



WELCOME TO
Yasmin and Arlo
WHO HAVE BOTH JOINED
ROOM KEA THIS WEEK



ART ENRICHMENT GROUP



As part of our school's Enrichment Programme, Tasha, Poppy and Claudia were selected to attend 'The Imaginarum' run by the Dunedin Public Art Gallery. The girls started last Friday and along with children from three other Dunedin Schools, will attend two more creative Friday workshops.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

It was incredible to see how generous our community is through today's 'OCTACAN' appeal! The Whānau leaders and I will be taking this to the Presbyterian Support Otago tomorrow and these will certainly go to helping support those in need. Once again, thank you for your generosity, as well as to the Whānau Leaders and Mr Howell for organising this.

Today, Mr Fry accompanied a group of 'chess whiz kids' to Sacred Heart School in North East Valley to compete in a Chess Tournament. Tomorrow, Mrs McKeever will be supervising eight students competing in the annual ePRO8 Challenge where they will put their engineering and co-operative skills to the test to complete some exciting challenges. I would like to thank Mr Fry and Mrs McKeever for all they have done in preparing the students and their organisation prior to these events. Photos and a report on how they all did will be in next week's newsletter.

If you haven't booked your time for the Parent/Teacher Goal Setting interviews on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August, the online portal is open until 3.00pm, Tuesday 11 August (see below). This is an important opportunity for students and parents/caregivers to focus on goals to be worked on for the remainder of the year. Tomorrow, a sheet will be provided to you to fill in before the interview and this will then add to the discussions with your child's homeroom teacher(s).

On Friday 14 August, to coincide with the Scholastic Book Fair, we will be holding a Book Character Dress-Up Day. I look forward to seeing all of the wonderful costumes that the tamariki will be wearing and we will hold a parade (weather dependant). The PTA has also decided to offer a 'Pizza Day' instead of a Sausage Sizzle on this day, and more information is included in this newsletter regarding ordering for this.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER "GOAL SETTING" INTERVIEWS are being held Wednesday 12th/ Thursday 13th August

Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - School Code : **edvgj**.

Bookings are open now and close at 3.00pm on Tuesday 11th August.

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

Goal Setting sheets will be sent home with your child on Friday 7 August for your completion and to then bring to your child's interview for discussion.

For parents of Kea children, please note Jen is only available on Wednesday 12th August.



Our Year 6 Whānau Leaders co-ordinated today's 'OCTACAN' collection and they are pictured here 'showing off' the number of cans collected from Grant's Braes School families. These will all be taken in to Presbyterian Support Otago to help supplement last week's collection for needy families in Dunedin.

MR HARRIS IN HIS HAPPY PLACE!!!



Mr Harris has many roles in our school, and here is one involving power tools!!! This job has him ensuring that our netball hoops are installed safely!!!!



PIZZA DAY

Friday 14 August 2020

The PTA are trying something different instead of our sausage sizzle so are offering slices of pizza for lunch on Friday 14 August.

Pepperoni ** Cheese **** Hawaiian **** Gluten Free Hawaiian**

*** Pizza @ \$1.50/slice * Ice Blocks @ \$1.00 each**

To order Pizza and Iceblocks, please use our KINDO system

(orders close next Wednesday 12 August @ 12:00 noon – NO LATE ORDERS)

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>

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.

Existing users

Copy and paste this link into your browser, and login:-

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?session=false&shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School>

Need assistance? Call the Kindo Help Desk on Freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).

If you are able to help serve the pizza on Friday the 14th, please contact Jolene Cochrane - 027 239 6788



NEXT FRIDAY - 14 AUGUST

is also

‘BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY’

In conjunction with having our Book Fair at school next week, the children are to come along on Friday dressed up as their favorite Book Character.

These dress up days are always a lot of fun for the children and we look forward to seeing their outfits!

Weather dependant, a parade will also be held.





The **Annual Book Fair** is coming to our school again next week. A Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Reading for pleasure, inside and outside of school, has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

Make plans to join your child at our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Classes will all be given the opportunity to come and visit early in the week to view the books, posters and stationary. As usual, they will be given 'wish lists' to bring home to talk over with parents and caregivers. However, please note that children are made aware these are indeed just 'wish lists' and that their parents/caregivers may or may not be able to purchase books for them. Perhaps the children could use their pocket money to get something, or do some extra jobs over the weekend to earn some money to bring to school to buy from the Book Fair.

From the sales, our school earns a percentage to go back on buying books from the Fair for our library so this is a real 'win-win' situation.

The Book Fair will be open next Monday 10th August through to Thursday 13th August from 8.30am-9.00am, and then from 3.00pm-3.30pm. There will be a late night on Wednesday night, (12th August - interviews night) through until 7.45pm.

Payment for the items from the Book Fair can be either **cash or EFTPOS**, and Scholastic also provide a credit card machine, so Visa or MasterCard is also accepted.

We look forward to seeing you next week!



