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**WELCOME TO**  
*Frankie and Emma (Kākāpō),*  
*Ella and Isabel (Kea)*  
*and Vēda (Mataī)*  
**WHO JOINED**  
**OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK**



# WEEK 1!!!



Term 1 has got off to another busy start! We were privileged yesterday to have a bagpipe performance from Mr Brodie Devon, a 1st year Student Teacher who is currently in Room Pukeko. Many of the children had never heard bagpipes, or knew much about how they produced music, so it was a great teaching moment!

# 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

Welcome back to the new term and what an exciting term it will be! It has been lovely to see all the tamariki return to school rested and excited to see their friends and ready for their learning.

Whilst our school values of, E Kumanu ana - We care, E ako ana - We learn, E āhei ana - can, E mahi kātahi ana - We are, are always focused on and present throughout our school, we do look at one specific value per term. This term is it E ako ana - We learn. This focuses on our students to be creative, collaborative, inquisitive, curious, inquiring, problem-solving and developing a good work ethic. I encourage you all to talk with your children about this value and look for ways this could be incorporated into their home life.

This week, and next week, the Kā Manu classes are visiting Olveston to visit the homestead and take part in the education programme around changes in technology from the 1900s to now. I am looking forward to joining Ruru today and Pīwakawaka next Wednesday. I am also taking the Whānau Captains to the World Vision Youth Conference tomorrow where they will be reflecting on, and building their leadership capabilities.

I would like to thank all of our whānau who bought and sought cheese rolls orders!. It is impressive that approximately 1300 dozen have been ordered! I would like to thank Narelle Jakeway and the PTA for the organisation of this and a reminder that these are being made tomorrow night (more information included in this newsletter).

Olivia Hills concluded her time as a Learning Assistant at Grant's Braes School at the end of last term. We wish her all the best in her new role and I would like to thank her for all she has done supporting the students in her care. It is also wonderful to have Rebecca Then return from leave to her Learning Assistant position.

An application to the Bendigo Valley Foundation was successful and our school has received \$10,000 from this most generous organisation. This money will go to support the Kā Manu swimming instruction, as well as the purchase of 10 new iPads. I would like to formally acknowledge and thank the Bendigo Valley Foundation for their most generous donation and commitment to support our local schools. The school has also received another 10 iPads through the Peninsula STEAM Cluster, and also the Board of Trustees signed off on another 10 iPads. This is a great injection of new technology that will support our students with their learning.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and thank our 'posties' who delivered the Term 1 Community Newsletter during the holidays and I trust you enjoyed reading this. Once again, a huge thank you to Gaylene O'Brien for putting this together.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

# CONGRATULATIONS



Alec, Brooklyn and Chloe were the recipients of the Term 1 Principal Award for their syndicate. These children were awarded this for always showing our school value of 'E kumanu ana - We care'.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Mother's Day is this Sunday 9th May, and the PTA are again running their "Mother's Day Raffle".

As per previous years, the raffle is all about the children bringing along their money to buy the tickets - 50c each. Please have your children put the correct money in an envelope, and write their name, class number and how many tickets they wish to buy on the front and drop into 'Milly the Mailbox' by 9am on Friday (7th May).

Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis. The raffle will be drawn and prizes handed out at Assembly on Friday 7th May.



## CAN YOU HELP?

We require a **regular Tuesday** adult supervisor for the Larnach Road crossing with the road patrol team. This role is very easy, but very important - it is primarily the extra pair of eyes support the Y6 road patrollers to ensure our children, parents and families all cross the road safely. The time frame is 2.55pm - 3.10/15pm. Please contact Gaylene in the office if you can help.



Reminder re Tuesday orders through [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)  
Please ensure your order is in by 8.30am each Tuesday and this will guarantee the order will arrive for your child at lunchtime.

## SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

### School Docs Access

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





# **CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER**

(Funds go to helping each and every child in our school)

**Tomorrow night - Friday 7th May from 3.30pm**

**Andersons Bay Bowling Club, 31 Bayfield Road, Dunedin**

**MORE HELPERS - EVEN FOR AN HOUR OR TWO  
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

(Unfortunately, children under 14 years of age are unable to be on site  
due to Health and Safety criteria)

This is a great way to get to know some of the other wonderful parents in our school community. Please let Gaylene in the office know what times you are able to come and help - either pop in, phone or email her - [office@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:office@grantsbraes.school.nz)

**Ice cream containers** are also still needed, along with **paper shopping bags and boxes** so that larger orders can be packaged up. Drop these into the office ASAP.

**\*\*Light supper provided\*\***

A reminder that **ALL CHEESE ROLL ORDERS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM ANDERSONS BAY BOWLING CLUB ON FRIDAY NIGHT** for your delivery over the weekend to the people who have ordered from you.

## **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.

**SCHOLASTIC**

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

brochures have gone home with all children today. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 28 May.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thur 6 May - Pukeko & Ruru to Olveston  
Fri 7 May - Mothers Day Raffle in by 9am  
- Whanau Leaders to World Vision Conf.  
- PTA Cheese Roll Fundraiser, from 3.30pm  
Wed 12 May - Tarewai to Olveston  
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  
Mon 21 - Fri 25 June - Book Fair  
Fri 2 July - Pizza Day and Mufti Day for  
Dunedin Hospice  
Mon 29 Nov - Teacher Only Day  
Tues 14 Dec - Last day of school year

**LADIES WATCH FOUND** in the Marne Street area at the bottom of Larnach Road.  
Please text 021 0775550 if you think that this is yours. You will need to correctly identify it - brand, description etc.

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

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).

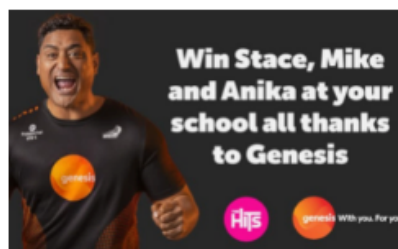
The entry fee per student is as follows

- ☐ 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)

### Win big for your favourite school, all thanks to Genesis!

Stace, Mike and Anika have your chance to win big for your favourite school, all thanks to Genesis. Genesis looked for Emirates Team New Zealand's [www.thehits.co.nz](http://www.thehits.co.nz)









**HIGHLANDERS**  
vs  
**Reds**  
Fri 14 May 7.05pm  
- TICKETEK.CO.NZ -



OTAGO MEDICAL & DENTAL STUDENTS PRESENT

# TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL

SATURDAY 15TH MAY  
10AM-4PM | HUNTER CENTRE  
AND CARISBROOK SCHOOL HALL  
SOUTH DUNEDIN

Bring your children and their sick teddies to see our teddy doctors, dentists and more!

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
+ a few drop in appointments available

\*Bookings not required for South Dunedin Community Day

To book or for more information head to our website [tbhdunedin.org](http://tbhdunedin.org) or find us on facebook: Teddy Bear Hospital Community Day

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