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## YEAR 6 STUDENTS ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM GRANT'S BRAES KINDERGARTEN





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Kia ora*

As the third term draws to a close, it is a good time to once again thank you all for the support you show the school. I would like to thank everyone who has given up their time to support our students in a range of in-school or outside of school learning opportunities. These opportunities require parent/caregiver support and we cannot run the exciting programmes without this support. Thank you all very much.

Last night our second Whānau Hui for the year was held. This is a wonderful opportunity for the parents of our Māori students to come together and discuss how our school is supporting our Māori students and community, as well as enacting our obligation to the Treaty of Waitangi. I would like to thank the parents who braved last night's wild weather and it was also wonderful to have five Bayfield students being involved in the Hui! We looked forward to 2020 and plans are being put in place to hold a Hangi at school, as well as a celebration of Matariki.

I would like to wish all of the students a safe and wonderful, well deserved break and I hope you all have some lovely whānau time. I look forward to seeing you all in the fourth term, where there is a huge range of exciting things planned!

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

**GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL**

## WĀ TUHURA TIME LAST FRIDAY



# Board of Trustees Update

Kia ora koutou.

It has been a busy few months since the board elections in June, and we would like to welcome Amie Curtis to the team who has been co-opted to the board. Amie has a background in education and is currently the Kaitoko at the Ōtākōu Runaka and we will value her expertise and contribution. Our other board members include Gareth Taylor (principal), Rachel Brown, Trudie Evans, Paul Stevenson, Nicola Wall and Desiree Wispinski (teacher representative), with secretarial support from Gaylene O'Brien. We thank all parents and caregivers who nominated for election and are grateful to see such interest and support from our wider community, particularly as some schools have difficulty filling board vacancies.

## Curriculum reports

At our board meeting in August we reviewed the mid-year interim student achievement report and a number of curriculum reports including those relating to the Ngā Manu (senior school) social sciences inquiry and intervention programmes for children with targeted needs. As outlined in our Annual Plan one of our objectives for 2019 is to ensure that all students progress at their highest levels of educational engagement. A specific outcome related to this, is to increase student engagement and achievement in maths by 5%. As compared to 2018, our mid-year data showed improvements for all children overall and for our target groups of Māori and girls. We hope this progress will be sustained and reflected in our end-of-year reporting. If you would like to view our strategic goals and other objectives, these can be found in our school charter on our website: [https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/media/1557/gbs-2019-charter-updated-27\\_2\\_19.pdf](https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/media/1557/gbs-2019-charter-updated-27_2_19.pdf).

## Education Review Office (ERO) external review

We received notification earlier this month of an external review from ERO. The intent of this process is to contribute to our efforts to be a high quality and successful school, and we are well into planning for this. The ERO team will consist of three reviewers who will be visiting the week starting 4 November.

## Policy and Procedures

A reminder that all of our policies and procedures are available on our school website: <https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/our-school/policies-and-procedures>. We have recently added information about our Emergency Procedures to this page, if you are interested in reading through these.

## Property

As you may be aware, late last year the school was allocated funding from the Ministry of Education for a roll growth classroom. We are still awaiting final information around what this space may look like, and will share the plans with you when they are available.

Wishing you all safe and enjoyable school holidays!

Ngā mihi,

Steph Woodley  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
[stephaniew@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:stephaniew@grantsbraes.school.nz)

## **SUMMER IS NEARLY HERE!!!**

Next term is a summer term again! Take time over the holidays to dig out that school hat and get it ready for next term.

Our School is a Sunsmart School and we have a regulation sunhat that meets all the requirements of being accredited as this.

If you need to purchase a sunhat for your child, these will be available from the office on day one of next term (Monday 14 October). There are four sizes available, so it is always best to bring your child to have it fitted properly. Sunhats cost \$15.00 each.

The School supplies sunscreen stations; please ensure that if your child is allergic to the sunscreen we use that you let their classroom teacher know.



### **SUMMER SPORTS TEAMS**

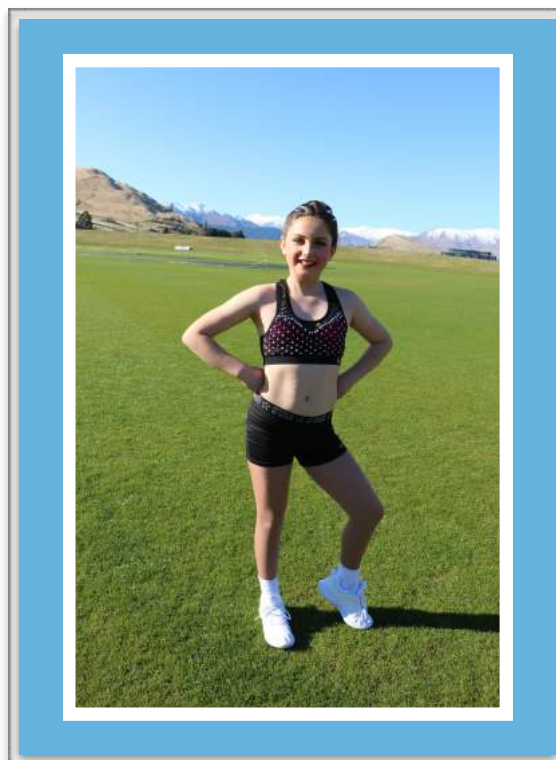
All children who registered for Summer Sports Teams have been given a letter with all their team information on, and earlier this week, invoices went home with the children.