PLAYERS OF THE DAY WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Netball

Diamonds - Emily (Toroa) : 28/7

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Mystics - Evie (Ruru)

Rebels - Kiera (Toroa)

Magic - Violet (Matai) and Ava (Tawa)

Miniball

Rockets - Claudia (Tawa)

Hockey

Bears - Cole (Ruru)

Kiwisticks - Evan (Toroa)



PJ, Tama and Kurtis all play for Pirates Junior Rugby and Tama's Mum won for them the awesome experience of holding a Highlanders hand, and running out on to the field with them for their game last Sunday against the Blues from Auckland. Sure they will treasure this special memory for a long time!

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB Brochures went home with all the children last week. All orders need to be in to the office by **9am TOMORROW, Friday 7 August.**

Dunedin 2040 Class display



**Monday 24 August
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!



SCHOOL SKI WEEKEND Cardrona Ski Field, Wanaka

**Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th
September**

Individual families are responsible for organizing their own accommodation and transport to the mountain.

**Bookings and payment are to be made by
3.00pm, NEXT Friday 14 August.**

For booking forms, please contact Gaylene in the office.

Any questions, please contact our school's organiser, Raquel Buckley on 022 1031102 or buckleyfamily2019@gmail.com.

30 Little Things That Mean a Lot to Kids

While these gestures may seem trivial to adults, they go a long way with your little ones.
Here are a few easy tricks to make your child smile.

- * Wear that macaroni necklace to work. Well, at least until you're safely out the door.
- * Tape a family mantra or slogan (*Unstoppable! We can, we will! We've got this!*) to your refrigerator door and invoke it whenever your child feels discouraged.
- * Go for a walk with just one child.
- * Slip a note (and an occasional piece of chocolate) into his/her lunch box.
- * Build your own Minecraft world alongside his/hers.
- * Say "yes" to something usually off-limits, like sitting on the counter.
- * Show as much enthusiasm on amusement-park rides as they do.
- * If you quarrel in front of your child, make sure that they also see you make up.
- * When his/her room looks like a tsunami swept through it, close the door and get on with your day.
- * Skype or do FaceTime with Grandma every now and then.
- * If your child has given it a good try, but is still miserable and anxious and really, truly wants to quit the team, with your blessing
- * Go ahead: Let your 4-year-old stomp in every puddle along the way. Even without rain boots.
- * Get out the glitter glue and make a birthday card for your child.
- * Take in a pet that needs a home—and a child's love.
- * Give your toddler a chance to fight his own battles in the sandbox or on the playground before you intervene!
- * Hold off with the barrage of how-was-your-day questions if your child comes home from school grumpy and tired. You can always get the rundown at the dinner table.
- * Cultivate your own rituals and traditions: Taco Tuesdays, Sunday-afternoon bike ride, apple picking every fall.
- * Ask your child to teach you how to do something for a change. And once you get the hang of it, be sure to tell them what a good teacher they are.
- * Let your child wear his/her dress-up clothes to the supermarket. All month if they want to.
- * Let your child overhear you saying something wonderful about him/her.
- * Stay up late to see the full moon. Check when the next one will be on the appropriate website.
- * Print their childhood photos so they have something physical to look at one day.
- * Don't be in a hurry to tell your child to let it go. He/she needs to vent too.
- * Cook heart-shaped pancakes for breakfast.
- * Crank up the music in the middle of homework and have a dance party.
- * Make a secret family handshake.
- * Hang a whiteboard in his/her room to leave messages for each other.
- * Start a pillow fight.
- * Share your old diaries, photos, and letters from when you were their age.
- * Thank your child when he/she does a chore on their own—even if it's just hanging up a wet towel without prompting or refilling the empty water jug.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 7 Aug - EPro8

Mon 10-Thurs 13 Aug - Book Fair

Wed 12 Aug - Y4-6 Swimming

Wed 12 Aug/Thurs 13 Aug - Goal
Setting Interviews

Fri 14 Aug - Book Character Dress Up Day

- PTA Pizza and IceBlock lunch

Tues 18 Aug - ICAS Science

Wed 19 Aug - Y4-6 Swimming

Mon 24 Aug - 2040 School Display
- ICAS English

Tues 25 Aug - Ariki Cup

Wed 26 Aug - Y4-6 Swimming

Thurs 27 Aug - OMathalon

Fri 28 Aug - Ariki Cup postponement

Tues 1 Sept - ICAS Maths

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,
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time to meet with you to come and
purchase 2nd hand items.



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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

E mail - grantsbraes@dk.org.nz

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Grants Braes Kindergarten is having a movie night with the NZ comedy movie "This Town"

Thursday 13th August at Metro Cinema, Moray Place

\$20 for ticket - includes wine or soft drink and nibbles on arrival. Doors open at 7pm, movie starts at 7.45pm

Please send ticket enquiries to:

Narelle -

narellejakey@gmail.com

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malloryanderson99@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you then

