



## Porotiti Workshop and Performance



Rob Thorne ran a workshop with a group of students and taught them to play the porotiti. They then joined him in the performance to the rest of the school. He introduced some taoka puoro, traditional Māori instruments, played these for the school and lead them in a mindfulness exercise.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

What a huge day today with the School Athletics Day and the Year 4 Sleepover!

This is the first school-wide athletics day that has been organised at our school, where both the juniors and seniors are involved in fun sporting activities. The Year 0 - 3 students were involved in activities such as; fun relays, rip-tag octopus, crazy throw, inflatable obstacle course to name a few. As this event is also used to determine who has qualified for the South Zone Sports, the year 4 - 6 students were involved in long jump, high jump, discus, shot put and running events. I would like to thank Sara Carr and Jen Stevenson for their organisation of this event, as well as Kelly Sports who provided four coaches to assist on the day, and of course the teachers and student teachers who ran the events.

This morning, our Year 4 students carried or even rolled in their packed gear for their school sleepover, which is tonight. I know we have lots of excited students who have looked forward to this for a long time. I would like to thank Mrs Carr, Mr Fry, Mrs McKeever and Mrs Masters for their organisation as well as giving this wonderful opportunity for these students.

Continuing the theme of school camps, the Year 5 Leadership Camp is being held next Thursday and Friday (29-30 October) at Waiora Scout Camp. This is an opportunity for our current year 5 students to show their leadership skills which may result in them being selected for the coveted Year 6 responsibilities in 2021.

## Community Consultation/PTA Disco

Thank you all who took the time to be involved in the community consultation evening that was held last Thursday night. If you were unable to attend this evening, we still would like to hear your feedback and a link to an online survey will be sent out to you shortly. I would like to thank the PTA for their supervision, Magic Kids Club for running the Disco and our dedicated Board of Trustees and teachers who conducted the conversations with whānau. This information will be used to develop our four year strategic plan.

## Class Lists for 2021

We are currently looking at the class lists for 2021 and how these are going to be arranged. Please contact your child's teacher, their syndicate leader or myself with any considerations pertaining to your children. I would also like to hear from parents or community members who know of any families moving in or out of our school zone, as this will help determine 2021 classroom organisation.

## Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day

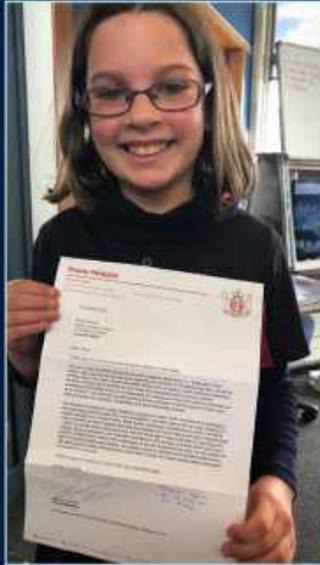
In 2019 our teachers accepted the pay offer from the Ministry of Education (MoE) which resulted in them settling the negotiations and accepting new terms for the 2019-2022 Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement. As part of the terms agreed to, the Ministry of Education has provided eight additional Teacher 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 27 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

# P.M. WRITES TO RUBY



Last term, as part of Matai's persuasive writing, Ruby wrote to our Prime Minister to tell her why we must ban single use plastic.

Yesterday, Ruby got a letter back from Jacinda Arden! She agrees with Ruby and has shared her plan to help us to be the kaitiaki of the oceans and our environment.

# PRESCHOOL BEARS UNDERWAY FOR TERM 4



Pre-School Bears resumed yesterday with five new children coming along. They loved Mr Taylor presenting them with their toy bear, and the other children all received their named school backpack!

