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Y6 Camp update!



Our Year 6 students are underway with their three-night Camp at Waihola and are having an awesome time! This is a real special time for the children and they make wonderful memories to take with them as they begin preparing to move on to new schools for Year 7.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I am writing this blurb from the Year 6 camp at Waihola and what a fantastic camp we are all having! On Tuesday, after we organised the camp, we headed down to the lake where the students kayaked, swam and had a ride on a tandem biscuit. They then went back to camp and enjoyed competing against each other in the assault course. Yesterday was the search and rescue followed by top team activities and mudslide. Today, they will be involved with activities including archery, air rifles, zip line and geo-caching. Tomorrow, after the camp clean-up, we will all travel to the Sinclair Wetlands and learn about this very important ecological area. What an amazing bunch of students to take away! They have given their all, supported one another and have had impeccable manners! I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents who have given up their time to come on camp, as well as all of the hard work Mrs Barrow and Mr Howell have put in organising and running this incredible camp. Thanks to Nick Beadle, there have been hundreds of photos have been taken and these will be shared with the Year 6 parents shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Belinda Collins and Grant Leckie who are expecting their third child early next year. Belinda will be taking parental leave from mid-term 1 2021. Hannah van Plateringen will return to the Te Ngahere syndicate as fixed-term teacher in Matai for the 2021 year and Natalie Snook will be working within Rātā in a fixed-term 0.6 position releasing Desiree Wispinski for management and intervention release.

Next week we have 11 students competing at the Otago Champs and we wish them all the best for the day and look forward to hearing how they all go!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Whānau Evening where we will see our incredible tamariki performing in their kapa haka groups

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Proofs of class, individual and family photos are going home today with all children (except Year 6's).



Please read the letter that accompanies these as it outlines the procedures and options around ordering.

All orders must be in by 12 noon NEXT Friday 20 November.

There will be no late orders as we need to get them away in order for the photos to be returned prior to the end of the school year.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Nuggets - Avah (Kea)
Bombers - James (Kakapo)
Stars - JJ (Rata)
Diamonds - Anty (Matai)

Touch

Hawks - Logan (Pukeko)

Rippa

Red - Alex (Pukeko)

Tee Ball

Slammers - Luke (Kakapo) : 31/10
- Jake (Kea) : 7/11

ANOTHER Y3/4 FUTSAL PLAYER NEEDED

If your Year 3/4 child would like to play the remaining four games of Tuesday afternoon futsal left in this term, please get in touch with Jen Stevenson ASAP - jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz. One of the teams is now short of players, so an extra player would be really appreciated.

TRUFFLE ORDERS

A reminder to collect your orders for this awesome PTA end of year Fundraiser. These are perfect gifts for family, friends or work colleagues. Put your orders through KINDO before **9am on Friday 20 November.**



We know everyone is busy - including our wonderful PTA members - however, they would appreciate all the **help** they could get to help with making up the truffle jars! This is to happen on **Saturday 28 November, from approx 9.00 - 4.00pm** and many hands 'make light work'!

Please consider **offering even an hour or two of your day** to help - please email Steph Woodley ASAP to let her know of your availability.

Her email address is - stephaniew@grantsbraes.school.nz.



Whanau Evening - Thursday 19 November

(postponement date is Thurs 26 Nov)

A welcome and Karakia kai will take place at 4.30pm and from this time onwards, families may purchase food from the food trucks and PTA who will all be on site.

The evening's performances will commence at 6.00pm - children will all need to be here earlier to get changed into their kapa haka uniforms. Teina (Y0-3) children are to come to school in their school shorts or skort, and will be given a t-shirt and headband to change into in their classes. They will need to change back into their own t-shirt before they leave. Tuakana (Y4-6) boys are to come with black shorts.

Teina (Y0-3) boys are to change in Kiwi, girls in Kakapo; Te Ngahere (Y2/3) boys in Matai, girls in Kowhai; Tuakana (Y4-6) boys in Toroa; girls in Pukeko.

The evening is expected to close at approx 7.15pm with a Closing Karakia.

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. Children can enter as individuals and do all three legs of the TRYathlon (swim, bike and run) by themselves or in a team of two and do either the swim/run or bike/run with a friend. There is a 'Splash and Dash' section for 6 year olds where they swim and run.

The **SPECIAL SCHOOL PRICE** is \$45 per child if you register before the **14th February 2020** for the **EARLYBIRD** rate. This includes a triathlon T-shirt. The full price is \$60.

The Splash and Dash early bird price is \$40.

If you are interested in registering your child or want to find out more information go to <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>

When you go to register your child, there is the option to 'link to your school group'. Make sure you tick this box and find Grant's Braes School on the drop down menu to get reduced registration fee and help the school qualify for prizes on the day.

Grant's Braes Year 6 students who have moved to another school are welcome to register under Grant's Braes as Tahuna and the other intermediate schools don't usually have teams. The more kids we can get registering under Grant's Braes is great for us!

Last year our school won a number of **free entries into the 2021 Weetbix TRYathlon!** To make it fair, we will draw interested students names out of a hat for these free entries. If you would like your child's name to be in the draw, please complete the bottom section of the form sent home yesterday, and return it to Milly the Mailbox **no later than 3.00pm TOMORROW, Friday 13th November.**

If you have any questions, please email rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz

CAN YOU HELP ROOMS KATA & KOWHAI?

