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KĀKĀPŌ THIS WEEK





Our Köhanga children enjoyed a wonderful art lesson on Monday, under the expert tuition of John Neumegan at the Dunedin Art Gallery. This was as part of their space inquiry unit and the children drew half sun and half moon, and used warm and cool colors to distinguish the difference.

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Kia tūtura, kia kite, kia mahi katahi - To explore, discover, and learn together
Mahia te mahi o tō ake kākau - Do things from the heart
E kumanau ana - We care
E āhei ana - We Can
E mahi katahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

Today, I am accompanying our team of Chess Players at the <u>Chess Power Regional Tournament</u>. I would like to thank Adrian Seconi and Sharlene Goodwin for preparing the team for this, and also to Adrian for joining us today.

Tomorrow the students' will be treated to two cultural events. At 11:30 am, The Playhouse Theatre Company are coming to perform to the whole school, they will be performing their production of "Rumpelstiltskin"! and I know the students will thoroughly enjoy this. Tomorrow afternoon, Te Rau (Mataī and Tawa) will be hosting their parent assembly starting at 2pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

With our new entrant roll increasing, we are <u>opening up Ruma Kiwi from the start of Term 3.</u> Kate Pinnock has been employed as the teacher for this class and we look forward to her joining our team. Susan Tait, the Kōhanga team leader will be notifying parents on how this will be organised.

<u>Thank you</u> to the <u>DCC</u> for their awesome donation recently of <u>two large planter boxes</u> that will be utilized by our Enviro Group.

The new <u>bell system has</u> been installed and is operational. Currently we have only been using the 'chime' sound but, from Tuesday next week onwards, we are looking at starting using music at times throughout the day when we wish students to return to class. The schedule is as follows: 8:30 am - Bell Chime, 8:58 - 9:00 am music (returning to class), 11- 11:02 am - Music (returning to class), 1:25 - 1:30 pm Music (returning to class - during this time children are encouraged to get a drink and use the toilets), 3 pm - Bell Chime.

Next week, we welcome back the <u>3rd year University students</u> who will be in their allocated classrooms on their three week placement in which they will be on full control. This is great experience for these students who are in their last year of study and traininG.

Finally a reminder of the <u>Teacher Only Day on Monday (24 May 2021)</u> and school will therefore be closed for instruction.

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

REMINDER - Teacher Only Days coming up!

- * THIS Monday 24 May Professional learning and development (around Structured Literacy linked to the Strategic Plan)
- Monday 14 June report writing



Room Mataī have been learning how to structure and write letters. Over the past few days, they all wrote letters to a 'buddy' from St Mary's School in Mosgiel, addressed these correctly on pre-stamped envelopes, and then followed up with the mailing process by taking them down to the Post Box by the Waverley Dairy and posting them. They now eagerly await



This is the current state of the Lost Property Box! There are so many items of unclaimed clothing in this box! This box can be found either outside the hall, or just inside the hall door. Please come and check for any of your children's clothing.

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3

brochures went home with all children a couple of weeks back. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, NEXT Friday, 28 May.**



'MUFTI DAY AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Next Friday 28 May



This has been organized by our PTA and children and staff are asked to bring along a gold coin donation!!!

The Whānau leaders have chosen this Mufti Day fundraising to be in support of Ronald McDonald House

This day is also a Sausage Sizzle and Iceblock Day! Orders will only be taken through <u>KINDO</u> and are open now, and <u>close at 12noon next Wednesday 26 May.</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.

Helpers will also be required to cook and hand out the sausages and iceblocks. If you are available from 11.30am - 1.00pm on Friday to help, please contact Sumanth ASAP by texting 021 481716.



DATES TO REMEMBER

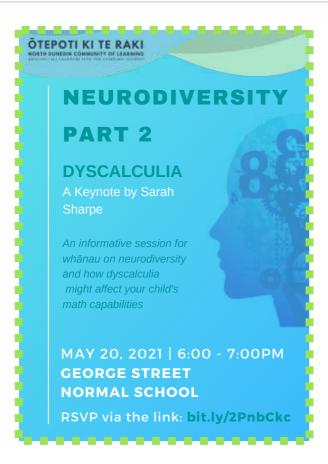
Mon 24 May - Teacher Only Day
(Structured Literacy)
Fri 28 May - Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day

for Ronald McDonald House Mon 14 June - Teacher Only Day (Report Writing)

Mon 21 - Fri 25 June - Book Fair

Fri 2 July - Pizza Day and Muffi Day for Dunedin Hospice

Fri 9 July - Last day of school term
Mon 26 July - First day of Term 3
Mon 13- Fri 17 Sept - Polyfest Week
Mon 29 Nov - Teacher Only Day
Tues 14 Dec - Last day of school year
Wed 15 Dec - Teacher Only Day



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PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Miniball Aces - Charlotte (Tawa) Hot Shots - Brax (Matai) All Stars - Valerio (Ruru)

Hockey Sharks - Leila (To) - 12/5 Sharks - Anabelle (Ruru) - 19/5 Bears - Coraline (Matai) - 19/5 Bears - Seth (Pukeko) - 12/5

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform items, please text Andrea on 021 08200287. She is happy to make arrangements for a suitable time on school days to meet with you to come and purchase 2nd hand items.

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Visit the website -

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

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

CAN YOU HELP?

One of our Kā Manu students is teaching children how to make soft toys in Wa Tuhura time and he would be grateful for some Bargain Box wool insulation if any families had some to spare. Please just drop into the office and this will be passed on. Thanks