# School Life!



There is always plenty happening in and around the School, and these photos show a few things captured this week. The top two photos show Matai children learning golf from Melanie Harper, golf coach who comes in each year to teach the children skills. The middle row shows Nick Beadle teaching an enrichment group interested in photography, and Hugh Fry enjoying a lovely moment with Abdullah. In the bottom photo, Sara-Savannah is showing her futsal skills that gained her the Player of the Day award for her Tigers Team, and Max's Mum sent in a lovely photo of his Dolphins Team.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO Sasanka

who recently sat piano exams and achieved awesome results. She played 3 pieces and was tested on scales in the Preliminary Grade of the ANZCA (Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts Limited) Piano practical exams. She scored 98% which is "First Class Honours." Well done Sasanka!



## CONGRATULATIONS



PJ, Sebastian and Charlotte were very deserving winners of our Term 3 Principal's Award for the value - E āhei ana 'We Can'.

## READING WITH GB KINDY CHILDREN



## **SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER**



These will be taken in the morning, and hopefully outside, if the Waverley weather is kind to us.

All children will have an individual photograph taken, and also be in their class photo. There is however no obligation to buy these. Please ensure your children are wearing their correct uniform to school, with navy socks, 80% black shoes, and also red/navy hair ties.

If you would like family/sibling photos taken (including parents, pre-school or high school students) , you are able to arrange for this by going into KINDO and completing the School Photo info, with the closing time for this being **TOMORROW Friday, 23 October @ 3.00pm**. If you have a high school student (sibling) who you wish to be in a photo, I will arrange for your time to be earlier (i.e. closer to 8am) rather than later to enable them to get to school in time. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECKOUT FOR THIS REQUEST TO GO THROUGH EVEN THOUGH NO MONEY IS TRANSACTED!** For those of you who do wish to have sibling/family photo, a time for you to be at school on Wednesday morning will be either texted or emailed home on Tuesday.

### SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

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

### **SCHOLASTIC**

#### **BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** brochures went home last week. All orders need to be in to the office by **9am, TOMORROW 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!)

### PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### Futsal

Sparks - AJ (Ruru)  
Diamonds (1st game) - Annabelle (Tawa)  
Diamonds (2nd game) - Charlotte (Matai)  
Stars - Divan (Kowhai)  
Flyers - Chloe (Tawa)  
Comets - Tobi (Kiwi)  
Nuggets - Cameron (Kea)  
Bombers - Alex (Kakapo)  
Tigers - Sara-Savannah (Kakapo)  
Dragons - Leo (Rata)  
Dolphins - Brax (Rata)  
Aces - Marlon (To)  
- Ashton (PW)

#### Rippa

Red - Logan (Pukeko)  
Blue - Harry (PW)

### **CAN YOU HELP!**

Has your child borrowed clothes, undies or socks from our 'spare' supply over the past few months?

We have almost run out of our supply, and desperately need these washed and returned. Can you please drop into the office or to your child's classroom so as we can replenish for when needs arise.

If any family have spare socks that they would be happy to donate, this would be much appreciated.

### **SUMMER SPORTS TEAM PAYMENTS**

Just a reminder - Please ensure payments for all sports are made by **tomorrow, Friday 23 October** if possible. We have to on-pay all the sports organizations so it is very helpful for us to have all your children's fees in. If however you are unable to make this payment by tomorrow, please don't hesitate to be in touch - [office@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:office@grantsbraes.school.nz).



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 22 Oct - 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

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

Mon 14 Dec - Last day Kohanga & Te Ngahere

Swimming

Wed 16 December - last day of school year



Paige and Lucy from Room Piwakawaka play together in the 11th Grade Dunedin Tech Flamingo Team and this year they won their Division 2 Grade. They were also named Football South Female Junior Team of the year. Great achievement Paige and Lucy!!

