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PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the third last week of the school year and that we are in December already!!!! I am looking forward to The Talent Quest tomorrow afternoon starting at 1:30 pm as this will be a wonderful way of seeing the week out!

Te Ngahere and Kōhanga start their swimming instruction today and I know the students have been looking forward to this. They will be travelling to the Andersons Bay School Pool and will receive expert tuition from Joy Clarke's swimming coaches.

The PTA held their last meeting on Monday night and I would like to thank them all with the measured, realistic fundraising that they have done this year. With COVID, the decision was not to bombard whānau with lots of fundraising events; instead, keep things ticking along and manageable. I really commend them on this. On Saturday, a well-oiled team worked tirelessly filling the Truffle Jar orders and in excess of 700 jars were made up in total. Thank you to the wonderful parents/caregivers who gave up their time to help on Saturday, and also a big thank you to all those parents that gathered these orders.

You may have noticed a new van parked outside our school. This van was purchased to replace our previous van that had well out-run it's useful course! Thank you to the PTA and the Board of Trustees for funding this, and we are currently looking at proofs for signage. It is certainly a pleasure to drive, and very safe for our tamariki.

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be held on the last day of term - Wednesday 16 December at the Bayfield High School Hall starting at 10:30 am. We expect that this will be finished at approximately 12 noon and we would appreciate all children to be picked up from the Bayfield Hall at this time. Magic Kid's Club have offered their services for the afternoon, so if you wish to book your children in (to be collected in a van from Bayfield High School when the Assembly is finished), please email Magic ASAP - admin@magickidsclub.co.nz or phone 453 3266. Hei kona mai i roto i kā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks. GARETH TAYLOR

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND LAST MUFTI DAY FOR THE YEAR! Next Friday, 11 December

This has been organized by our PTA and children and staff are asked to wear <u>BLUE mufti and bring along a gold coin</u> donation!!! The Whānau leaders have chosen this Mufti Day fundraising to be in support of the 'Do Blue' campaign, for Diabetes 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 <u>9am next Wednesday</u> <u>(9 December) morning.</u> There will be <u>no late orders</u> as the PTA need to get ordering in for the supply of sausages, bread and iceblocks.



DATES FOR LAST SPORTS GAMES OF THE SEASON

Rippa - Monday 7th December Touch - Thursday 10th December Teeball - Saturday 12th December then **restarting 13th February 2021**



SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Certificates for problem solving group

Visit the website http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 4 Dec - Kohanga & TeNgahere Swmg Fri 4 Dec - Talent Quest Finals 1.30pm Mon 7-Fri 11 Dec - Kohanga & Te Ngahere Swimming Mon 7 Dec - BOT Meeting, 7pm Thurs 10 Dec - Y6 Day Out Fri 11 Dec - Reports home - Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle Mon 14 Dec - Last day Kohanga & Te Ngahere Swimming Wed 16 December - last day of school year Tuesday 2 February-First day of school year

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please ensure that all Library Books are sent back to school in the next week, so that they can all be returned into the system.

LOST PROPERTY BOX

This blue box found either outside the school hall, or just inside the hall door, is overflowing with many unclaimed items of school clothing. Please come and check this out ASAP for any items that may belong to your children as anything unclaimed after the last day of the term will be washed and sold through our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop.

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CONGRATULATIONS EMILY!



Emily has achieved great marks this year in all of her dance exams for RAD Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop. She achieved the highest possible grades for Jazz (Distinction) and HipHop (Outstanding), as well as receiving an award from her ballet school. Well done!



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