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**WELCOME TO**  
*Yassin (Ruru), Kawthar (Rata)*  
*and Dunia (Kea)*  
**WHO STARTED THIS WEEK**



## SCHOOL ROUTINES ARE GREAT!



IT NINJAS



ROOM RURU



RATA & KOWHAI LIBRARY TIME



ROOM TAWA



LOVELY HAVING BELINDA COLLINS BACK!



MS SNOOK & ROOM MATAI BOYS



ROOM KAKAPO



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Many teachers have spoken to me on how lovely it is seeing older siblings looking after their younger brothers and sisters when they come into, or are leaving the school grounds. This shows our school value of E Kumanu Ana - We Care so strongly. Once again, I thank you for your patience at this time and I am really appreciative of you all ensuring that you are following the school's Alert Level 2 procedures.

I was delighted to hear the wonderful news that Teacher Aides; - Learning Assistants in our case, have the opportunity to vote on a significant pay increase. Learning Assistants do an incredible job supporting students in a myriad of ways and are a key component of our student's success at school. This is such welcome news and a start to ensure that they are recognised for the important role they play.

## Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day

In 2019, our teachers accepted the pay offer from the Ministry of Education (MoE) which resulted in them settling the negotiations and accepting new terms for the 2019-2022 Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement. As part of the terms agreed to, the Ministry of Education has provided eight additional Teacher Only Days to help address teacher workload. These allocated eight MoE Teacher Only Days are required to be taken within the duration of the three-year Collective Agreement.

At the February Board of Trustees Meeting, the use of one of these MoE Teacher Only Days was approved so that teachers could be released to write mid-year reports. As reported earlier, there will be no Mid-Year reports or interviews in Term 2 due to the Covid-19 situation, but we will share a more detailed plan on how we report to whānau in due course. As a result of this, we have decided to change the focus of this planned MoE Teacher Only Day to School-wide Planning and Reporting. The Board of Trustees has approved the changed date and our school will be closed on Monday 29 June for this reason. A plan to use the remainder of the days will also be developed, discussed at Board level, and communicated as soon as possible with our whānau. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

## 'MAKEY MAKEY TIME'



'Makey Makey' is an electronic invention tool that allows the kids to connect everyday objects to computer programs using a circuit board. These photos are of Ngā Manu children enjoying their 'Makey Makey' time.

# WINTER SPORTS



We have been advised that **Miniball** and **Netball** will not be commencing until Term 3 so look out for registration information for these two sports in a few weeks.



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**Hockey** information was sent out to all families by email on Monday of this week, and it is repeated here. Please note that the **closing date for hockey registrations is 3.00pm next Tuesday, 2 June and all registrations must be made using KINDO. There will be NO LATE Registrations as Jen Stevenson has a very tight timetable to keep for getting the registrations into the Otago Hockey Association.**



The Otago Hockey Association has been working on their formats to come up with a modified Hockey competition for this season. Please read the following information and register your **YEAR 3-6** child through Kindo if they are interested in playing Hockey for Grant's Braes School this season.

For **Year 1-2 children** interested in playing, please refer to the **poster on Page 4 of this newsletter.**

Please note - more information in regards to the Covid-19 protocols will be shared once our teams have been registered.

**Registrations close on TUESDAY 2nd JUNE - you must register via Kindo by 3pm on Tuesday 2nd June.**

The modified Hockey competition is being run on a Wednesday afternoon between 3.40-6.30pm for Mini Sticks (Y3/4) and Kiwi Sticks (Y5/6) at the McMillan Hockey Turf in Harbour Terrace. Hockey will start on Wednesday 17th June, break for School Holidays and then run for all of Term 3 with competition finishing on the 25th of September (13 weeks total).

**Ministicks Year 3/4** - 'Train and Play' concept. This involves splitting into smaller groups and working on smaller playing fields with Otago Hockey Association coaches out on the turf working to develop the players skills through engagement while also helping to support our coaches/ teachers/ parent volunteers.

**Kiwisticks Year 5/6** - games played on 1/4 of the field.

Children will need to wear their sports uniforms, shin pads and a mouthguard. We can lend hockey sticks if your child needs one. It can get very cold at the turf, so dress warmly!

OHA has asked that we enter teams of 8-9 players. If we do not have enough players to enter a team, I can pass your details onto OHA and the children may be able to join another school's team.

The cost will depend on the number of children playing, but will cost approximately \$35-\$45.

**We require parents to coach and umpire these teams.**

## **To register:**

### **Kindo New users:**

Copy and paste this link into your browser to register. [-https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School). All you need is the email address the school has on file for you.

We'll send you an email with a password link to choose your password, and your registration is complete. You must be logged in also on this email account.

### **Kindo Existing users:**

Copy and paste this link into your browser to login and register for sports, purchase uniform or make part or full payments on your family account. <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?session=false&shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School>

If you need assistance, call the Kindo Help Desk on 0508 454636 - they are very helpful.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jen Stevenson ([jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz)) if you require more information about Hockey.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 1 June - Queens Birthday

Monday 15 June - BOT Meeting, 7.30pm

Monday 29 June - Teacher Only Day

Friday 3 July - Last day of term

Monday 20 July - First day of Term 3

Wed 16 December - last day of school year

## NO PRE-SCHOOL BEARS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

While in Level 2, the Pre-School Bears Programme will be 'on hold'. Our Junior Syndicate (Kohanga) staff wish to get the children in their classes all back underway and settled into routines etc again, before adding

## **2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform items, please text Andrea on 021 08200287. She is happy to make arrangements for a suitable time to meet with you to come and purchase 2nd hand items.



**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)

Check out our Facebook page on  
<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryparkkindergarten>

# OTAGO HOCKEY

## FUNSTICKS

### DUNEDIN

A fundamental movement  
and skills programme  
for year 1 & 2 players.

**Three Venues to  
Choose From!**

**Multiple Times of  
Day to Suit You!**

**\$80 Per Child (T-Shirt Included)**



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# OTAGO HOCKEY

## BLUE & GOLD SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

For players who are committed  
to improving their game  
and taking their hockey to  
the next level.

**Year 5&6 and  
7&8 Programmes**

**Monday 6th July -  
Wednesday 8th July**

**1 day: \$40, 2 days: \$75, 3 days: \$100**



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