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**WELCOME TO
EVANDER, JACOBUS (JD),
ANDRE (AJ) AND JADEN (JJ)
WHO ALL STARTED AT GRANT'S
BRAES THIS WEEK**



OUT AND ABOUT



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

I would like to welcome you all to the start of Term 4 and I hope you all had some lovely time with your tamariki over the holiday break. Term 4 will prove to be an exciting term with a myriad of wonderful learning experiences for our students including the Ngā Manu Ōtākou Marae visit (7/8 November), Year 6 Camp (Waiholā 12-15 November), Year 5 Leadership Camp (Tirohanga 28-29 November), Year 4 School Sleepover (21 November) and Swimming instruction for Kōhanga and Te Ngahere students (2 - 12 December). Another huge highlight will be the School Fair which is less than three weeks away. I would like to thank the committee, stall organisers and helpers for all of their hard work thus far and I know this will be not only an incredible fundraiser but also a wonderful whānau event. There are still plenty of jobs to be done so please read the Fair insert within this newsletter, and let the committee know if you are able to help out in any way.

We are also looking forward to hosting the team from the Education Review Office. They will be within the school from Monday 4 to Thursday 7 November.

The summer sports have now started and I would like to thank all of the coaches and managers for supporting our students. Without this help, we would not be able to have so many students involved in all of these teams. I would also like to thank Jen Stevenson for all of her hard work organising the teams. The school website has been updated and you can check out the various sports draws from there.

Today the school participated in the NZ Shakeout and the students ran through the procedure on how to keep themselves safe in the event of an earthquake. An earthquake drill was held at 1:35pm and this was very successful. It is important that parents and caregivers also talk with their children about what would happen if an earthquake occurred whilst they were at home or public places. You can find very useful information by clicking on the following links: <https://www.shakeout.govt.nz/> and <https://www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz/>

We are currently looking at the class lists for 2020 and how these are going to be arranged. Please contact your child's teacher, their syndicate leader or myself with any considerations pertaining to your children. I would also like to hear from parents or community members who know of any families moving in or out of our school zone, as this will help determine 2020 classroom organisation.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS



These boys - Asa, Ethan and Johnny were our Term 3 Principal Award Winners for being wonderful demonstrators of Term 3's Value - 'We Can!'

SUMMER SPORTS FEES

A reminder that fees for all summer sports are due to be paid (preferably via KINDO) by **tomorrow, Friday 18 October** please:-

\$55.00 for Futsal
\$37.00 for TeeBall
\$20.00 for Touch
\$2.00 for Rippa

THIS WEEK'S PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Diamonds - Miller (Piwakawaka)
Dragons - Sammy (Kowhai)
Thunder - Belle (Tawa)
Tigers - Fede (Kakapo)
Sparks - Marlon (Ruru)
Stars - Charlie M (Tawa)
Dolphins - Claudia (Kowhai)

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7

Brochures went home with the children today. There are some Bonus Christmas Gift ideas included. If you are buying books/products as Christmas presents for your children, just let me know and I am happy to hold here at the office for you to collect when convenient. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday, 8 November 2019.

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

DESK FAIR

This is being held **next Friday, 25 October** and there will be a wide variety for sale including toys, books, sweets, baking along with some games to play.

This is for the children only, and they will attend later in the morning in their Class/Syndicate groups. All children need to bring is some money in either a purse or a moneybag!



YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER



**Friday 18th October,
after school from 3pm**

Lots of yummy items ranging from
\$1 to \$2

Thank you for your support – all money raised will go towards helping our Year 6 children to fundraise for their end of year camp



Grant's Braes School
"to explore, discover and learn together"

COTTON FABRIC NEEDED

Can you help?

Pukeko class are making beeswax wraps to sell at our school fair. We are needing some 100% cotton fabric to make them out of. If you have any that you are happy to donate please send it along to Pukeko class. Also, if you have access to any beeswax we would love some more of that too. Any questions please email Rebecca McKeever

rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SHEETS THAT
ARE SURPLUS TO YOUR
HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS?**

**Any size - single, double, queen,
king would be much appreciated.**

**Please drop these into
the office asap.**

Thanks.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 18 Oct - Year 6 Bake Sale, 3.00pm
Tues 22-Fri 25 Oct - Golf Coaching
Fri 25 Oct - Year 6 Desk Fair
Mon 28 Oct - Labour Day
Wed 30 Oct - School Photos
Sun 3 Nov - School Fair
Mon 4-Thurs 7 Nov - ERO Visit
Wed 6 Nov - South Zone Sports
Fri 8 Nov - Postponement date SZ Sports
Mon 11 Nov - BOT Meeting
Tues 12-Fri 15 Nov - Year 6 Camp
Tues 19 Nov - Whanau Hui
Wed 20 Nov - STEAM Open Afternoon
Thurs 21/Fri 22 Nov - Year 4 Sleepover
Fri 22 Nov - Orange Day
Thurs 28/29th Nov - Year 5 Camp
Mon 2nd Dec-Thurs 5th Dec - Swimming
(Kohanga & Te Ngahere)
Mon 9th Dec-Thurs 12th Dec - Swimming
(Kohanga & Te Ngahere)
Fri 13 Dec - Reports home
- Year 6 Day Out
Thurs 19 Dec - Year 6 Farewell Assembly @
Bayfield High School
- Last day of Term 4
Mon 3 Feb - First day of Term 1, 2020

