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**WELCOME TO**  
*Eddie, Jameson, Abi*  
*and Leo*  
**WHO STARTED ON**  
**MONDAY**



## SCHOOL DISPLAY OF 2040 PROJECTS



It was pleasing on the last Wednesday of last term to finally be able to showcase the wonderful 2040 projects the children had all been working on. They produced some amazing models and we were very proud of their results.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back everyone! It is incredible to think that we are in the last term of the year! And what an action packed term it will be! So buckle in and enjoy the ride!

Today, our school participated in the NZ Shakeout to ensure our students and staff know what to do in the event of an earthquake occurring during school time. While it is fresh in the children's mind, it might pay to have a conversation with your whānau around emergency procedures at your home. The <https://getready.govt.nz/> website is a great resource to help get you and your family prepared.

I am looking forward to this evening and I know the tamariki are looking forward to the Pyjama School Disco. While the kids are having fun dancing at the disco, please come along and get involved in the Community Consultation process. This will be done in small groups and used to gather your voice on our school. This information will be used to develop our four year Strategic Plan which will be in place at the start of 2021. It is important that we have as many parents attend this Consultation Evening as possible.

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I look forward to seeing you all tonight.

## Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day

In 2019 our teachers accepted the pay offer from the Ministry of Education (MoE) which resulted in them settling the negotiations and accepting new terms for the 2019-2022 Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement. As part of the terms agreed to, the Ministry of Education has provided eight additional Teacher Only Days to help address teacher workload. These allocated eight MoE Teacher Only Days are required to be taken within the duration of the three-year collective agreement.

At the December 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting, the use of one of these MoE Teachers Only Days was approved so that teachers could be released to write end-of-year student reports. As a result of this, our school will be closed Friday 29 November for this purpose. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

# UNIFORM

Just a reminder that **thermals/poly props** under children polo shirts are to be **navy**. There has been a number of various non-regulation colors appearing under the shirts; this could be a good time at the end of winter to pick up some navy ones in sales.

Also, **sunhats** are **compulsory for every child for Term 4 and Term 1**. Children must wear their sunhats when outside for morning tea, lunchtime, and also during physical education, sports etc. If your child does not have a hat, please come to the office to buy one ASAP - they are **\$15 each**. Please also ensure that these are clearly named. Children without a hat will, from now on, have to stay under the verandahs to play,



## Y3-6 GIRLS SMASH CRICKET

Looking for two more Y3-6 girls interested in joining a girls cricket team playing on Mondays after school. Email Jen - [jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz) for more info.



## SUMMER SPORTS TEAM INFORMATION

All team information along with invoices were sent home with children on Monday.

Please ensure payments for all sports are made by Friday 23 October.

## SCHOLASTIC

**BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** brochures have gone home today. All orders need to be in to the office by **9am, Friday 23 October**. If you do wish to order as gifts for your children, please let me know when ordering and I can put these away for you to collect (I will text to let you know when they have arrived!)

## SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Visit the website -  
<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>  
Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).  
Follow the link to the relevant Policy. Current policy for review is 'Learning Support'.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICA AND LYDIA



During the school holidays, Jessica and Lydia auditioned and were successful in being selected to be part of the Royal NZ Ballet's performances of 'Sleeping Beauty' to be held here in Dunedin on 14th and 15th November. What an awesome opportunity for them!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tues 20 Oct - School Athletics Day
- Thurs 22 Oct - Postponement date for School Athletics Day - Year 4 Sleepover
- Wed 28 Oct - School Photos
- Thurs 29 Oct - Year 5 Leadership Camp
- Mon 2 Nov - BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Tues 3 Nov - SPCA Cupcake Fundraiser
- Wed 4 Nov - South Zone Champs
- Fri 6 Nov - South Zone postponement date
- Tues 10 - Fri 13 Nov - Year 6 Camp
- Tues 17 Nov - Otago Champs
- Wed 25 Nov - PW/Toroa Beach Ed
- Thur 26 Nov - Pukeko/Ruru Beach Ed
- Fri 27 Nov - Teacher Only Day
- Thur 3/Fri 4 Dec - Kohanga & TeNgahere Swimg
- 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
- Mon 14 Dec - Last day Kohanga & Te Ngahere Swimming



Hi I'm Grace and I'm Paige

We are Year 6's from Class Piwakawaka

We have organised a fundraising day for a local business - the S.P.C.A. This day will take place on Tuesday the 3rd of November in Term 4. This day will be a Cupcake Fundraising Day and we will be selling the cupcakes during morning tea time.

We are asking for the children to bring along some money to buy a cupcake. They will be \$1 each and the money will go towards the S.P.C.A.

We will then deliver the money by hand to the S.P.C.A

Thank you

From Grace & Paige



### WE NEED YOU!

**GirlGuiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic leaders that will deliver exciting programmes to local girls in Dunedin once a week. We urgently need new leaders for two popular units, our Grants Brae Pippins (5-6 years old) and Grants Brae Rangers (12 -17 years old), who both meet at the Guide Hall in Waverley. We have developed an amazing programme that uses fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills to help grow the next generation of female leaders. All support and training is provided, you just need to bring a passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future! Find out more information <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/volunteers/>**



**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>

**ONE DAY ONLY!**

**MUKA YOUTH PRINT EXHIBITION**  
Forty original lithographs by 20 prominent artists

For more than 30 years, the MUKA YOUTH PRINT EXHIBITION has been touring the country exhibiting original stone lithographs exclusively for young people. This event gives children (aged 5-18) the opportunity to purchase original contemporary art, by top NZ and international artists, in an environment where adults are not allowed. The works reflect the normal concerns of the artists; there is no patronising or "talking down" to children. All the Youth Prints are for sale for a uniform \$80 (unframed). Artist's signatures are covered up to encourage children to choose work based on their individual taste and appreciation of the work rather than the artist's reputation. Entry to the exhibition is free, any young person is welcome and there is no pressure to buy.

**ESPECIALLY FOR AGES 5-18 YEARS**  
**ONE DAY ONLY: 12.30PM-4.30PM SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER**

**DUNEDIN PUBLIC ART GALLERY**  
30 the Octagon, ph 474 3240  
[www.dunedin.art.museum](http://www.dunedin.art.museum)  
[www.facebook.com/DunedinArtGallery](https://www.facebook.com/DunedinArtGallery)

**DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL** kaunihera o tēpahi

# School Disco – Tonight, Thursday, October 15

**Tonight**, Thursday (October 15th) the PTA, along with Magic Kids Club, are running a

## Pyjama School Disco.

While the kids get groovy and shake their tail feathers, the Board of Trustees will be holding a

Community Consultation Evening during the Disco to gather parent and caregiver voice on our school.

This information will be used to develop our four year **Strategic Plan** which will be in place at the start of 2021.

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HAVE SCHEDULED FAMILY TIMES & PLAY TIME



USE OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS



SURROUND THEM WITH HEALTHY ADULTS



LIMIT SCREEN TIME FOR EVERYONE



BE PATIENT

SET AND RESPECT BOUNDARIES



PRACTICE RELAXATION EXERCISES TOGETHER



ACTIVELY LISTEN BEFORE OFFERING ADVICE

TEACH THEM HOW TO BE SAFE



GIVE HUGS

# Ways to NURTURE a child's MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING



FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR PROMISES



VIEW THEIR BEHAVIOUR AS A WINDOW TO NEEDS & FEELINGS



BE PRESENT WITH THEM

RESPOND CALMLY WHEN THEIR EMOTIONS ARE ELEVATED



RECOGNISE POSITIVE CHOICES



MODEL FORGIVENESS & TELL THE TRUTH



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