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WELCOME TO
Ella
WHO STARTED IN ROOM
KEA THIS WEEK



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY



The children (and staff too!) all enjoyed the opportunity to 'dress up' as a book character last Friday. This was a great way to finish off our Book Fair week. Thank you also to the PTA who organized a 'Pizza Day' for last Friday; the children loved having this new food option, and of course the usual ice blocks afterwards!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Just a small blurb for you all today and I hope you are keeping well.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for adjusting back into Level 2 so quickly. We will all be waiting with baited breath when the Government review the Alert Levels and make their announcement early next week. Any pertinent information will be shared with you all in a timely manner. Please ensure you are keeping yourself safe, and anyone who is unwell is to please stay away from school. It is most important that children are kept at home when they have coughs, colds, runny noses, sore tummy etc as the bugs very easily get passed on, not only to the children, but to our staff too. Unfortunately, it is getting harder and harder to get relief teachers, and this issue in the end will impact our children and their learning if we are unable to obtain a relief teacher for a staff member who is unwell. Sadly, today we have three staff away. Our aim is to keep both our children and our staff healthy and well!

It is unfortunate that there have been a number of events cancelled, and others either restricted or postponed. Parents will be informed as soon as possible to any changes to events or sporting fixtures. We have also changed the date to the Open Afternoon where you will be able to come in and see all of the 2040 creations the children have designed and built. This will now be on Monday 31 August starting at 1.45pm in the Hall and then you are free to wander around the classrooms to view the work of the tamariki until 2.45pm. All going well, the Dunedin 2040 Exhibition will be open for viewing at the Otago Polytechnic Student Hub on 2nd and 3rd September (see the advert on the last page of this newsletter).

Hei kona mai i roto i kā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

PRE-SCHOOL BEARS UNDERWAY AGAIN



Six children attended our Pre-School Bears Programme which got underway again yesterday after the break following lockdown. The children enjoyed their session with Mrs Tait and loved getting their very own Pre-School toy bear!

Dunedin 2040 Class display



Monday 31 August
(please note change of date)
1.45 -2.45 pm

Come along to an Open Afternoon to see what we have all been working on over the last 10 weeks!

Meet in the Hall to hear a brief description of what the project is all about, then you are free to wander through the classes and talk to the tamariki about their projects that will be on display.

See you all there!

PLAYERS OF THE DAY WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Netball

Diamonds - Grace Mc (PW)
Rebels - Charlie Mac (Puk)

Hockey

Bears - Theo (Puk)
Kiwisticks - Max (PW)



Daffodil Day symbolises all New Zealanders coming together in the fight against cancer. ... This year, Daffodil Day is **next Friday 28 August** and marks the 30th anniversary of Daffodil Day. There will be fabric daffodils available (limited supply, preferably for adults) and stickers (for the children) when you make a donation into the box at the office. There is also the option to scan, or use your phone's camera to enable you to donate online.



Congratulations to Gregory of Ruma Ruru for his recent success at the Hyeon Mu Taekwondo competition held in Christchurch. He won a bronze medal in the Colourelt Individual Poomsae Competition which is a great achievement.

Stopping and parking near a school

Schools are busy areas where there are many children who may not understand the dangers of roads and vehicles. Please take extra care when parking around schools and follow the parking signs. No stopping lines and parking restrictions are in place near schools to protect our children against possible injuries.

Parking safety tips

- Park a safe distance from crossings.
- Park a few streets away from the school and walk with your children.
- Single park, as double parking is dangerous and reduces visibility.
- Follow the directions of signs.
- Arrive early to avoid congestion.

You are liable for fines up to \$60 if you stop or park illegally.

To help improve safety around schools, think about getting your children to walk or wheel to school.





DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 24 Aug - ICAS English

Tues 25 Aug - Ariki Cup

Fri 28 Aug - Ariki Cup postponement

Mon 31 Aug - Dunedin 2040 class display, 1.45pm

Tues 1 Sept - ICAS Maths

Mon 7 Sept - BOT Mtg, 7.00pm

Fri 25 Sept - last day of Term 3

Mon 12 Oct - first day of Term 4

Wed 16 December - last day of school year

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.

Enrol at tahuna.school.nz

Enrolments close 7th September



Please enrol online or contact the office

DUNEDIN 2040 EXHIBITION

Come see what our students think
the future of our city should be.

2-3 September
Otago Polytechnic
Student Hub



Grant's Braes Kindergarten

Grant's Braes Kindergarten currently have vacancies needing to be filled. We offer 30 hours free per week for those aged 3 and over and very reasonable rates for 2 year olds. We offer a wonderful outdoor environment, and pride ourselves on our community involvement. If you have a child who would be interested in joining us at Kindy please contact us.

Phone 454 3407

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Or pop in for a visit and chat.

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