Grants Braes Kindergarten Fundraiser Movie Night

Thursday 24th October at Metro Cinema -
"Ride Like a Girl" starring Sam Neill
Doors open 7pm, movie to be screened from
7.30pm
\$20 per ticket includes movie, glass of wine/
juice on arrival and movie snacks
Thanks in advance for your support!
RSVP: narellejakey@gmail.com



Rotary Park Kindergarten
289 Highcliff Road, Waverley



SPACES ARE AVAILABLE NOW
8.30am - 12.30pm
and/or 8.30am - 2.30pm

2-year olds can attend for \$2.75 an hour
3-5+ years are eligible for up to 30 hours free



Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten
or online at www.dk.org.nz/enrol

Phone us for more information 03-454-4238
or email rotarypark@dk.org.nz

Due to circumstances beyond the organizer's control, unfortunately there will be

NO LIGHT PARTY THIS YEAR.

However, the AOK Charitable Trust will be holding
a **Christmas In The Stadium**
event on Saturday, 30 November,
from 2.00-5.00pm in Forsyth Barr Stadium.

Free activities for children including toy swap, gift making, bouncy castles, games, petting zoo and there will be a variety of talented musician entertaining the adults on the big stage.

Knox Church Junior Choir

Is your child interested in singing?

Year 2 to Year 8, children of all faiths or no faith welcome.

Starting Wed 6 Nov, 5.00-6.30pm at Knox Church, George St, Dunedin

Free of charge. Go to the following choir link to register or email kelpiebrown@gmail.com

<https://forms.gle/sWG1DARQfZ2wQvaL9>

SANTA PARADE - SUN 1 DECEMBER - Children needed for the floats

If your child would like to be a float in the Santa Parade please contact the organisers at dnsantakids@gmail.com. The parade starts at 3pm but children need to be available from 12.30 until 5.30. All costumes provided. A parent will need to accompany their child for the duration and walk beside the float.





Sunday 3rd November 2019

Just over 2 weeks to go!

Plant Donations

Do you have donations of house plants, succulents or flowers for the plant stall? Please contact Jane to drop them off or if you need something to pot your donations into. janebutterfield@hotmail.com



Helpers Needed



Calling all parents, grandparents, ex pupils of Grants Braes School.

Can you spare 1 to 1.5 hours to help make the fair a success?

Contact Sonya on 021 034 6694 or Jane 027 549 4957

We are looking to fill the following positions at the fair:

Food stall - 5 people **Café** - 1-2 people **Hair braiding / nail painting** 2-4 people
Adult clothing - 3 people **Car smash** - 1 person **Crockery smash** - 1-2 people
Pony rides - 2 people **Laser Tag** - 3 people **Kids Crafts** - 1-2 people

Dads Cake Competition



Dust off your aprons and get the measuring cups out because Men, it's your time to shine!

Deliver your masterpieces to the café by 10.45am on the day of the fair.

Cakes will be judged, winners announced and the crème of the crop will be auctioned off.



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

Baking

A big thank you for the great selection of baking ingredients that we received on mufti day last term. We will be putting together packs which contain most of the ingredients for lolly cake, fudge cake and coconut ice. We would love some help with making these please - if you are able to help, the packs will be available to be picked up from the school office on Monday.

Other baking items (such as flour, sugar and butter, packaging) can be collected from the old dental clinic on:



Thursday 24 October: 8.30-9.00am

Friday 25 October: 2.45-3.30pm

Tuesday 29 October: 2.45-3.30pm

We would like to ask if every family could please bake one item for the Fair, as this contributed greatly to our success last time around. Also, if anyone would like to contribute a bit more than one baking item we would love to hear from you. If you have a knack for making chocolate cake, loaves, gingerbread men, or jams and pickles please let us know!

If you would like any further information, or the above times do not suit you, please get in touch with Jo La Hood (ramagejo1@hotmail.com) or Steph Woodley (stephaniew@grantsbraes.school.nz).

Baking can be dropped off the day before the Fair (Saturday 2nd November) between 9.30am and 12.00pm to Room Piwakawaka.

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



Dates for weekend drop offs:

Saturday 19th October from 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 26th October from 10am – 12 noon



Chocolate Wheel Items Still Needed – especially chocolates!!!

Please place in the beautifully decorated purple box in the school office

Fair Favourite Recipe No. 4 – Afghan Biscuits

Ingredients (makes approx. 18 biscuits)

200g butter	½c sugar
1¼c flour	¼c cocoa powder
1t vanilla essence	2c cornflakes (60g)



Directions

Soften butter, add sugar and beat until pale and creamy. Gently mix in vanilla essence.

Add flour and cocoa (sifted together) and then cornflakes (do not overmix).

Roll into balls and place on a greased baking tray. Bake at 180 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes.

When cool, ice with chocolate icing and decorate with a half walnut or shredded coconut.

Icing

1½c icing sugar 1T cocoa powder 1t vanilla essence 1t butter (melted)

Mix all icing ingredients together. Use 1-2T hot water to bind the icing and get the right consistency

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