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WELCOME TO ELISE

**WHO STARTED IN ROOM KEA TODAY JOINING
HER BIG SISTER GEORGIA AT GRANT'S BRAES**



YEAR 5 BOYS TASTE SUCCESS!



Last Thursday 16 students competed in the O'Mathalon Competition held at The Edgar Centre. There were around 50 teams from all around Otago competing. They had to race to solve as many challenging maths problems as they could in a given time frame. We were very proud of our Year 5 team of Levi, Max, Gregor and Will who won the Year 5 competition!! Thank you also to Rebecca McKeever for the many hours spent in preparing all the children for this Competition, this is a fabulous achievement for her also.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

Our trophy cabinet will soon have another addition with one of the Year 5 teams winning the Year 5 O'Mathalon competition. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of the students who competed in this annual event, you all worked incredibly well as a team and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Secondly, congratulations to Levi, Max, Will and Gregor - we are very proud of you all. A huge 'Thank You' to Mrs McKeever for her expert tuition and support for all of the students involved, as well as the parents who helped with transportation and supervision.

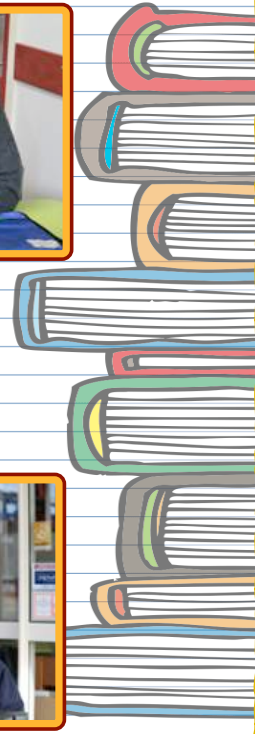
I would also like to congratulate Marlon and Max, both Year 5, for qualifying and competing in the Otago Cross Country which was held last Friday at Kaikorai Valley College. They competed incredibly well and we are also very proud of them!

We are now less than a week before Polyfest and the final touches of the uniforms are being made, performances rehearsed daily and there is a definite buzz in the air! This is one of my most favourite school events and I am looking forward to seeing our incredible Teina and Tuakana Kapa Haka groups wowing the audience next Thursday. I hope you all are able to come and be in the audience, or alternatively, tune into the Live Stream (details will be emailed early next week).

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL READING OPPORTUNITIES



Children from our Te Ngahere and Kōhanga Syndicates are very privileged to have the opportunity to gain extra reading mileage time by sharing their books with our friends from neighbouring St Phillips Church. These lovely people come in once a week, some come in twice, to assist our children with reading.

CREATIVITY IN KOWHAI & RATA



Kowhai and Rata have been getting busy with lots of interesting loose parts!! We have been building huts and using lots of interesting parts to be creative in our play.

POLYFEST 2019

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

We have 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 by your class teachers nearer the time.



BIKE SAFETY

The NZ Police recommend that only children over the age of 10 should be riding their bikes on the road. Any children riding a bike should be wearing a helmet. Bikes are not to be ridden on school grounds during school hours for the safety of other students.



SUMMER SPORTS!!

Registrations close 5.00pm TOMORROW,
FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

(no late registrations will be accepted)

Rippa (Y3-6), Touch (Y3-6)
Futsal (all ages) and Teeball (all ages)

All information regarding this was emailed home to all families a few weeks ago, so check your INBOX if you have missed seeing this.

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!!!

The Closing Date will be strictly adhered to as Jen Stevenson needs to get teams formulated and registered with the sports organizations, and this is a **HUGE** undertaking.

TWO/THREE MORE Y3-6 GIRLS NEEDED FOR 2ND GB TEAM FOR SBS SMASH 'FREE' GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION

To be held Term 4, Weeks 4-8 (Mondays Nov 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 2nd Dec) 4-4:50pm (10 Minute Skill Session, 40 minute game), Uni of Otago Oval, Free T-shirt,
Contact Jen ASAP - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz if your daughter is interested in playing



CONGRATULATIONS again to Amelia and Sam for wonderful achievements in their Gym Competition held last weekend. Amelia won Gold in her section and Sam won Bronze in hers.



Max and Marlon both qualified for the Otago Primary Schools Cross Country race that was held last Friday. Both boys ran exceptionally well, with Marlon finishing 35th and Max 61st in their Year 5 race with 84 children.



