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**WELCOME TO**  
*Max and Joshua*  
**WHO BOTH JOINED**  
**ROOM KEA THIS WEEK**



## TE NGAHERE ENJOY ROSS CREEK WALK



The four classes in the Te Ngahere Syndicate enjoyed a wonderful Education Outside the Classroom experience on Tuesday morning. The children, accompanied by staff, student teachers and parents, participated in a bush walk to Ross Creek. This was part of the 'Wellbeing' component of their current inquiry unit - "What Makes Us Happy?". Along the way the children participated in a nature hunt, and when they reached the grotto, they presented their lovely, environmentally-friendly gifts to the forest.

# PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Kia tūtura, kia kite, kia mahi katahi - To explore, discover, and learn together

Mahia te mahi o tō ake kākau - Do things from the heart

E kumanau ana - We care

E ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can

E mahi katahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

I would like to wish you a lovely long Easter weekend and I hope you all enjoy some lovely whānau time. It is important to note that school is closed on Good Friday (02/4), Easter Monday (5/4) and Easter Tuesday (6/4). Thank you very much to the PTA for running the successful Hot Cross Bun fundraiser, and to all who supported this. Thank you also to the Executive and their team of helpers who very efficiently sorted and handed these out to families yesterday.

I had a lovely time on the Te Ngahere Ross Creek walk on Tuesday. The students really enjoyed their nature treasure hunt as well as placing their stone or star at the Grotto. I would like to thank all of the teachers who put in so much time and effort in preparation for this lovely experience, as well as the parents/caregivers who joined us.

Next Friday will be our end of term Mufti-Day, which is raising money for Autism NZ. Children are invited to wear either a 'Onesie' or their PJ's and bring a gold coin for this cause. The PTA will also be running a sausage sizzle and further information is included in this newsletter.

With the weather becoming more inclement, I have noticed more children being picked up from school which results in more cars around our streets at the end of the school day. I would like to thank everyone who use the crossings for showing patience as they wait for the crossings to be clear of cars. The students who run the Belford/Mathieson and Larnach Road crossings receive training from the Police Road Safety Educator and they are unable to open the crossing until there are no visible cars driving on any of these streets. I would also like to thank the parents who are driving at an appropriate speed around our school. Just a quick reminder that it is imperative parents and students alike use these crossings so that we can ensure the safety for all.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



## 'ONESIE'/PYJAMA MUFTI DAY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**\*\*Next Friday 9 April\*\***

***This has been organized by our PTA and children and staff are asked to bring along a gold coin donation!!!***

***The Whānau leaders have chosen this Mufti Day fundraising to be in support of Autism NZ.***



This day is also a Sausage Sizzle and Iceblock Day! Orders will only be taken through [KINDO](#) and are open now, and **close at 12noon next Wednesday (7 April)**. There will be **no late orders** as the PTA need to get ordering in for the supply of sausages, bread and iceblocks.

Helpers will also be required to cook and hand out the sausages and iceblocks. If you are available from 11.30am - 1.00pm on Friday to help, please contact Dee ASAP by texting 027 3331194.



## PLAYERS OF THE DAY

### Futsal

- Comets - Alec (Kōwhai)
- Nuggets - Cameron (Rāta)
- Tigers - Dhruv (Kōwhai)
- Bombers - Jackie 24/3 (Kōwhai)
- Sienna (Kōwhai)
- Sparks - Leo (Ruru)
- Flyers - Ruby (PW)
- Diamonds - Charlotte (Tawa)

### Rippa

- Red - Matteo (Ruru)

## REMINDER re EASTER BREAK

The Easter break commences tomorrow and School is closed on the following days -

- Good Friday : Friday 2 April
- Easter Monday : Monday 5 April
- Easter Tuesday : Tuesday 6 April

School resumes on Wednesday 7 April.

