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OUR 2020 YEAR 6 LEADERS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope you all are having a lovely week! Next week there are a few important things happening after school for whānau and they are as follows:-

What's the Buzz - Parent/Teacher discussion - Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th February 2020

Bookings are now open to select a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher. This meeting gives you the opportunity to share vital information about your child with their teacher and a 'yellow' form was sent home yesterday (Wednesday) for you to complete, fill in and bring to discuss at this meeting. These have been scheduled for Tuesday 18 (3:10 - 8pm) and Wednesday 18 (3:10 - 5:30pm) February. Please note that Mr Howell and Mrs Barrow will be jointly meeting with all parents of children in Piwakawaka and Toroa and their Wednesday sessions have been extended to 8pm also. Interviews can be booked by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use our school's code **fjqt3**.

PTA AGA - Tuesday 19 February, 7pm

The PTA Annual General Meeting, followed by a regular PTA meeting, is on next Tuesday evening starting at 7pm in our staffroom. Please come along and support this awesome group who raise an incredible amount of money to support your children at our school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Term 1 Topic - "How do I keep myself safe?"

Our overall theme for this term is "How do I keep myself safe?". Students will be looking at a variety of situations that they may come across and learn how they can ensure their safety. Constable Emily Plew has been supporting Ngā Manu classrooms to deliver the Kia Kaha, Stand Strong unit, where students are taught about making good choices, caring for others, developing respectful relations and dealing with bullying behaviours. She will also be supporting all classes in the Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme later in the term. 'KOS' helps students learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. She has offered to run two parent information sessions in our school hall, Thursday 20 February, one at 3:20pm and one at 7pm. Please come along to one of these sessions to find out more about the programme.

Concerns and Complaints

From time to time situations occur where parents/caregivers need to raise a concern with the school. Grant's Braes School has the responsibility to ensure that concerns or complaints are handled correctly and responsibly. If you have any concerns, in the first instance, see your child's teacher or the person involved. If you feel that your concern was not resolved, our school has a clear policy and set of procedures to help seek a resolution. Included in this week's newsletter is a copy of the Concerns and Complaints Flowchart. Also, all of our policies and procedures can be accessed through School Docs (see information within this newsletter on how you can access this website).

With the start of the this term's sporting season, I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have put their name forward to manage or coach. Once again, we have a huge number of children playing the various sports we offer and this co-ordination has been expertly done by Jen Stevenson. I know all of the children participating are going to have a lot of sporting fun!

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora and Welcome to Grants Braes School for 2020

Grant's Braes School PTA

We would like to warmly invite you to our monthly PTA meetings. These are generally held once a month starting at 7pm in the school staff room. We have our Annual General Meeting coming up on **Tuesday 18 February at 7pm**. With some families having moved on, there will be some office bearing positions vacant.

Each year at our Annual General Meeting we re-elect the current office bearers, or vote for new ones. Everyone who is part of Grants Braes School is automatically part of the PTA it is up to you how much involvement you would like to give.

It would be brilliant to see some new faces, and introduce you to what our very active committee does behind the scenes – Sausage Sizzles, School Disco's, Truffle Making and Raffles to name a few.

We also invite you to be friends of the PTA where you would receive the upcoming agenda, previous minutes and treasurers report, please send your preferred email address to the PTA email, listed below.

We have a PTA Facebook page "Grants Braes School PTA And Friends." This is not a school Facebook page, but one where PTA events get posted and where we ask for helpers for events like the twice a term sausage sizzle.

We hope you love being part of Grants Braes School.

Nicola Thompson
Secretary
pta@grantsbraes.school.nz

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2020

The Board has agreed to keep the total amount requested from families the same as previous years (\$200 per child, with a \$10 reduction per additional sibling). The total amount will be notated as a "donation" and will cover swimming, school trips, visiting performers, and also assistance towards the many aspects that make our school 'tick', all of which provide such a great learning environment for the children. We will also be requesting contributions towards camps.

Invoices/Statements have been sent home earlier this week.

The good news for families is that upon receiving a receipt for payment, you are able to claim one third of this donation back in tax, therefore receiving approx \$66 back from IRD, per child.

Please note that payments made via KINDO will access their receipt from the KINDO system. Payments made via internet banking, EFTPOS or cash will receive their receipts from the office.

SUMMER SPORTS

Start date for sports are:

Rippa : THIS Monday 17th February
Futsal : Tuesday Comp Begins:
25th February;
Wednesday Comp Begins:
26th February
Tee ball (Teams have rolled over from 2019) : THIS Saturday 15th February

Invoices for Rippa Rugby and Futsal went home earlier this week. Please arrange for payment of these **by Friday 28 February**. These fees can be paid through KINDO, internet banking, EFTPOS or cash.