Grant's Braes School
"a proud past, an exciting future"

SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday 3rd November 2019

8 weeks to go!

How can you help?



Paper Bags – do you have a pile of brown paper bags with handles (for example click and collect bags)? These will be really helpful for fair shoppers. Please drop them into school.

Haunted house – we are still looking for a construction superstar to turn the fort into a temporary haunted house.



Prizes, prizes, prizes – Do you, your business or employer have something to donate for the raffle or chocolate wheel? We can promote your business on our Facebook event page, on the school website and at the fair itself.

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

Thanks to all who have already dropped off goods for the School Fair. Please continue to drop smaller items off to the boxes in the office. We will be advertising weekend and school holiday drop off times in the next few weeks.



Fair Favourite Recipe No. 1 - Lolly Cake



Ingredients

- 1 packet eskimo lollies or fruit puffs (approx. 190g)
- 1 packet malt biscuits
- 120g butter
- ½ tin condensed milk
- 1c coconut (for rolling)

Directions

Cut lollies into thirds. Crush the biscuits into a crumb (use a food processor or rolling pin)
Melt butter and condensed milk in a pot over a gentle heat, mix with lollies and biscuits.
Shape into a log and roll in coconut. Put in fridge to set (about 4 hours), cut into slices. Enjoy!

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.

Measles Information for parents

(provided by Public Health South and Southern District Health Board)

What are the symptoms?

The signs of measles are a cough, high fever, runny nose and sore red eyes. A few days later, a rash begins on the head and spreads across the body.

How do I know if I'm immune to measles?

To know that you are 99% immune to measles one or more of the following should apply to you:

1. You have had two measles vaccines (MMR). You need to check your vaccination records in your Well Child (Plunket book) or your family doctor may have records. Please show your principal your vaccination record.
2. OR you have been diagnosed with measles in the past, or have a blood test proving measles immunity
3. OR you were born before 1969 as you are likely to have had measles as a child.

You are almost certainly protected from measles if one of the above applies and will not need to be isolated if you come into contact with someone with measles.

I've only had one MMR – do I have to get another vaccination?

To ensure you are 99% protected against measles, it is important to have a second MMR as this vaccine also protects against mumps and rubella. Whilst one MMR does offer 95% of people immunity, it still provides gaps in our community coverage against measles, which puts vulnerable people like new born babies and people with compromised immune systems (e.g. having cancer treatment) at high risk.

Why do I (or my child) have to stay at home in isolation?

If you are developing measles, staying home stops it spreading to others and making them unwell.

What does isolation mean?

It means staying home away from others. Do not go to work, school, group or social activities, sports, or public places like movie theatres, shopping malls, supermarkets and other food markets. Do not use public transport or visit friends or family. Avoid being in the same room as people who are not immune to measles.

What if I or my child feel worse or have symptoms, and need to go to a doctor again?

If you need to see a doctor, **phone** the medical centre or after-hours clinic **before** going there and tell them you (or your child) may have measles. When you arrive, you must be isolated and not sit in the waiting room.

My child hasn't been in the same classroom as a measles case. Are they still at risk?

If your child has been in the same class, room or space as the person with measles while they were infectious, then your child will have been exposed. If your child is not in the same class, even though they may have been in the same classroom afterwards or in the same hall or playground, the risk is much lower. The school is not asking you to keep your child at home, but do watch for symptoms, particularly if they are not vaccinated. We also ask you to check that they are vaccinated.

I don't have any proof that I have been vaccinated– what do I do?

If you have been exposed to measles but are younger than 50 years, and if your doctor cannot confirm you have been vaccinated or had measles, you will need to stay home for the isolation period. Please get vaccinated when you are out of isolation.

If my child has been exposed to measles, do I have to tell others?

You do not need to tell anyone else that your child may be developing measles and is in isolation, unless your child is confirmed as having the virus. Only then will you need to inform the school, and then any family and social contacts.

I'm pregnant or have a weak immune system – am I at risk?