## **REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW FOR WINTER SPORTS!**

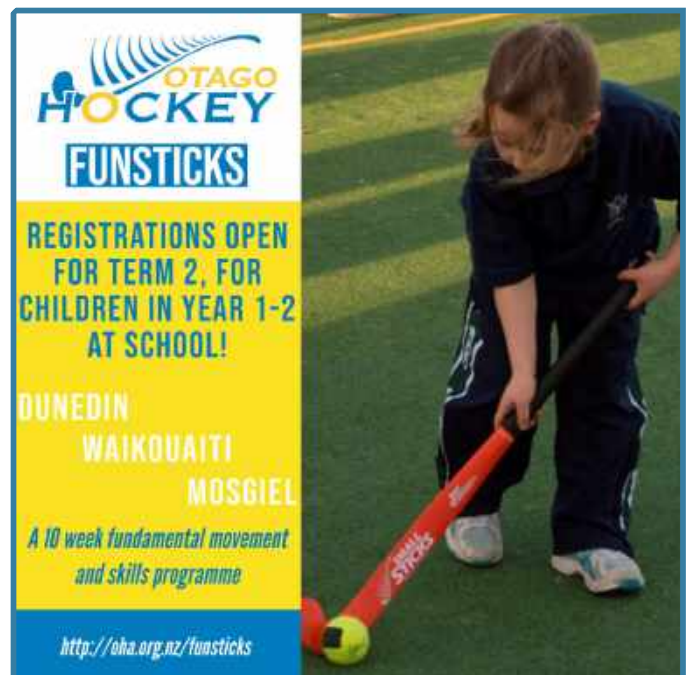
Information was sent home last Friday, by email, in regards to Year 3-6 children registering for the following winter sports available at our school.

### All Year 3-6 **Hockey** **Netball** **Miniball**

**Registrations Close @ 3.00pm**  
**next Thursday 8 April**

**(No late registrations accepted)**

Soccer and rugby is all played in the Clubs and registrations for many of these are being taken now!



The poster features the Otago Hockey Funsticks logo at the top, which includes a stylized blue and white graphic of a hockey stick. Below the logo, the text reads: 'REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR TERM 2, FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 1-2 AT SCHOOL!'. The locations 'DUNEDIN', 'WAIKOUAITI', and 'MOSGIEL' are listed. At the bottom, it says 'A 10 week fundamental movement and skills programme' and provides the website 'http://oha.org.nz/funsticks'. On the right side of the poster, there is a photograph of a young child in a dark blue uniform, leaning over and holding a red hockey stick on a green field.

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

Children in Year 4-6 are invited to take part. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 4-13 children to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It is a good tool for children performing at the top of their field to get a picture of how they compare nationally.

For more information visit [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) (past tests can be purchased here if you would like practice ones or a limited amount are available from the school office).

The entry fee per student is as follows

- Science (23 August 2021) \$18.40c
- English (16 August 2021) \$18.40c
- Mathematics (30 August 2021) \$18.40c

**Please pay via KIndo before the 14th May (closing date for enrolling)**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri 2nd, Mon 5th and Tues 6th April - Easter
- Fri 9th April - Muffi and Sausage Sizzle
- Fri 16 April - Term 1 finishes
- Mon 3 May - Term 2 begins
- Mon 24 May - Teacher Only Day  
(Structured Literacy)
- Mon 14 June - Teacher Only Day
- Mon 29 Nov - Teacher Only Day
- Tues 14 Dec - Last day of school year
- Wed 15 Dec - Teacher Only Day

## SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Visit the website -  
<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>  
 Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).  
 This term's policy for review is Home Learning.

**KAVANAGH COLLEGE PRESENTS**

# Seussical

13-16 April 2021  
**Kavanagh College**  
 Auditorium (Corner  
 York Pl and Temyson St)

Tickets available: <https://tickets.kavanagh.school.nz>

Music by Stephen Flaherty/Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
 Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty  
 Co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle.  
 Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss  
 Licensed exclusively by Musical Theatre International (Australia)  
 All performance materials supplied by Hol Edward Australia

## Enchanted Easter Egg Hunt

**Come Join In The Fun!**

**Sunday Mosgiel Memorial Gardens**  
**March, 28th (Entry To Side Of Mosgiel Library)**  
**2PM - 4PM**

**\$2 Entry Per Child**

Food, Snacks & Coffee For Sale  
 Fairies, Face Painting & The Easter Bunny  
 Enchanted Fairy Show 3pm - 3:30pm

Feel Free to Bring a Picnic Basket & Dress in Costume  
 Spot Prizes For Best Kids Costumes

All Proceeds In Support of  
 HeartKids  
 Otago

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 NORTH BUNESH COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

## NEURODIVERSITY PART 2

### DYSCALCULIA

A Keynote by Sarah Sharpe

*An informative session for whānau on neurodiversity and how dyscalculia might affect your child's math capabilities*

MAY 20, 2021 | 6:00 - 7:00PM  
**GEORGE STREET  
 NORMAL SCHOOL**

RSVP via the link: [bit.ly/2PnbCkc](https://bit.ly/2PnbCkc)

**sky SUPERHERO**

**HIGHLANDERS vs Chiefs**

Sat 10 Apr 7.05pm  
**BUY TICKETS**

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