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WELCOME TO
TOBI & EVGENY
WHO BOTH STARTED IN
ROOM KEA THIS WEEK



EXCITING PLAY BASED LEARNING



ROOMS RATA
AND KOWHAI

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Our 'What's the Buzz?' parent interviews concluded yesterday and I would like to thank all of those who took the opportunity to attend these. One of the Board's Strategic Aims is "to continue to enhance and nurture positive relationships with whānau" with an aspirational outcome of "increasing whānau/caregiver participation in parent interviews aiming for 100%." If you were not able to make a time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and make a time that is mutually suitable.

On Tuesday night I attended the PTA Annual General Meeting and subsequent meeting afterwards. I would like to thank those who were able to attend these meetings. Many of the office bearers positions are still yet to confirmed but I would like to thank Sonya Power who will be continuing in the Treasurer position. The office bearer's positions will be confirmed with the parent community once the PTA executive has met to discuss these.

Next week is a very busy and exciting week with Walk'n'Wheels and the Beach Education Day for Matai and Tawa. Also the Ngā Manu teachers and myself will be starting Te Ahu o te reo Māori, which is a programme to inspire and aspire for improved te reo Māori proficiency, acquisition and use across the education sector. We will be staying at the Ōtākou Marae Thursday and Friday and relief teachers will be in classes during this time. This is the first of four noho (three of which are during the term), which are spread between Term 1 and 2.

I would like to thank parents and caregivers for their patience whilst the new road safety layout is being completed. The final curb is being worked on at the moment and should not be too far away from being finished. This will dramatically help road safety around this busy area outside our school.

On Monday night the Board approved Belinda Collins' application to return to Grant's Braes School in a part-time role from Term 2 until the end of the 2020 school year. It is going to be wonderful to have Belinda back with us and she will be working in Rata for 3 days a week to release Desiree Wispinski for Management and Intervention programmes. This will then allow us to employ a full-time fixed-term teacher for Matai and this position has been advertised.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

'KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE' PARENT MEETINGS

TODAY - 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.

Board of Trustees Update

Kia ora koutou. A warm (well, perhaps not on the weather front!) welcome to the beginning of the 2020 school year, and we hope all of your children have settled well into their new classrooms.

ERO report

As you will remember we welcomed the team from the Educational Review Office (ERO) to Grant's Braes in early November 2019. The objective of ERO is to ensure that all learners in our school are successful, and a range of different methods are used to measure this. We are very pleased and proud to be able to share the final ERO report with our whanau and wider school community. The overall evaluation judgement of Grants Braes School's performance in achieving valued outcomes for its students is strong – which is the best outcome possible. The final report and recommendations can be read here: <https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/grants-braes-school-28-01-2020/>

We would like to sincerely thank Gareth, the management team and all of the staff at Grant's Braes for the many hours of work that went into planning and preparing for this review. Of course, this doesn't mean we stop here, and we are currently finalising our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible learning for all of our children!

Board members

A quick reminder of our board members – Gareth Taylor (principal), Rachel Brown, Amie Curtis, Trudie Evans, Paul Stevenson, Nicola Wall and Desiree Wispinski (teacher representative), with secretarial support from Gaylene O'Brien. As always, we value the input and support that we receive from our community, and if you have any suggestions you would like us to consider, please let one of us know.

Nga mihi,

Steph Woodley
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

OUR 2020 P.A.L'S



This is an updated photo of our 2020 PAL's! Unfortunately, there were two children who were away last week when the first photo was taken so this is a photo of the full group.

PRE-SCHOOL BEARS



Our fabulous transition-to-school programme 'Pre-School Bears' is back underway on Wednesday afternoons for children 4-1/2 and over. These children are pictured here receiving their own wee pre-school bear from Gareth Taylor (Principal), and also enjoying some nice time in the library.

FUN VISIT BY 'SHELLEY J'



Earlier this week, Kowhai and Rata children enjoyed a special visit by local author and singer/song writer 'Shelley J'. She entertained the children with songs and stories about New Zealand birds. The children also listened to her new book 'Will you fly with me' about a little bird learning to make friends. Following her visit the children wrote stories about their favourite parts of her show.



Info in regards to what is planned for Walk'n'Wheel Week (Mon 24-Fri 28th Feb) was sent home **via paper copy yesterday (Wednesday)**. This letter includes 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.

Children have also been given **Progress Cards** to note down the days they walked or 'wheeled' to school. These are then collected by your child's teacher at the end of the week, and will be included in the draw for some of the prizes available.

Also, every child will bring home this Friday a **high vis vest** which is to be worn to and from school each day your child walks or wheels. These will be issued by their classroom teacher, and need to be **washed and returned to your child's classroom teacher early the next week**. All vests are numbered and teachers will mark them off the list as they are returned.

OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL
SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
4 April 2020 : Moana Pool



If your child is interested in entering this, please contact Jen Stevenson for further information, especially in regards to qualifying times.
Email : jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz

REMINDER

Payment of all Sports Fees
are due by next

Friday, 28 February

Please pay by cash or EFTPOS
at the office, or by internet
banking -03 0905 0914747 00
or via KINDO

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL.....

Already there have been some tummy bugs, and sore throats about!

Please keep your child at home when they are unwell for two reasons - firstly, they do not learn or focus well when they are feeling 'under par', and secondly, to avoid bugs being spread to both our staff and other class members.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhea, it is important that they are kept away from school for **at least 48 hours from the last event!**

Our school has a 24 hour answer phone so please ring and leave a message to let us know if your child is not coming to school, or send an email to the office and to the class teacher.





DATES TO REMEMBER

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!

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

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'.

MISSING SIZE 6 JACKET - named Ethan Pan. Please check the name on your child's soft-shell jacket as it seems it has been mistakenly taken home from school or Magic. Please return to the school office if located.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE SIZE 8,10 or 12 SCHOOL UNIFORM SHORTS OR TROUSERS THAT YOUR CHILD NO LONGER WEARS?

If so, please drop into the office to enable us to replenish our stock of 'spares' held here at school. Thanks.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience for the whole family.

Host families needed 2020, students arriving May and July for 3, 5 or 10 months.

Students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact 0800 440079 or info@studentexchange.org.nz



LAINIE SCOTT HAIRSTYLIST

Lainie has moved to Russo Professional Salon at 144 Larnach Road, Waverley.

To welcome new clients from the area please feel free to quote the offer below when booking your first appointment with Lainie.

Grants Braes Offer

10% off your first appointment booked with Lainie.

Mob: 021 966 314

FB Messenger: Lainie Scott

144 Larnach Road, Waverley 9013



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



2020 METROPOLITAN JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DATES

Alhambra-Union

Contact: Ronnie Proctor 021 477 682
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 7pm
Sat 29 February | 11am - 1pm
Fri 13 March | 5pm - 7pm

Brighton

Contact: Michelle Rochford 027 746 8636
Thur 13 February | 4pm - 6pm
Sun 23 February | 11am - 12pm

Dunedin

Contact: Denis McLaughlin 021 456 653
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 Barrett 027 588 2547
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 6.30pm
Sat 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 Chalmers 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 Peckle 027 632 6060
Thur 27 February |

Southern

Contact: Aaron Campbell 027 973 291
Thur 13 February | 5pm - 7pm
Sat 15 February | 12pm - 4pm
Sat 22 February | 11am - 1pm

Taieri

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

West Taieri

Contact: Joanne Casey 021 399 184
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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OUR PROVINCE | OUR COMMUNITY | OUR GAME

Pirates Junior Rugby Club

U5-U7 Rippa
U8-U13 Tackle
Girls U10 & U13

2020 Registrations

We welcome all new and returning players to the upcoming season!

Registration Days

Thurs 13 Feb 5pm-7pm

Sat 29 Feb 11am-1pm

Sat 14 March 11am-1pm

Pirates Clubrooms, John Wilson Dr, Dn.

Subs: U5 \$30, 1 player \$55, 2 players \$90

Family / 3 or more \$120

* Conditions apply

-Payment options available-

Email: ashyboo3@hotmail.co.nz

Ph: Ash Jarden 0211746070



JOIN US!

WE'RE AFTER PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS FOR OUR CLUB!

"A fun and an enjoyable environment for young football players"

grantsbraesafc@gmail.com www.grantsbraesafc.com

David 021 2124068
(Junior Club Rep)



Craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age kids. Held at 4pm on the 2nd Floor, City Library every second Monday.

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Pom-pom kiwi

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Cool cutlery pouches

MONDAY 2 MARCH

Yarn ball ornaments

MONDAY 16 MARCH

CD spinners

MONDAY 30 MARCH

Easter fun

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SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020

Runners & walkers of all ages & abilities welcome!

- 10km FUN RUN & WALK: 10.00am
- 4km FUN RUN & WALK: 10.30am
- ENTRY FEE: 10km: \$25 4km: Adult \$15 Kids \$5 Family \$30

Join us at Forsyth Barr Stadium for fantastic food, entertainment & a family picnic area!

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Toy Story 4

2PM, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23



What Tantrums Don't Mean:

- I hate you.
- You are mean.
- You are a bad parent.
- I'm a bad child.
- I'm manipulating you.
- I need you to meet every demand that I'm yelling.
- I need you to punish me.

What Tantrums Do Mean:

- I'm overwhelmed.
- I'm trying to tell you about a need I have.
- I'm possibly hungry, tired, overwhelmed, lonely, or angry and I don't know how to handle that yet.
- I need to learn a new way to ask you for this need when I am calm.
- I'm new at figuring out big feelings.
- My brain can't understand you when I'm feeling this much emotion.
- I need you to be calm so I can figure out these feelings.
- I don't want to be acting this way.
- I'm watching how you respond to my big feelings so I know how to respond next time.
- I love you and feel safe with you.