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**WELCOME TO
IRIS
WHO STARTED IN
ROOM KEA THIS WEEK**



WALK 'N' WHEEL WEEK



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

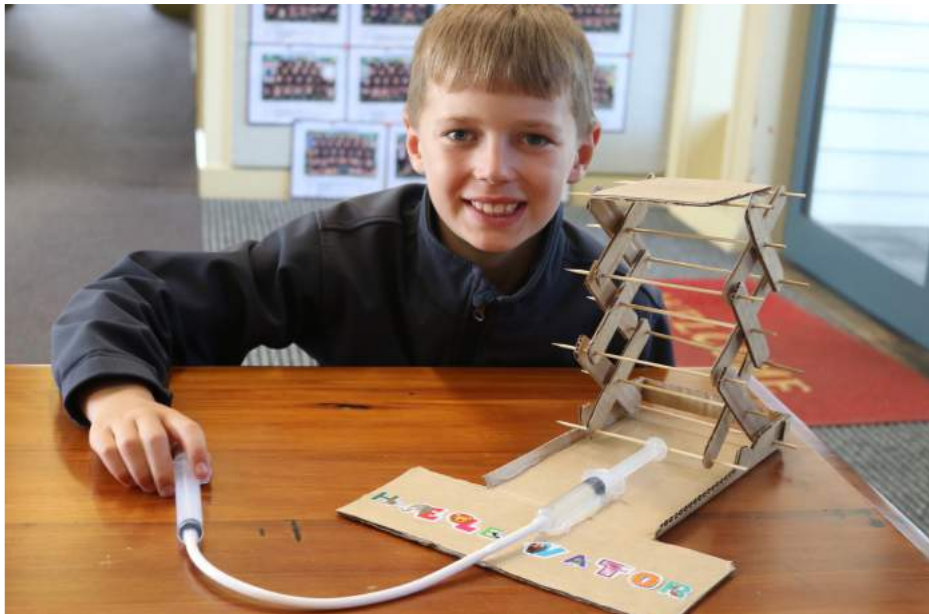
Since the redevelopment of the Kōhanga block, our school has been without a sandpit and almost every week, at the class reps meeting, I have been asked "when are we getting the sandpit back?". We have now had our new sandpit for a week and it continues to be very exciting for our students. I would like to thank Paul Stevenson and our wonderful caretaker, Steve Harris, for all of their hard work to get this project done. I would also like to thank Paul Stevenson for adding a nib wall around the playground as well as working with Chris Hughes, and their band of helpers, to spread new wood-chips around. The whole area looks fantastic.

I had a lovely time on Monday with the students from Matai and Tawa at Brighton Beach undertaking Beach Education. The Life Guards working with us gave the students valuable information which will help to keep them safe when at the beach. I would like to thank all of the caregivers who came and helped with supervision and supporting the students and teachers; also thanks to Mrs Masters and Miss van Plateringen for organising such a fantastic day!

As this week is 'Walk 'n' Wheels', all classes are looking at how students are getting to and from school. Yesterday we held our school 'walk to school' session and it was wonderful to see so many tamariki and whānau taking up this opportunity. A huge thank you to Jen Stevenson for all of her work leading up to this week.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL



Patrick is one of our very clever Year 6 'GBS STEAM STARS' who, using cardboard engineering technology, built this 'Helovator'. Patrick showed great patience with this challenge as it took until his fourth attempt to get this fabulous piece of engineering to be fully operational! Well done Patrick - awesome work!!!

NEW SANDPIT A HIT!!!!



The children are absolutely loving the new sandpit!!! Huge thanks to Paul Stevenson, Gareth Taylor and Steve Harris for spending considerable time in putting this together and making it happen for the children.

MATAI AND TAWA'S BEACH ED DAY



Perfect weather on Monday made for a perfect day for Tawa and Matai children on their Beach Ed day held at Brighton Beach.

PALS TRAINING DAY



Our Year 6 PALS (Physical Activity Leaders) enjoyed a training day at the Edgar Centre last Friday, learning lots of new games and activities to teach and play with our children during the lunchbreaks.

'Reading with the Dogs' resumes



Judith and Barbara returned to school this week and introduced their dogs and puppy Mia (8 week old schnauzer pup) to a new group of our children who bring their books and read to the dogs! The dogs, and the children (and Barbara and Judith!!) love this time together!!!

Get Ready for the Season programmes!

These are open to Year 5 & Year 6 netballers!

The **Y5 & Y6 Get Ready for Netball Programme** is a 5-week programme held on Tuesday afternoon during March/April/May that is designed to give all players, whether they are new to netball or have played previously, an opportunity to get ready for the netball season. It is an opportunity to develop the basic skills, understand some the basic rules of netball and be introduced to the NetballSmart Programme.

Numbers for the Year 5&6 Get Ready for the Season programme may be capped dependent on registration numbers, but we will do our best to accommodate all interested players.

Dates for this programme are:

Year 5/6: March 24, 31, April 7, 28 and May 5 – 4pm-5pm.

All year groups cost \$55.

Please follow the link below for more information and to register. Registrations close on Thursday March 19.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/117822>

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Dolphins : Charlotte (Matai)

Stars : Austin (Pukeko)

Dragons : Faek (Tawa)

Rippa

Blue : Harry (Piwakawaka)

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2020/2021 SALES OPEN!



The PTA are selling the Entertainment Book again this year and it's 100% digital:

- No more leaving your book at home
- New offers instantly on the APP so you never miss out
- Offers valid for at least 12 months from purchase

Get yours today by clicking on the link below and supporting our school!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26014m9>

Early Bird offer with gift with purchase and extra months on your APP - available until 29 February.

Multi city option for ALL cities in New Zealand, Australia and Bali only \$119.99





DATES TO REMEMBER

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!

ROOM KOWHAI NEED BOTTLETOPS!



**Especially milk bottle
tops, jar lids, any sort
of bottle top!!!**

**Please drop in to Room Kowhai if you
have any spare.**



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

REMINDER

**Payment of all Sports Fees
are due to be paid by
tomorrow,**

Friday, 28 February

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

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.

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'.

**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.



**40 SHANDON ROAD
SATURDAY 29th FEB
8.30AM ONWARDS**

**Lots of kids stuff, small
furniture and
miscellaneous other
objects!!!**



There is no app to
replace your lap

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN