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**WELCOME TO
MIKAYLA
WHO STARTED IN ROOM RATA
YESTERDAY**



LIT QUIZ 2020



On Monday we had 3 teams participate in the Otago heat of the Literacy Quiz. All the students did very well and represented Grant's Braes proudly. The teams achieved 3rd and 4th in the Year 5 and 6 division.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

On Monday a group of Kā Manu students competed in the Literacy Quiz at Dunedin North Intermediate with wonderful results. I would like to thank Rebecca McKeever for preparing them for this and her organisation. I would also like to thank the parents and caregivers who helped with supervision and transport for this event. The Kōhanga classes have their community walk today and it wonderful to see the sun shining for them.

Attached to this newsletter is a Parent's Code of Conduct. Please read through this and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like anything clarified. This is an important document and by following these procedures, problems will be solved as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results come from working together.

At the PTA meeting on Monday night the majority of the Office Bearer positions were appointed. I would like to congratulate the following on their appointment: President - Susan Baikie, Vice-president - Dee Isaacs, Treasurer - Sonya Power, Secretary - this will be a shared role. I know they will work extremely hard alongside you, our parent community, to raise much needed funds for our school.

Just a reminder that tomorrow the PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle and Mufti-Day and the proceeds are going towards the 'Light it Orange' campaign which is to help families stay safe from domestic violence. This was selected as a worthy cause as it fits with our term's focus 'How we can keep ourselves safe". More information about this can be found by clicking on the url: <http://www.lightitorange.co.nz/>. We ask that the students wear mufti with a splash of orange and bring a small donation to this important campaign.

The 2020 Grant's Braes School Charter has been finalized and can be accessed through the School Website via the BOT Page or a paper copy is available, upon request, from the school office.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

MUFTI DAY

TOMORROW FRIDAY 13 MARCH

This has been organized by our PTA and children and staff are asked to wear mufti with 'a splash of orange'!!! This is in support of the 'Light it Orange' campaign, which also aligns well with our "Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme currently being run throughout our school.

Please send along a gold coin donation in support of this very worthy cause. Children are to take their money to their class teacher in the morning.

Light it
Orange



Help victims of domestic violence
get safe and stay safe.

www.lightitorange.org.nz

8-14TH
MARCH
2020

PUKEKO'S COLESLAW MAKING



Pukeko made coleslaw from the green and red cabbage they grew in our school garden. It was super delicious.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Tee Ball

Slammers - Joel (Matai)

Rippa

Yellow - Logan (Pukeko)

Blue - Patrick (Toroa)

Red - Alex (Pukeko)

Futsal

Flyers - Alex (Pukeko)

Sparks - Marlon (Toroa)

Hurricanes - Adam (Piwakawaka)

Bombers - Josh (Kowhai)

Tigers - Fleur (Kowhai)

Stars - Charlie (Pukeko)

Diamonds - Sasanka (Tawa)

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

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PTA NEWS

Hello from the Grants Braes School PTA,

We are well in to the start of a new school year and I would like to introduce our friendly PTA office bearers for 2020.

President: Susan Baikie
Vice-President: Dee Isaacs
Treasurer: Sonya Power

The Grants Braes School PTA is an awesome group of parents and teachers who work together to raise money through various fundraising events e.g. raffles, sausage sizzles, discos, crafts to help the school and wider community.

Our fundraising has enabled us to provide some great resources for our children and over the last few years:

- Furniture, Resources and Technology for New Classroom
- New playground
- Heat pumps and installation
- New outdoor carpet
- Boardgames for the class rooms

We already have several upcoming fundraising activities already underway:

- **Sausage Sizzle this Friday!** We run these throughout the year and are always looking for helpers for this much-loved favourite.
- **Arista Bakery Hot Cross Buns** order forms will be sent home next week for these delicious hot cross buns with a new Fruit Free option!
- **Mother's Day raffle** will be drawn on Friday 8th May, and numbers will be available the week prior. We encourage all kids to be involved and at 50c a ticket they can use their own pocket money.
- **Digital Entertainment Books** are now available and details on how to purchase are included in this newsletter.

We are always looking for enthusiastic parents who want to be involved with their children's school and education to join our PTA. Because we are all busy parents with many commitments we aim to keep the commitment low, but we need more members to continue our great work.

If you would like to join the Grants Braes School PTA or you are interested in hearing more about what we do, please come along to one of our meetings at school or contact Susan Baikie on 027 320 2770.

Susan Baikie

Grant's Braes School PTA President



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Grant's Braes School Code of Conduct - Parents/Caregivers

A code of conduct for parents/caregivers and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, and parents/caregivers are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

From time to time parents/caregivers or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of your own child/or other children
- Express concern about the actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

No parent will directly approach another person's child at school to discuss issues/concerns about that child's behaviour. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Behaviour and Wellbeing policy.

If you have a concern about anything to do with someone else's child, you must organise a time to talk with school staff about it.

Parents/caregivers and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
- Make appointments in advance to discuss concerns
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference

Behaviour in the presence of students, staff, and parents/caregivers to the school that causes alarm or concern includes:

- Use of offensive language (ie swearing or put-downs, name calling) in the presence of students
- Accusing someone else's child of something when their parent is not there
- Speaking angrily to the child of another parent/adult/staff member

By following these procedures, problems will be solved as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results come from working together.

Gareth Taylor
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 13th March - 'Orange' Muffi Day & Sausage Sizzle

Tues 17th March - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

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

Mon 23rd March - Otago Anniversary Day observance

Wed 1st April - Whanau Hui

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

Wed 8th April - Muffi Day & Sausage Sizzle

Thurs 9th April - last day of Term 1

Tuesday 28 April - First day of Term 2

Wed 16 December - last day of school year



Congratulations to Srinath and Sophia who competed in the Southern Districts Multi Style Karate Championships in Tapanui last weekend. They achieved the following -

Srinath - bronze in kumite (fighting)

Sophia - bronze in kata and bronze in kumite (fighting)

Well done to you both.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 2 brochures went home with all children last week. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 20 February.**

CAN YOU HELP RATA AND KOWHAI?

If you have any wood cut-offs, they would love these for the children to use at the woodwork table.

Please drop into either classroom.



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'.

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MAGIC

MONDAY 16 MARCH
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FAN-FRIENDLY
EARLIER
START TIME OF
7.15PM!

gotta be there!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM VENUE OR ON LINE AT
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• NEW CHEAPER TICKET PRICE OPTIONS!
• ST HILDAS v COLUMBA 5.30pm

Iced Delightz for Easter!

Custom Gingerbread for SALE...



Great as Easter gifts or treats for the kids

\$7 per set (#1 = 7.5cm, #2 = 5.5cm, #3,4,5 = 9cm cookies)

Gluten free alternatives available (\$8)

– text your orders in to Fi Simpson on 021.11137742 by Mon 23rd March (orders are binding), pick up & pay at Grants Braes School 3pm Monday 6th April or by alt. arrangement [Instagram @Iced.Delightz]