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Walk'n'Wheeling



PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Just a quick principal's blurb this week. I hope all is well with you and that Alert Level 2 is not affecting you and your whānau too much. It is upsetting that specific events have been cancelled, however we need to do what we can to ensure the safety of our community.

Road Safety/Parking

I would like to remind parents to use the Belford/Mathieson and Larnach crossings when crossing these busy intersections. I realise that sometimes there is a small wait to cross, however, it is vital that parents are role-modelling safe practices to their children. I would also like to remind parents to abide by the road rules when parking around our school.

Walk 'n' Wheels

It has been wonderful to see how our students are making their way to school in different ways this week. It was a shame that we were unable to run the walk to school yesterday due to Alert Level 2 restrictions.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



PIZZA DAY AND MUFTI DAY



****Next Friday 12 March****

The PTA are organizing the first Pizza Day for the year for next Friday. Orders for slices of pizza @ \$1.50 per slice (Cheese, Hawaiian, Pepperoni, Gluten Free Hawaiian and Vegan Hawaiian) along with ice blocks (\$1.00) can be made as usual via **KINDO** only. **Orders will close next Wednesday 10 March @ 9.00am - NO LATE ORDERS!!!!**

This day is also a Mufti Day and please see the separate notice being sent home, and it will also be emailed!

Board of Trustees Update

Kia ora koutou. A warm welcome to the beginning of the 2021 school year, and we hope all of your children have settled well into their new classrooms.

Strategic Plan

We held the first board meeting of the year last week, with the main focus of finalising our School Charter which includes our 4-year strategic plan. Thank you to Gareth, his management team and staff for all of the work that has gone into developing this along with the Annual Plan. You can view the key components of this document on our school website, and feedback is encouraged and appreciated as this is a living document. A copy can be downloaded from the Board of Trustees page on our school website (<https://grantsbraes.school.nz/our-school/board-of-trustees>).

MOE Allocated Teacher's Only Days

Over a two year period we receive 8 Ministry of Education funded Teacher Only Days. Two of these were used in 2020, and four have been planned for this year. We understand that this means many of you will need to arrange alternative care for your children – we thank you for this, and hope we have provided adequate notice to put in place these arrangements. The dates and purposes of the Teacher Only Days are:

- Monday 14 June – report writing
- TBC, likely in Term 2 – Professional learning and development around Structured Literacy (linked to the Strategic Plan)
- Monday 29 November – report writing
- Wednesday 15 December – 2022 Planning Day (TBC, as this would mean the last day of the school year is Tuesday 14 December. This date may change slightly)

School Van

I am sure you will have noticed our “new” (second-hand) school van parked around the entrance. This was purchased to replace our previous van which had served its purpose well but was requiring frequent, ongoing maintenance to keep it running. The Board sincerely thanks the PTA for the generous contribution from fundraising activities (predominantly the School Fair in 2019) which partially supported this purchase. We are in the process of arranging sign-writing and look forward to seeing the end product. To support the wider community the school van is available for hire to outside organisations/individuals, with all enquiries to be directed to Gareth please.

Board Members

A quick reminder of our board members – Gareth Taylor (principal), Rachel Brown, Amie Curtis, Trudie Evans, Paul Stevenson, Nicola Wall and Desiree Wispinski (teacher representative), with secretarial support from Gaylene O'Brien. As always, we value the input and support that we receive from our community, and if you have any suggestions you would like us to consider, please let one of us know.

Kā mihi,

Steph Woodley
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

WA TUHURA WEEK 5



READING WITH THE DOGS RESUMES



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 12 March -Mufti Day and Pizza Day
 -Special Assembly for Mr Fry
 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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

brochures have gone home with all children today. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 19 March.**



WHEN YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL.....

Already there have been some tummy bugs, and sore throats about! Please keep your child at home when they are unwell for two reasons - firstly, they do not learn or focus well when they are feeling 'under par', and secondly, to avoid bugs being spread to both our staff and other class members. And in this COVID Level 2 environment, this is especially important.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhea, it is important that they are kept away from school for **at least 48 hours from the last event!**

Our school has a 24 hour answer phone so please ring and leave a message to let us know if your child is not coming to school, or send an email to the office and to the class teacher.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Rippa Rugby
 Blue - Max (Matai)

Touch
 Hawks - Kahu (PW) : 25/2

Futsal
 Diamonds - Sophie (Pukeko) : 23/2
 Sparks - Matteo (Ruru)

Walk'n'Wheels Week - Challenge Card



All children received a Challenge Card which is being ticked or stamped each day for walking to and from school (one stamp or tick for each way). At the end of the week, children who walk or wheel a **minimum of three times can enter via the following form (cut and paste into your browser):**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Zz1OjCXTokutLfAmux9z9Fd-H90eLFdCnD1ajh6c0fNUMFJMTEdKVTJRSTFMSkFOUE5YUYV5TkdBNC4u>

or via the QR code by Friday 19 March 2021. **Parents - this requires you to enter your child; the school does not do this for you. Doing this will put your child in the draw to win!** There will be a maximum of ten ticks and a minimum or three ticks on their card and this includes walking to and from school. Then children are free to keep their challenge card, they do not need to be returned to school as in previous years.

Children do not need to walk the whole week to enter the draw however, the more times they walk or wheel the more chances they have of winning a great spot prize.

- Walked between three to five times – one entry
- Walked between six and eight times – two entries
- Walked between nine and ten times – four entries



There is also a good chance of our school winning a prize in the form of a voucher from Stirling Sports. The more children we have walking and wheeling, the greater the chance of us winning a prize!

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Girls and Women's Month
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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
 OR follow the QR code

FOOTBALL SOUTH