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1 brochures have gone home with all children this week. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, TOMORROW Friday, 14 February.**

'KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE' PARENT MEETINGS

Thursday 20 February

3.20pm OR 7.00pm in our School Hall

(Two time frames to choose from to attend identical meetings)

Emily Plew, the NZ Police Education Officer will be conducting an information session on this programme that is shortly to be taught to ALL the children in our school. All parents/ guardians are encouraged to attend one of the meetings as they cover the content that will be taught, plus Emily will answer any questions parents may have.



Info in regards to what is planned for Walk'n'Wheel Week (Mon 24-Fri 28th Feb) will be sent home **via paper copy** early next week. This letter will include a **map of the meeting points for Wednesday 27th February's "Walk/Wheel to School Together"** on the reverse side. Please make sure you read this so as you know the plans for the week.

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

[School Docs Access](http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm)

Visit the website -

<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).

Follow the link to the relevant Policy.

Current policy for review is 'Recognition of Cultural Diversity'.



"WHAT'S THE BUZZ"



Interviews are being held next
Tuesday 18th/Wednesday 19th February

Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - School Code : **fjqt3**
Bookings close at 4.00pm on Monday 17th February.

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

'What's the Buzz' sheets (yellow!) for you to complete and bring with you to your child's interview were sent home with **EVERY CHILD YESTERDAY!!**

LAUNCHPAD CHAMPIONS

resumes for all Year 3-6
children

NEXT THURSDAY
20th FEBRUARY

8.30am in the School Hall



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 17th Feb - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

Tues 18th Feb - PTA AGM, 7.00pm

'What's the Buzz' interviews:

3.10pm-8.00pm

Wed 19th Feb - 'What's the Buzz'

interviews : 3.10pm-6.00pm

Thurs 20th Feb - Keeping Ourselves Safe

Parent Meetings : 3.20pm & 7.00pm

Mon 24th Feb - Matai/Tawa Beach Ed Day

'Walk and Wheel Week' commences

Wed 26th Feb - Full school 'Walk to School' Day

Mon 9th March - Literacy Quiz

Mon 16th March - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

Fri 20th March - Rata/Kowhai Assembly, 2.10pm

Mon 23rd March - Otago Anniversary Day observance

Fri 3rd April - Piwakawaka/Toroa Assembly, 2.10pm

Thurs 9th April - last day of Term 1

Tuesday 28 April - First day of Term 2

Wed 16 Dec - last day of the year!



PARENTING AND SOCIAL COGNITION STUDY

The purpose of this project is to understand how New Zealand European parents interact with their children and how this supports the social development of their children.

We need 60 children aged 3 and a half years - 7 years and their primary caregiver to participate in our study this summer/autumn in Dunedin. Participants will take part in **two** study sessions, the first lasting for **45 to 60 minutes** and the second lasting for **75 to 90 minutes**. Participants must also be available for follow-up sessions 1 year after the initial sessions.

Participants will learn about the social understanding of their child, and they will receive a **\$20 petrol voucher and a child's gift** for participating.

If you are interested, please contact Jane Carroll, Research Fellow, to request a participant information sheet.

Email: jane.carroll@otago.ac.nz

Phone: 027 411 7394



This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee.

Reference: 18/196

Denise Henderson Studio of Tap, Jazz and Musical Theatre

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'Seeking Actors and Extras' - No experience necessary.

We are currently casting for a photoshoot: 'Grandparents' (60s) and 'Grandkids' (2 children, ages 5-10 yrs). Particularly Italian/Spanish or Asian (anywhere) looks. For paid work, 1-2 days in Dunedin. No need to be actual relatives.

If you fit the 'look', or want to know more, please get in touch right away! Occasional film, television, and tv commercial opportunities. There's no cost to list with us - we get paid when you do! For all ages, looks, experience and backgrounds.

Please contact Ellie Swann: otagoactors@gmail.com, 021 24 22 221, www.otagoactors.co.nz



2020 METROPOLITAN JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DATES



Alhambra-Union

Contact: Bonnie Proctor 021 477 482
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 7pm
Sat 29 February | 11am - 1pm
Fri 13 March | 5pm - 7pm

Brighton

Contact: Michelle Rutherford 027 744 8636
Thur 13 February | 4pm - 6pm
Sun 23 February | 11am - 12pm

Dunedin

Contact: Dennis McLaughlan 021 456 853
Thur 13 February | 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sun 16 February | 1pm - 3pm
Sat 29 March | 1pm - 3pm

Eastern

Contact: Scott Clearwater 027 586 0016
Thur 27 February | 3.30pm - 5pm

Green Island

Contact: Jason Bezzell 027 588 2547
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 6.30pm
Sun 23 February | 11am - 2pm
Mon 9 March | 5pm - 7pm

Harbour

Contact: Ryan Olsen 027 472 8193
Thur 12 March | 5pm - 6pm
Sat 14 March | 12pm - 1pm
(Port Children's Swimming Pool)

Kaikorai

Contact: Todd Gordon 021 290 0455
Tue 3 March | 5.30pm - 7pm
Sun 8 March | 11am - 1pm