Pregnant women who haven't been vaccinated, and anyone with a weakened immune system, are at greater risk of measles complications. They or their caregiver should ask their doctor or lead maternity carer for advice.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 5 Sept - ICAS Science Exam
Thurs 12 Sept - Polyfest Performances
Tues 17 Sept - ICAS English Exam
- Y4-6 Sports Day
- PTA & Fair Meeting, 7.00pm
Thurs 19 Sept - ICAS Maths Exam
Fri 20 Sept - Sausage Sizzle & Muffin
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
Wed 30 Oct - School Photos
Thurs 19 Dec - Last day of Term 4
Mon 3 Feb - First day of Term 1, 2020

DO YOU HAVE ANY SHEETS OR BLANKETS YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Rooms Kowhai and Rata would be very grateful for these. Please drop in to either classroom.

Grants Braes Kindergarten
is holding their

Annual Quiz Night

on Thursday 12th September at 7.00pm at
The Bog Irish Bar.

Please come along and support our
lovely Kindy, 4-6 people per team with
\$5 per person entry.

Tickets for sale through the Kindy or
please contact

narellejakey@gmail.com
to register your team.



DVDS

**These are available to be ordered
through KINDO @ \$20.00 each.**

**Closing Date is Tuesday 17 September -
no late orders accepted.**

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 6 - Brochures went home with the
children a couple of weeks back. Orders to be
in by 9am, TOMORROW Friday, 6 September
2019.

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This will be open **TOMORROW** Friday,
6th September 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.

ANDERSON'S BAY TENNIS CLUB

Open Day 2019-2020

**Saturday 7
& Sunday 8 September**

1.00-4.00pm

All welcome, come & play!

Bayfield Park, Dunedin
(access Anderson's Bay Inlet
or Shore Street)

Held wet or fine!

For queries, contact:
P: 027 474 9887
E: andersonsbaytennis@gmail.com

**Fun, games, & great giveaways
from Hell Pizzal**



Photo: Clive Capeman



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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magic kids club HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SPRING 2019



WEEK ONE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	FRIENDSHIP DAY	INFLATABLE WORLD EXCURSION DAY	MULTI DAY	CARNIVAL DAY	MOVIES
	A great start to the holidays with team building activities, crafts, games, sports & baking. 30th Sept	Have EXCURSION! An exciting day at inflatable world with party room tracks and drinks. 1st Oct		Food Stalls, Boundary Castles, Chocolate Mould, Dancing Camp. 3rd Oct	
WEEK TWO	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	MULTI DAY	MOANA POOL EXCURSION DAY	MULTI DAY	MUSEUM	MULTI DAY
		On the Pool, Moana Pool, Water Poles. 8th Oct		OTAGO Museum Discovery World. 10th Oct	

Holiday Specialists

Creating the wow-factor in holiday activities during Centre days!
Sports, Arts & Science Specialists visiting all our Centres.

Interests > Motivation
Community > Confidence
Exploration > Discovery



To register and book online at www.magickidsclub.co.nz or contact our friendly administration team on 022 466 5227

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, FLEXO, TOWORLD, REGENT, BREENS, WOMEN'S REFUGE, Tamariki Programme

Glenfalloch Night Garden



Sculpture Trail and Enchanted Evening
6.30-10pm
19 20 21 September

MACANDREW BAY CUBS: SPACES AVAILABLE TERM 4, 2019

Macandrew Bay Cubs (part of the Macandrew Bay Scouts Group) operates from the Scout Hall in Macandrew Bay (beside Macandrew Bay Bowling Club) on Monday evenings 6.30 - 8pm. Next term, five of our current cubs will be moving up to Scouts, which means we enrol new cubs. If you would like to know more details or book your child in for a visit, please email macbaycubs@gmail.com.



Meet Professional Sport Personalities in:
Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Football, Athletics
Dance and Much More

15 MIN SKILL/EXERCISE SESSION PER SPORT
BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL FACE PAINTING
BALLOON ARTIST
UNDER 5 BIKE TRACK WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN BIKE

A Community Event in with HeartKids Otago

We would like to invite the pupils of your school to Heart Kids Sports Fest.

This is a way for children to try different sports, dance and have fun! Each code has half an hour of interactive activity. The canteen at the Edgar Centre will be open on the day to purchase lunch but the children are very welcome to bring their own. The bike course will be up and there is a bouncy castle too for the little ones along with Magic Max and face painting.

We hope to see you there!

RAINBOW RUN

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 11AM START • LOGAN PARK



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

