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WELCOME TO
Avah, Cameron, Bella and Ahmad
WHO STARTED IN ROOM KEA THIS WEEK
and Eric
WHO JOINED ROOM MATAI TODAY

YEAR 4-6 SWIMMING BEGUN YESTERDAY



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I would like to welcome you all to the third term! I hope you were able to have some whānau time during the break and it is lovely to see the students back and engaged with their learning. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) learning will be featuring largely this term with students using their imagination and creativity to be designers and engineers to build their submission to the Dunedin 2040 project. Prior to the public exhibition, we will be holding an Open Afternoon on Monday 24 August so that Whānau come and see the wonderful designs with the children having the opportunity to share their ideas. Yesterday, swimming commenced for the Year 4-6 students. Unfortunately the Annual Sports Interchange has been cancelled as Palmerston Primary School are unable to be involved this year; however we will be having competitors running in the Ariki Cross Country. We also have students involved in the O'Mathalon, Current Events Quiz and a Chess Tournament which will put their brains to the test! This will prove to be a very busy but exciting term! I would like to thank all of the staff and community members in advance for the preparation work that you are doing with the students for these events.

Early in the term we will be holding Parent/Teacher Goal Setting interviews on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August. This is an opportunity for students and parents/caregivers to write goals that will be focused on for the remainder of the year. 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) and to the interview. You will then be provided with a copy of this document. On Thursday 30 July, the online Parent Interview portal (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) will be opened up for you to book a time and you will also receive a copy of the goal setting sheet.

This week we have welcomed Hannah van Plateringen back to our teaching staff as she is teaching a class of Year 1 students in Kiwi for the remainder of 2020. Jen Stevenson is also only working half days at the moment and Kea are fortunate to have Michelle Bednarak-Burrow teaching them in the afternoon.

This term's value is E āhei ana - We can. This value looks primarily at developing our confidence, being positive, resilient and being the best that you can be. Students will be encouraged to develop their independence and growth mindset and ensure that they 'like themselves enough to be themselves'. Essentially we want them to have the feeling or belief that they can do something well with success. In the Māori translation of this value I would like to mention the phrase " e ... Ana", as when this is added to a word, it means 'always present'.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL AWARDS FOR TERMS 1 AND 2



Molly, Frankie and Ada were our very deserving recipients of the Principal Awards for Terms 1 and 2 for showing awesome respect for the terms' values of 'Kumanu Ana' - We Care AND/OR 'E Ako Ana' - We Learn.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

On Tuesday, Certificates for Players of the Day were sent home to the coaches of our netball, miniball and hockey teams and these are to be presented at the end of each game each week.

Coaches - can you or your child please notify the office each week of your Team's Player of the Day and this will be included in the newsletter.

This week's Players of the Day for Netball were -

Mystics : Anje (Pukeko)
Diamonds : Juno (Piwakawaka)

** Message from Penny McCormack, Ex Grants Braes Kindergarten **

To the Grant's Braes School Community

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who shared in my farewell week as Head Teacher at Grant's Braes Kindergarten.

I have been very privileged to have worked alongside an amazingly supportive and kind community of families and teachers.

Thank you for sharing your children with me. I hold in my heart, a special place for you all.

Kind regards,
Penny McCormack



These children's glasses were picked up on one of the Waverley Streets by an ex-parent of the School. As she obviously didn't know who they belonged to, she thought it may be one of our school children. If these do belong to your child, please get in touch and I will get them back to them.

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.

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB Brochures went home with all the children today. All orders need to be in to the office by 9am on Friday 7 August.

REMINDER

Due to extreme adverse weather conditions, school may start later in the morning, or a decision may be made for all schools not to open at all. This decision is not made lightly and a number of representatives from the Otago Primary Principals' Association, after consultation with police and other agencies, make this decision for all primary schools. This is made in the best interests of safety for all. In these instances, we will contact you as soon as possible via text message and email, but please also listen to 97.4 More FM if you believe the school may be affected in this way.



THE HITS ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE

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12PM SUNDAY JULY 26TH



Its back again this year!! The Hits annual Polar Plunge, in its 92nd year.

Come and support the St Clair Surf Life Saving Club and take part in this iconic Dunedin event.

Prizes for best-dressed individual and best-dressed couple, spot prizes thanks to Blis Probiotics, sausage sizzle, warm soup to keep you toasty, and much more.

Mark it in your calendars, **St Clair beach Sunday, 26th July at 12pm!**

Entry is gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the St Clair Surf Life Saving Club

We'll see you all there 😊



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 24 July - Ariki run-off

Mon 27 July - PTA Meeting

Wed 29 July - Y4-6 Swimming

Wed 5 Aug - Y4-6 Swimming

Thur 6 Aug - Chess Power

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

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



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

Or pop in for a visit and chat.

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Play is important,
play is fun, play
is for everyone.

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a-rohe o Ōtepoti

Play is an important activity for children and DCC's role is to provide high quality outdoor space where children have fun and develop physical and social skills.

We want the public to take part in a survey, answering questions about existing play areas, what could be improved or changed and what type of equipment and playground attractions they would like in the future.

The survey will be going live on Friday, 24 July and will be open until Friday, 21 August. You can complete this online at www.dunedin.govt.nz/play-space

You can also pick up a paper survey from:

- DCC Civic Centre in the Octagon
- Moana Pool
- Public libraries in Mosgiel, Port Chalmers, South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, Waikouaiti and Blueskin Bay

DUNEDIN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

presents

ORCHESTRATED EMPOWERMENT



Conducted by Beth Cohen
Featuring Soloist Sophie Hamer

Castle Theatre 1, University of Otago
25th July 2020 at 7:30pm

Tickets available at www.undertheradar.co.nz
Door sales available

