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## YEAR 5 CAMP



Our Year 5's had a fabulous time at their Leadership Camp held at Waiora last Thursday and Friday. There were a lot of awesome opportunities for the children and it was great to see them try new things!

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

What a lovely couple of days last week with the Year 5 students at their leadership camp! They were incredible and will prove to be outstanding Year 6 leaders in 2021! The camp cannot run without the support from parents/caregivers and I would like to thank this dedicated group for all that they did for the students and teachers. I would also like to thank Mrs McKeever and Mr Fry for their organisation and running of the camp and it was also fantastic to have Mr Howell and Mrs Barrow attend for part of the time also.

We certainly were lucky with the weather yesterday for the South Zone Athletics! I was incredibly proud of our students as they competed well and were such great ambassadors for our school. I would like to thank the parents who helped with transport and supervision, as well as the staff who prepared them leading up to the sports. Thank you also to Jen Stevenson for her organisation and support on the day.

Next week is going to be an exciting one filled with education outside of the classroom as it is Year 6 Camp Week! The Year 6 students are excited about their camp at Waihola from Tuesday to Friday. I will be attending the camp and also really looking forward to this wonderful school experience.

On Tuesday, an email was sent to the families who were unable to attend the recent Community Consultation that was held 15 October. This contained a link to an online survey which contains the same questions that were asked at the consultation evening. If you have not already, please complete this as it will help our Board of Trustees to develop our Four Year Strategic Plan.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

## MUFTI DAY : TOMORROW, FRIDAY - 6 NOVEMBER

Instead of a gold coin, children are asked to contribute towards our end-of-year "Truffles in a Jar" PTA fundraising by providing the following items please:

**Kohanga (Kiwi, Kea and Kākāpō), Rātā, Kōwhai and Matai:**

*A bag/box of cocoa OR icing sugar*

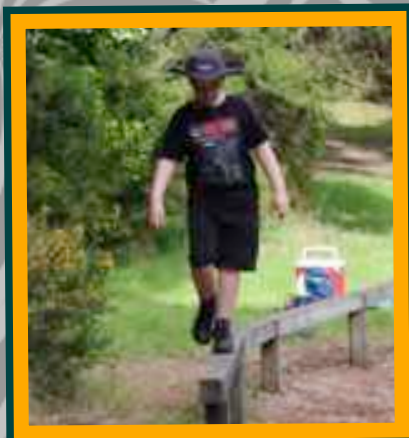
**Tawa and Kā Manu (Pukeko, Ruru, Pīwakawaka and Toroa):**

*A packet of wine biscuits OR dessicated coconut*

Please have your child take their item to their classroom tomorrow, Friday morning.



# MORE YEAR 5 CAMP PHOTOS





# SOUTH ZONE SPORTS



Our students who represented us yesterday at the South Zone sports all performed incredibly well, and achieved some excellent results. Once results have all been collated, we will be advised which children progress through to the Otago Champs to be held on Tuesday 17 November.





# Successful Cupcake Fundraiser




Year 6 pupils Grace and Paige raised \$236.50 on Tuesday from their wonderful fundraising initiative for the SPCA. They followed the process right through from the initial stages in having meetings with Mr Taylor, to phone calls with SPCA Staff, then agreeing on a suitable date and time for the sale. They also arranged for notices in the newsletter along with advertising flyers, organized tables and posters for the sale, and then baked, iced and sold the finished product!!!! The girls handled each stage of the project with awesome integrity and we are very proud of them both. We are sure they learnt a lot too while undertaking this fundraiser. Mr Taylor and the girls are booked in to take the money up to the SPCA after they return from Camp.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Our last day of school for 2020 is **Wednesday 16 December**. In the morning, children will all attend the Year 6 Farewell Assembly at Bayfield School and as usual, will finish from there (details still to be finalized, likely to be approximately 12.30pm-sh).

The Board of Trustees confirmed the first day of school for 2021 to be **Tuesday, 2 February**. All of our staff will be attending a professional development course on Monday 1 February.



Last Friday, with Halloween just around the corner, Room Kiwi was haunted by the ghost of Nathan!!!!

## 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.

## PLAYERS OF THE DAY

### Futsal

Tigers - Elise (Kakapo)  
Comets - PJ (Kiwi)  
Nuggets - Emerson (Kea)  
Diamonds - Sophie (Matai)  
Stars - Alex (Tawa) - 27/10  
- Connor (Matai)  
Kings - Hugo (PW)  
Aces - Max (PW)

### Touch

GB Hawks - Ruby (Pukeko)



## 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 by **next Friday 13th November**.

If you have any questions, please email [rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 10 - Fri 13 Nov - Year 6 Camp

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

- Mufi 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

## 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.



Do you have a **wetsuit** no longer being used that you are happy to donate to be used for Camps and Beach Days? **Size 8** upwards would be preferred, and if you can help, please drop into the office.



## SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

### School Docs Access

Visit the website -

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

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

## **THE LOST PROPERTY BIN IS OVERFLOWING!**

This bin is located either just inside the Hall door or just outside the door.

Please get your children to go and check for missing items, or come and check next time you are in the School.

At the end of the year, all the items not collected will be washed and claimed by the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop to sell.

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.

## **HAVE YOU SEEN**

### **a blue Madd Gear Scooter**

taken from our school's scooter park last Friday?

If so, please contact the office or arrange for it's return to the office. Thank You.



**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](http://www.dk.org.nz/enrol)

Phone us for more information 03-454-4238 or email [rotarypark@dk.org.nz](mailto:rotarypark@dk.org.nz)

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

# **‘STOCK THE BUS’**

## **is coming to our School on 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](http://psotago.org.nz)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**