Fees are :-

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

Please arrange for these to be paid (preferably via KINDO) no later than Friday 18 October 2019.

## **CONGRATULATIONS MIA**



Mia's team competed in the Primary Fitness Team section of the NZCAF National Schools Championships held in Queenstown over last weekend and they came first. Well done Mia!

## **THANK YOU**

- \*To the parents who have volunteered to coach their child's sports team - we now have every team covered!**
- \*To the families who have donated boys and girls undies - we now have a great supply available!**
- \*To the parents who have brought in boxes to help the Fair Committee with storage - thanks for these, they have been super helpful!**

**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 please.





## DATES TO REMEMBER

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



Meet Professional Sport Personalities

in:

Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Football,  
 Athletics

Dance and Much More

35 MIN SKILL/EXERCISE

SESSION PER SPORT

WORKSHOPS/EXERCISES  
 FOR ALL

BALLOON ARTIST

UNDER 5 BIKE TRACK

WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN

BIKE

A Community Event in with



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!



## Is your child aged between 6 and 12 and you are interested in contributing to research in psychology?

We are currently seeking typically developing 6-12 year old children, with and  
 without high levels of hyperactivity/inattention to take part in our study.

If considered eligible to participate, you and your child would attend a one-off  
 3-4 hour session in the Department of Psychology at the University of Otago.  
 With your consent, a trained postgraduate student will also visit your child's  
 school to conduct a brief observation of them in the classroom, and their  
 teacher will be asked to complete some questionnaires regarding your child's  
 learning and behaviour at school.

You will receive a \$40 petrol voucher and a \$20 Warehouse voucher for your  
 child in thanks for your participation.

If you would like to find out more about participating in this study you can  
 contact us via email or phone.

Contact Alannah Corson Keogh on:  
 Phone: 027 713 1583

Email: [alannah.corsonkeogh@postgrad.otago.ac.nz](mailto:alannah.corsonkeogh@postgrad.otago.ac.nz)

This study has been approved by the University of Otago's Ethics Committee



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](http://www.dk.org.nz/enrol)

Phone us for more information 03-454-4238  
 or email [rotarypark@dk.org.nz](mailto:rotarypark@dk.org.nz)

## KNIT WORLD HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Tues

1st & Wed 2nd Oct, 1.00-2.00pm, Ph 4770400 to  
 enquire and book. Limited numbers.



## Pirates Squash Club Open Day

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Pirates Squash Club invites local school children, caregivers and  
 friends to come and give Squash a go for free! Come to the club  
 anytime between 10am and 12pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September,  
 bring your friends and family and be ready to have some fun.  
 Equipment will be provided - just bring non-marking clean shoes  
 and you'll be able to grab a racquet and ball, jump on a court, and  
 give it a go!

Pirates Club Squash members will be there to welcome you, help  
 you get started and answer any questions you have.

Cost: Free

Venue: Pirates Squash Club, 4 John Wilson Ocean Drive  
 St Kilda (opposite Marlow/ Dinosaur Park)

Email: [info@piratessquash.nz](mailto:info@piratessquash.nz)

If you would like to give squash a go but can't make the open days  
 or live closer to a different Dunedin squash venue, then please get  
 in touch and I can arrange for you to have a go at your local club at  
 at time that suits.

Angela Button  
 Junior Schools & Development Officer  
 Squash Otago  
[angelabutton72@gmail.com](mailto:angelabutton72@gmail.com)

## VOGEL STREET PARTY - SAT 12 OCTOBER

There will be a 'Kid's Corner' stall which will  
 include lots of fun activities.

There will be music, games, a face painter and  
 MORE! Plus there will also be spot prizes...  
 Bring your whole family along from 2pm  
 onwards.



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**  
**Just 5 weeks to go!**

## Baking

A **big thanks** to everyone for all the great ingredients that we received on mufti day last Friday. We will put together some packs to make specific recipes and arrange for these to be distributed closer to the Fair alongside other more usual ingredients such as flour, sugar, butter etc.



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 - please contact Jo La Hood on [ramagejo1@hotmail.com](mailto:ramagejo1@hotmail.com).

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



### Dates for weekend / school holiday drop offs:

Sunday 6th October from 1-3pm  
 Saturday 19th October from 10am – 12 noon  
 Saturday 26th October from 10am – 12 noon

## Fair Favourite Recipe No. 3 – Coconut Ice

### Ingredients

3c icing sugar	½c milk
25g butter	¼t salt
¾c coconut	Few drops of red food colouring

### Directions

Gently heat icing sugar, milk, butter and salt, stirring until sugar has dissolved.  
 Boil until the mixture reaches a soft ball stage (do not stir), then add coconut.  
 Remove from heat and cool for 10 minutes. Add a few drops of food colouring and beat until the mixture starts to thicken. Pour into buttered or baking paper-lined tin.  
 Beat the white portion until the mixture starts to thicken. Spread this on top of the pink mixture.  
 Slice into squares when cool.



*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](mailto:grantsbraesschoolfair@gmail.com) or contact the school office.