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**WELCOME TO**  
*Max, Ben and Ollie*  
**WHO ALL STARTED IN**  
**ROOM KEA THIS WEEK**



## P.A.L.S. TRAINING DAY



Our ten Year 6 P.A.L.s (Physical Activity Leaders) attended a Training session at the Edgar Centre on Tuesday morning. Along with other Dunedin Year 6 primary school children, they learnt lots of new games and skills to bring back and teach our children.

# PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope you are all having a great week and I am certainly enjoying the warm temperatures we are experiencing.

Our 'What's the Buzz?' parent interviews conclude this afternoon and I would like to thank all of you who took the opportunity to attend these. This was a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child and share with their teacher important information which will assist them throughout the year. One of the Board's Strategic Aims is "to continue to enhance and nurture positive relationships with whānau" with an aspirational outcome of "increasing whānau/caregiver participation in parent interviews aiming for 100%." Approximately 90% of our parents/caregivers took this opportunity. If you were not able to make a time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and make a time that is mutually suitable.

On Tuesday, Mrs Stevenson accompanied the ten P.A.L's (Physical Activity Leaders) to a training day held at the Edgar Centre. As always, our students shone and were incredible ambassadors for our school. They will be able to utilise what they have learnt to run wonderful games and activities for our students and also practice and develop their leadership skills.

## A Huge Thank You! - Placemakers Dunedin

I would like to send a huge thank you and acknowledgment to Placemakers Dunedin who donated the plywood that was replaced on the scooter bowl. This was not expected but we are truly grateful for this very generous donation to our school. The scooter bowl is so well used by our school tamariki and also the wider community, so having a new, safe surface is fantastic.

## Walk 'n'Wheels

There has been lots of information around next week's Walk 'n' Wheels' and I hope you are all looking at different ways your children can make their way to and from school. This is a fantastic annual event and I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her organisation of this. I would like to remind you that Wednesday 3 March is the school's 'walk to school' with various pick-up points around our local area. Check for further info in the email sent home earlier today and also in the letter sent home yesterday by hard copy.

## Free Parent Seminar

Aaron Ironside from A.I. Counselling and Coaching is offering a free whānau presentation at Ōpoho School Wednesday 17 March 7 - 9 pm. See details below:

### **Session 3** *Free*

#### **Keep Calm and Carry On at Home for whānau**

**7pm – 8pm, Opoho School, 96 Signal Hill Road, Dunedin**

Every family responded differently to the new normal of life in Covid times. Lockdown has created precious memories for some, but for others the strain took them to breaking point. Aaron draws on research from the fields of Psychology and Counselling to explain how the body's autonomic responses hijack our brain and our child's. Learn the skills and strategies you need to understand meet your child's core needs for emotional safety, connection and love. Little changes can bring BIG results.

In association with  
Kahui Ako Ōtepoti  
ki te Raki



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

GARETH TAYLOR

# PALS 2021



**BACK ROW** - Jake, Hunter, Max, Devon and Miklós  
**FRONT ROW** - Leila, Sam, Mackenzie, Amelia, Kiera

## PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Rippa Rugby  
Red - Logan (Ruru)  
Blue - Fleur

Touch  
Hawks - Evie (Toroa)

Futsal  
Bombers - James (Rata)  
Tigers - Ethan (Rata)  
Nuggets - Benji (Kakapo)  
Dragons - Josh (Tawa)  
Sparks - Charlie M (PW), Ava (Ruru),  
Tutekawa (Ruru) and Ruby (PW)  
Flyers - Marshall (Toroa)  
Comets - Tobi (Kowhai)

**GET IN TO REFEREEING**

### New Referee Level 1 Course

**DATE** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
**TIME** – 6.00pm – 8.30pm  
**VENUE** – Football South HQ

Cost = \$40  
Includes NZF Accreditation and Registration for the 2020 season.

For more information or email [lindsay@footballsouth.co.nz](mailto:lindsay@footballsouth.co.nz)  
phone 023727703

If you are passionate about Football then refereeing offers a different challenge and gives you the best seat in the house. It's also a great way to keep fit, utilise and develop your people skills and the possibility of pursuing a footballing path that allows for an individual training schedule.

Football South are offering an opportunity within Otago to support Football.

To get you started we invite you to attend a "New Referee Level 1 Course" workshop which will give you practical on-field guidance and insight into officiating within Football.

To book onto the course please register through MyComet.

LINK BELOW  
"New Referee Level 1 Course - Dunedin"

**FOOTBALL SOUTH**

NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

#GETINtoFootball

Walk n'  
Wheel  
To School  
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This is to be held NEXT  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Friday  
5 March.

Information went home in a  
paper copy yesterday (Wed)  
and separate email today  
(Thursday).

## Y5/6 GIRLS ONLY MULTISPORT FESTIVAL

We are lucky enough to have the chance to take four Year 5/6 girls to a multisport festival at Logan Park. This festival is open to all Year 5/6 female students who have an interest in trying different sports (football, hockey cricket) in a girl's only environment. This festival will tailor to students that have little to no experience in these sports, right through to students that have or are currently playing.

If your Year 5/6 daughter is interested in attending this event, please email Jen Stevenson before 3pm this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. As there is a limited number of places available, names may need to be drawn. [jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 1 - Fri 5 March - Walk'n'Wheels Week  
 Fri 5 March - 'Peter and the Wolf'  
 Mon 22 Mar - Otago Anniversary Day  
 Mon 29 Mar - BOT Meeting, 7pm  
 Fri 2nd, Mon 5th and Tues 6th April - Easter  
 Fri 16 April - Term 1 finishes  
 Mon 3 May - Term 2 begins

## Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Our school has registered as a **school group** for the Dunedin Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon to be held on **Sunday 7th March 2021 at Memorial Park, Mosgiel**. The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 6 and 15yrs. See last week's newsletter for further information regarding the TRYathlon, and if you have any questions please email [rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz). If any children who received free passes from the school last year **DO NOT** wish to go ahead with their entry, please get in touch with Rebecca McKeever (above email address) **ASAP** so that this can be given to another child.



## OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHLANDERS TICKETS



We have been given the awesome opportunity for our school families to win tickets to attend one of the home games for the Highlanders this season. If you would like to be considered for these tickets, please send an email to Gaylene - [office@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:office@grantsbraes.school.nz) by **3.00pm tomorrow (Friday 26th February)**. All names will be kept in a file, and for each home game that we are given a Family Pass (2 adults, 3 children) to, we will do a draw, and let the 'winning' family know.

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY MIDDAY TILL 2PM

Grants Braes Afc Clubrooms

# REGISTRATION DAY

You need to bring a device that has access to your My Comet Registration email address!

## Girls and Women's Month

PLAY. DREAM. LIVE.

### Have a Go Day

Where | Logan Park Turf

When | Sunday 7th March

11am – 1pm

Open to Females of all ages

To register and more info go to [footballsouth.co.nz/girlsnwomensweek](http://footballsouth.co.nz/girlsnwomensweek)

OR follow the QR code