Pirates

Contact: Ash Jarden 021 174 6070
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 7pm
Sat 29 February | 11am - 1pm
Sat 14 March | 11am - 1pm

Strath Taieri

Contact: Abby Peckie 027 632 6600
Thur 27 February |

Southern

Contact: Aaron Campbell 021 973 291
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 7pm
Sat 15 February | 12pm - 4pm
Sat 22 February | 11am - 1pm

Taieri

Contact: Tim Gullies 021 970 536
Sun 9 February | 11am - 1pm
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 6.30pm
Sun 16 February | 11am - 1pm

West Taieri

Contact: Jelena Coen 021 399 144
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 7pm

Zingari-Richmond

Contact: Megan Jones 021 500 547
Thur 13 February | 3.30pm - 5pm
Sun 16 February | 11am - 1pm
Thur 20 February | 5pm - 6.30pm

RIPPA TACKLE RIP RUGBY GIRLS ONLY



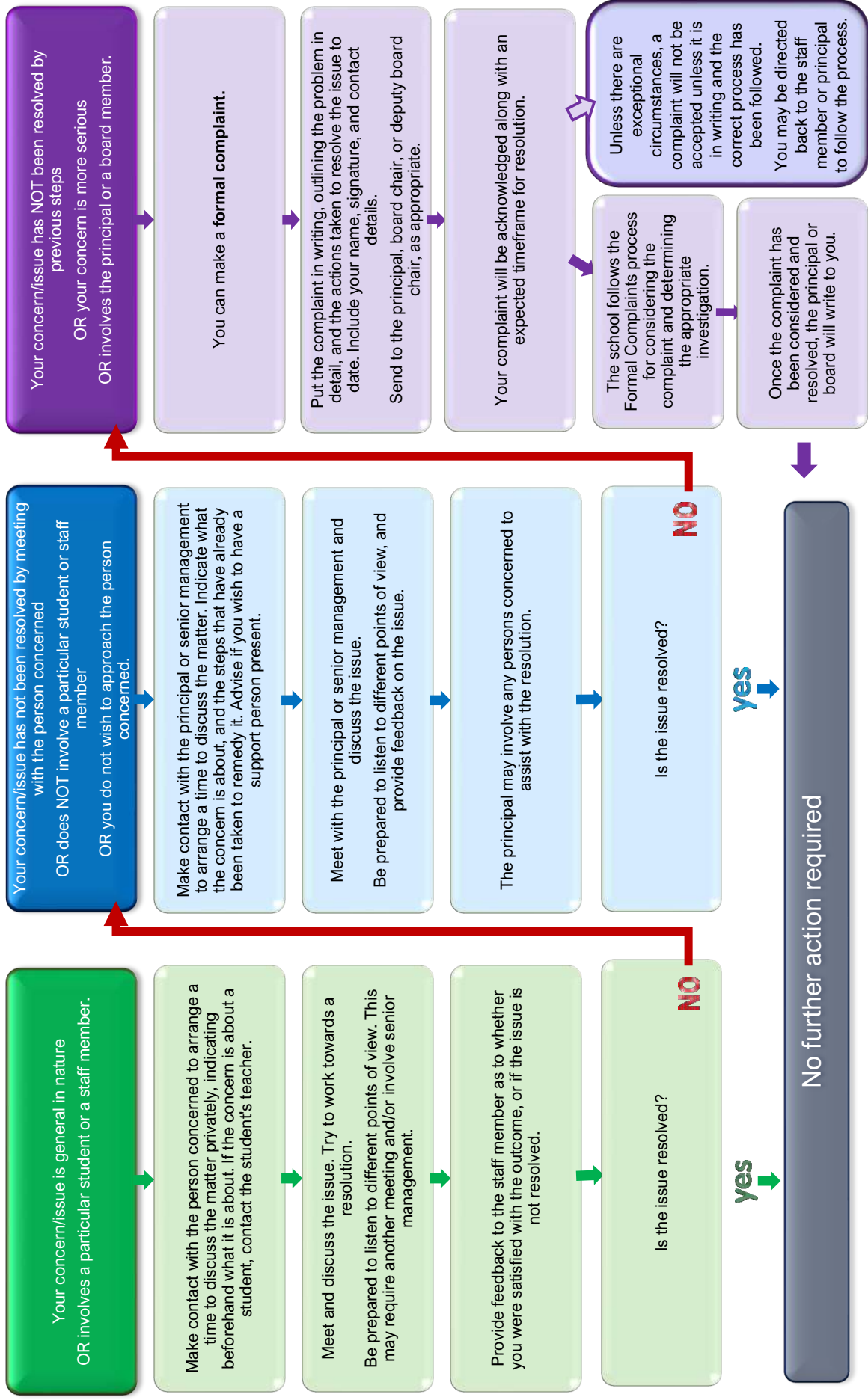
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Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.