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**WELCOME TO**  
*Lily*  
**WHO JOINED**  
**KĀKĀPŌ THIS WEEK**



## Kā Manu visit Olveston



Over the past two weeks, our four Kā Manu classes have visited Olveston as part of their inquiry unit on how technology looked back in the 1900's and the changes that have happened over the years. The children also got the opportunity to make their own butter from scratch, and they then used this to spread on a piece of bread, covered it with sprinkles and enjoyed eating it as fairy bread.

# 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 ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can

E mahi katahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Whānau Captains to the World Vision Youth Conference. This was the first time we have attended this and it was very thought provoking and informative. The students looked at the inequities within our world and what could be done to reduce this. The Whānau Captains will reflect and look at an action that our school can be involved in.

A new bell system has been put in to replace the aged and temperamental system. Traditional bell sounds can be used, but it also gives us the ability to play music when it is time for the students to return to class. I have seen this being used in local schools which has resulted in students, especially students with sensory needs, returning to class calm.

As we are entering the winter months, I would like to remind parents and caregivers that due to extreme adverse weather conditions, the school may start later in the morning, or a decision is made for all schools not to open at all. This decision is not made lightly and is made by a number of representatives from the Otago Primary Principals' Association after consultation with police and other agencies. This is made in the best interests of safety for all. A number of our staff travel to our school from all areas of town, including many hill suburbs, therefore making driving on the roads very dangerous. In these instances, we will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible via text message and email, but please also listen to 97.4 More FM if you believe the school may be affected in this way. Also, with the colder weather, a lot more illnesses will be around, therefore it is timely to remind you to please keep your children home when they are unwell. Children do not concentrate or learn well when they are sick, and so resting at home is the best option for them. This will also help minimise the 'passing on' of these bugs to other children or staff. Please note if your child has a vomiting or diarrhea bug, they are to be away from school for at least a further 48 hours from the last event.

A huge thank you needs to be expressed to the incredible team of parents, university students and wider whānau who tirelessly filled the cheese roll orders last Friday night. Thank you to the PTA, especially Narelle Jakeway who expertly organised and manned this very successful fundraiser. Also, thank you to the children and families who supported the Mother's Day Raffle - the PTA also arranged 65 prizes that were won by children to give to their very deserving Mums! I would like to remind you all that the next PTA meeting is next Tuesday (18/05/21), 7 pm in the school staffroom. It would be wonderful to see you there to support this incredible team.

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

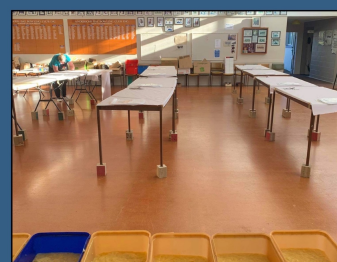
GARETH TAYLOR

## REMINDER - Teacher Only Days coming up!

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



# HUGE CHEESE ROLL EFFORT!



Over 16,000 cheese rolls were made last Friday night by our PTA, university students, parents and wider whānau as a fundraiser for our school! This was an awesome effort and our school appreciates all the hard work put in. There were a few loaves of bread left over and these were donated to the Community Pantry in South Dunedin for families in need to pick up.

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER - TOMORROW (FRIDAY 14 MAY)**

For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

Children in Year 4-6 are invited to take part. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 4-13 children to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It is a good tool for children performing at the top of their field to get a picture of how they compare nationally.

For more information visit [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) (past tests can be purchased here if you would like practice ones or a limited amount are available from the school office).

The entry fee per student is as follows

- ☐ Science (23 August 2021) \$18.40c
- ☐ English (16 August 2021) \$18.40c
- ☐ Mathematics (30 August 2021) \$18.40c

**Please pay via KIndo before the 14th May (closing date for enrolling)**

## **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).

## **SCHOLASTIC**

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3**

brochures went home with all children last week. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 28 May.**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 17 May - Kohanga to Art Gallery

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 Mufti Day for  
Dunedin Hospice

Fri 9 July - Last day of school term

Mon 26 July - First day of Term 3

Mon 29 Nov - Teacher Only Day

Tues 14 Dec - Last day of school year

Wed 15 Dec - Teacher Only Day



2021 COURSES OPEN  
FOR ENROLMENT

## PARENTING COURSES

Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2021!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrollments for February 24th & May 19th being taken now.

TOOLBOX COURSES:	GAME ON (FOR DADS)
The Younger Years (aimed at babies to younger primary kids) on Wednesday mornings (9.30 - 11.30am)	Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) Starting 3rd March. This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.
The Older Years (aimed at older primary to Teens) on Wednesday evenings (7-9pm).	

Enquiries to Michelle Morris (e): [michelle@catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:michelle@catholicsocialservices.org.nz)  
(ph): 027 276 7833 or office: (03) 4553838

 **Catholic Social Services**

Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Road, Dunedin 9044, PO Box 2047

## TŪHURA CLUB

Otago Museum After School Programme  
Wednesdays, 12 May – 30 June 2021



Looking for an after-school programme that ignites your child's curiosity, stretches their learning, and inspires a love for science?

**BOOK NOW**  OTAGO MUSEUM

[www.otagomuseum.nz/tuhura-club](http://www.otagomuseum.nz/tuhura-club)

*Know someone who needs help with English?*

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BRINGING ALL LEARNERS INTO THE LEARNING JOURNEY

## NEURODIVERSITY PART 2

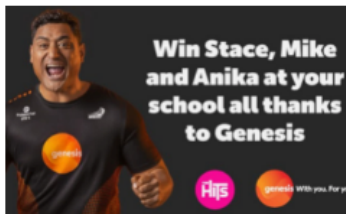
### DYSCALCULIA

A Keynote by Sarah Sharpe




*An informative session for whānau on neurodiversity and how dyscalculia might affect your child's math capabilities*



MAY 20, 2021 | 6:00 - 7:00PM  
**GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL**  
RSVP via the link: [bit.ly/2PnbCkc](https://bit.ly/2PnbCkc)



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