANU SYNDICATE?

Ngā Manu Syndicate would like donations of the following items please:



- * Sewing machines
- * Thread
- * Sewing needles
- * Electric frying pan

If you are able to donate any of these, please drop them into Mrs Carr in Room Pukeko.

KŌHANGA ALSO NEED YOUR HELP

Kōhanga are desperate for more **boys undies in small** sizes please.



A reminder to **please return all school clothing (pants, undies etc)** if your child has had their clothes changed at school. We need these items back so as we have spares for other children who need them.

Any **shorts and skorts in smaller sizes** would also be much appreciated - the junior school always need more of these!!!

Please drop any items you can help with into any of the three Kohanga classrooms.

*****PTA MUFTI DAY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 20TH*****

Instead of a gold coin, children are asked to contribute towards our Fair fundraising by providing the following items please :

**Kōhanga (Kiwi, Kea and Kakapo), Rata, Kowhai and Matai :
A bag/box of Cocoa OR Icing Sugar**

**Tawa and Ngā Manu (Pukeko, Ruru, Piwakawaka and Toroa) :
A packet of wine biscuits OR dessicated coconut**

**Please have your child take their item to
their classroom tomorrow morning.**

**Alternatively, if you would like to provide a tin of condensed milk
instead of the option designated for your child's class,**

SUMMER SPORTS TEAMS

Notices have gone home with all children who have registered for Summer Sports Teams.

A few more players are required for a **Year 3/4 Touch Team** - if your child would like to play, please get in touch with Jen Stevenson as soon as possible, jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz.

Fees will all be added to your children's accounts within the next few days, and then we would be grateful if these could be paid by Friday 18 October please.

LOST PROPERTY - please check this box before the end of the term (in corridor by Room Tawa) as there is a lot of 'unclaimed' items in there.

LIBRARY BOOKS AND CLASS READERS must all be returned to your child's teacher ASAP

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 20 Sept - Sausage Sizzle & Muffi
 Mon 23 Sept - BOT Meeting
 Wed 25 Sept - Whanau Hui @ 5.30pm
 Fri 27 Sept - Last day of Term 3
 Mon 14 Oct - First day of Term 4
 Fri 25 Oct - Year 6 Desk Fair
 Wed 30 Oct - School Photos
 Thurs 19 Dec - Last day of Term 4
 Mon 3 Feb - First day of Term 1, 2020

Do you know what to do if our school is in lock-down?

The first you might hear about this is through the media. Please **do not come to school if our school is in lock-down.** You will be refused entry and you may hamper efforts of the police or other rescue services. We will do our best to keep you updated on our school Facebook page and through group text messaging or by phone-call / email if the cell-services are down. We will alert you when it is safe to come and collect your child.



East Otago Coastal BioBlitz 2019

A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a period of time.

Book this date to connect with scientists, rūnaka and the community to experience the biodiversity and local knowledge that makes North Dunedin coastlines special.

This event is free and includes the Aquavan, waka and walking trips and short seminars. Food and transport from Dunedin will be available.

For more information, register with Eventbrite or email Cathy at NZ Marine Studies Centre: cathy.rufaut@otago.ac.nz

Sunday 29 September | 10am-4pm
 Karitāne and surrounds

150 YEARS 1840-2020

University of Otago
 Otago Regional Council
 NZ Marine Studies Centre
 University of Otago
 Kaitiaki Takekōwhiri



DUNEDIN BRICK SHOW

October 5th-6th, 10am-5pm
 More FM Arena, Edgar Centre

Brought to you by LUGO
 Kindly sponsored by EDGAR CENTRE, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & CONTROL, Supporting WOMEN'S REFUGE Tamariki Programme

The Dunedin Brick Show News
 BREAKING NEWS!
 CADE FRANKLIN
 Awarded the National Award for Best Brick Show 2019

Coloring Competitions are available from the office if your child wishes to participate. They must be taken to the Brick Show on either 5th/6th October to be eligible to enter.

There is also a Lego Building Competition and information regarding this is on our Family Noticeboard.



RAINBOW RUN
 SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 11AM START • LOGAN PARK

3km family option,
 5km fun run/walk

new family friendly course!

5 rainbow colour stations

Tickets:
 \$10 per person
 Family \$30 (2 adults/2 children)

Spot prizes

Wear white or black to get the full burst of colour!

www.sportotago.co.nz
 for more details and ticketing

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CELEBRATE DEAF PRIDE

SAT 28 SEPTEMBER
10AM-3PM
OCTAGON, DUNEDIN

DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL | kaunihira a-rohe o Otago | NZSL New Zealand Sign Language Board

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SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday 3rd November 2019

Only 6 weeks to go!



Thank you, thank you, thank you to the families and businesses who have made donations so far! Please keep bringing in your donations or contact us if you're able to help.

Do you have unused loyalty card points?

Flybuys, Airpoints and credit card loyalty points can be converted into fantastic chocolate wheel prizes such as magazine subscriptions, vouchers, electronics, luggage, and much more.

Clothing, White Elephant, Toys, Games, Puzzles, Plants, Produce, Crafts, Books



Please continue to drop smaller items off to the boxes in the office. If you have donations that need collected, please get in touch and we can arrange this.



Dates for weekend drop offs (bring directly to the PTA container)

Sunday 22nd September from 11am-1pm

Saturday 19th October from 10am-12noon



Fair Favourite Recipe No. 2 – Russian Fudge



Ingredients

| | |
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| 3c sugar | 1/2c milk |
| 1/2 tin sweetened condensed milk | 125g butter |
| Pinch salt | 1T golden syrup |
| 2t vanilla essence | |

Directions

Gently heat sugar and milk, stirring until sugar has dissolved.

Add the rest of the ingredients and stir until butter has melted.

Bring to the boil and continue to boil until the mixture reaches a soft ball stage (stir occasionally to prevent burning – this stage may take 10-15 minutes).

Remove from heat and cool slightly before beating with an electric beater for about 5 minutes or until the mixture is thick and has lost its gloss. Pour into baking paper lined tin and slice into squares when cold.



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 ☺

Questions or suggestions? Contact Dee Isaacs on 027 333 1194, email the Fair Team at grantsbraesschoolfair@gmail.com or contact the school office.