If you have any spare material, bottle tops, empty food boxes or scrap pieces of wood, please drop into either room for the children to use during their play-based learning times.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 17 Nov - Otago Champs

Thurs 19 Nov - Whānau Evening

Wed 25 Nov - PW/Toroa Beach Ed

Thur 26 Nov - Pukeko/Ruru Beach Ed
- Postponement date for Whānau Evening

Fri 27 Nov - Teacher Only Day

Thur 3/Fri 4 Dec - Kohanga & TeNgahere Swmg

Fri 4 Dec - Talent Quest

Mon 7-Fri 11 Dec - Kohanga & Te Ngahere
Swimming

Mon 7 Dec - BOT Meeting, 7pm

Wed 9 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

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB brochures have gone home with the children today, and there are a lot of good books and activity-type offers available. The final date for return of orders is 9am on Friday 28 November. If any of your orders are for gifts, let me know and I can hold at the office and text you when they have arrived for your collection.

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Visit the website -

<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).

Our **Year 6 pupils** who are enrolled to attend **Tahuna Intermediate School** next year will be going to an Open Morning on **Tuesday 24 November.** They will be collected by a bus just after 9am and will have morning tea provided by Tahuna. The children will be back at Grant's Braes by lunchtime.



Rotary Park Kindergarten
289 Highcliff Road, Waverley



SPACES ARE AVAILABLE NOW

8.30am - 12.30pm

and/or 8.30am - 2.30pm

Full Year Kindergarten

2-year olds can attend for \$2.75 an hour

3-5+ years are eligible for up to 30 hours free



Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten
or online at www.dk.org.nz/enrol

Phone us for more information 03-454-4238
or email rotarypark@dk.org.nz

Check out our Facebook page on
<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryparkkindergarten>



**Grant's Braes
Kindergarten**

Grant's Braes Kindergarten currently have vacancies for new children. 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. We offer an amazing Forest programme weekly. 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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'STOCK THE BUS' is coming to our School NEXT Friday 20 November!!

We have been given this awesome opportunity to help make an immediate difference to local children and families in need this Christmas! Presbyterian Support Otago 'Family Works' are currently experiencing demand like never before. Due to COVID 19, they are seeing large numbers of new families becoming vulnerable and experiencing hardship for the first time. This Christmas is going to be so hard for so many, so wouldn't it be fabulous if we, as a school community, could all get behind this, and help 'Stock the Bus'!!

On **Friday 20 November**, a bus completely decorated like Christmas will visit, along with it's Elves to collect toys, gifts, Christmas treats and food with the aim of filling the bus! The bus also visits a few other schools, day care centres and workplaces on the same day.



So..... I urge you to consider thinking ahead as you visit the supermarket, The Warehouse, other shops etc - why not add something extra to your trolley and have your child bring it along to school **on Friday 20 November** to help 'Stock the Bus' and to offer the Christmas spirit to others who are not so fortunate.



STOCK THE BUS



DONATION IDEAS

TOYS & GIFTS

- Colouring books and activity pads
 - Stationery, pens, crayons and paper
 - Stickers, crafts, puzzles and board games
 - Sports equipment, building blocks and balls
 - Hair ties, nail polish and stocking stuffers
 - Vouchers for kids or family activities
 - Nice hygiene products or gift packs
 - Family games
- *Please don't wrap your donations, we love donations of wrapping paper*

FOOD & TREATS

- Christmas biscuits
- Candy canes and Christmas sweets
- Christmas fruit mince pies or cakes
- Tinned fish
- Breakfast cereals
- Jams and spreads
- Soaps and toiletries
- Wrapping paper



DONATE

Donations go towards funding our Family Works programmes in your community.

Donations over \$5 can be receipted. For IRD receipting purposes we need your name, address and an email to send the receipt to.

Or donate online at psotago.org.nz

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

HEAD LICE

There have been a number of cases of head lice reported again amongst children throughout all areas of the school. We ask that all parents please be vigilant in regularly checking their children's heads and treating for any sign of eggs, or insects. We would like to try and eliminate this annoying issue as soon as possible for all concerned, so your support is appreciated. A reminder for longer hair to please be tied back. Also, if signs of head lice are found, please wash their bedding on a regular basis too.



NIGHT 'N DAY

FUTSAL HAVE A GO DAY

WHERE: EDGAR CENTRE
WHO: KIDS 6-9YRS
WHEN: SAT 14TH NOV 9-11AM

REGISTER VIA LINK

This will run 9-11am and include skill circuits, warm up games, mini futsal games and spot prizes presented by Southern United Superleague players.

We would love to see some kids there in their blue and yellow, and bring anything they would like signed by our Southern futsal lads who have their final fixtures of the National Superleague next weekend up North!

Please see link below for registration, this is a free event.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOrqH55c_kBTcwzGfZJWCQYWXXwSwZwODt-0YOt57pBNBtyg/viewform?usp=sf_link

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT - not Saturday night as mistakenly inserted in Gaylene's Monday email!

RISE FROM THE ASHES

OHAU FIRE BENEFIT CONCERT

13 NOV 2020
MAYFAIR THEATRE
DUNEDIN
7:30pm

Tickets available now at
www.kelvincummings.com



You are invited to
CHRISTMAS IN THE STADIUM

CELEBRATION!

Suzanne Prentice, Bill Acklin and band, Olivia Pike
Black Boy Peaches, Rainbow Rosalind and more!

Saturday 5th December
1pm - 5pm
Gate E, Forsyth Barr Stadium

Free activities for the kids: Games • Bouncy Castles • Gift making • Toy Swap
Bring a Picnic • Free Sausage Sizzle • Alcohol Free

<http://www.facebook.com/christmasinthestadium>

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I don't want obedient children. I want children who understand and do the right thing because they want to. That means a lot of work connecting, communicating, and setting an example when they're young, but less work when life choices are their own to make.

—*Lelia Schott*



Neurochild