**The Santa Parade is needing children to be on the floats. The parade is being held on Sunday 6 December. You need to be available from 12.30 until 5.30 and an adult needs to accompany the child for the duration of the afternoon. We particularly need little kids and big kids. If you are interested please email [dnsantakids@gmail.com](mailto:dnsantakids@gmail.com)**

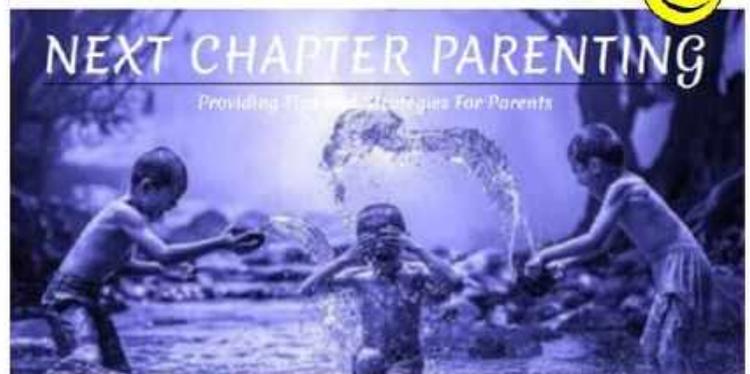
**NZ Marine Studies Centre : How about booking in for one of our tours over Labour weekend, especially if you have been hanging out to visit since the closure of the aquarium!**

**Come be part of our Ocean Youth programme 2021!**

**Take a cruise with us and Port to Port tours for a combined tour experience!**

**Join our curator Adelle Heineman as she takes us on an online discovery session, learn all about how some of our local critters escape getting eaten!**

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**and/or 8.30am - 2.30pm**

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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>

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By popular request I will be bringing my presentation "Impact of Early Trauma on Learning & Behaviour" online on the 27th October.

This term I'll be joined by Susan Helmore (speech language therapist) and Rebekah Hooper (occupational therapist), find out more about their presentations below.

## LET'S TALK!

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR SPEECH SKILLS

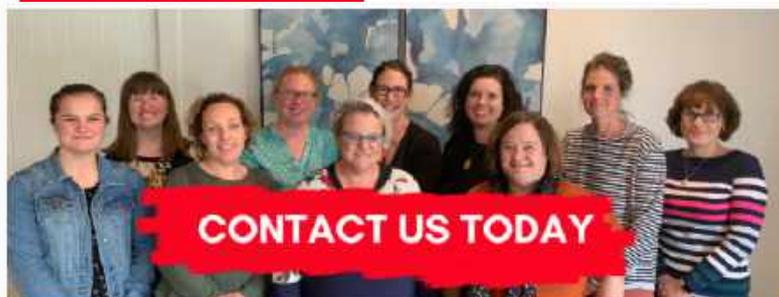
**PRESENTER:**

**Susan Helmore**  
Speech Language Therapist  
reThink Children's Therapy

**SEMINAR OUTLINE:**

- Learn to support your child's speech development.
- What is typical speech development & what is not.
- When to seek help.
- Get practical tools & strategies to use at your place.

Online Webinar  
Tuesday 3 November  
7.00 - 8.00pm  
\$20  
Register by emailing  
[register@rethink.net.nz](mailto:register@rethink.net.nz)



## CONTACT US TODAY

Our team work with children & young people up to 18 years old. Our main clinic is in Dunedin with a mobile service provided throughout Otago & Southland.

We're always happy to have a chat as see if we're the right service for your child or young person.

Phone 022 100 1440  
Email [office@rethink.net.nz](mailto:office@rethink.net.nz)



## IMPACT OF EARLY TRAUMA ON LEARNING & BEHAVIOUR

### STRATEGIES TO HELP CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

**PRESENTER:**

**Anna Baker**  
Occupational Therapist  
reThink Children's Therapy

**SEMINAR OUTLINE:**

- Gain an understanding of developmental trauma.
- Understand why children behave the way they do.
- Find out what works & why.
- Get practical tools & strategies to help children of all ages.

Online Webinar  
Tuesday 27 October  
7.00 - 8.00pm  
\$20

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## MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS

### STRATEGIES TO HELP CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

**PRESENTER:**

**Rebekah Hooper**  
Occupational Therapist  
reThink Children's Therapy

**SEMINAR OUTLINE:**

- Gain an understanding of self regulation.
- Understand how sensory strategies impact behaviour.
- Find out what works & why.
- Get practical tools & strategies to help children of all ages.

Online Webinar  
Tuesday 10 November  
7.00 - 8.00pm  
\$20

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