Grant's Braes School

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A group of our Kā Manu children enjoyed learning to knit from Susan and Barbara who came in each Wednesday during Wa Tūhura time. They learnt to knit these amazing wee dolls, and yesterday these were all presented to Annette from St Johns, to be given to children who need to go to hospital in an ambulance. The group of children made Susan and Barbara a lovely card and they were both presented with a lovely basket of tulips each.

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

E ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can

E mahi kātahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

We have reached the end of the second term and halfway through the school year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in our incredible school for all of their hard work and dedication to the tamariki. I continue to be so impressed by how hard everyone works to ensure our students receive the best education possible. I would like to wish the tamariki a wonderful break and look forward to seeing them rest and energised for what Term 3 will bring.

Thank you also to all of the parents and caregivers who have taken the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher over the last few days. These conversations are incredibly important, especially to discuss your child's next learning steps and goals for the remainder of the school year. If you were unable to attend these, then contact your child's teacher and make a time that suits early in Term 3.

We have been extremely lucky to win a position in a Rapid Rippa Rugby Tournament with the All Blacks at the Edgar Centre tomorrow. A huge thanks to Vanya Thurston for entering our school. We have selected 10 Y5/6 children who have played Rippa or Touch for Grant's Braes School and who will be excellent representatives of our school. We look forward to seeing the photos in the first newsletter of term 3.

At our Assembly yesterday afternoon, the Principal's Awards for this term were awarded to the children pictured below who showed fantastic effort towards this terms value of 'E ako ana - We Learn!

Security around the school during the break is of high importance. If you see anything untoward, please do not hesitate contacting the most appropriate people; myself via email or the Police.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a safe, enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



PLAYERS OF THE DAY

<u>Netball</u> Diamonds - Bethany (PW)

HEADLICE

We have had reports that headlice has again been found in some of our children's heads.

Please check your child's header the holidays, and if any are found, we would appreciate if you could please treat promptly.

A REMINDER TO PLEASE ENSURE
THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR
CHILDREN <u>CLOSE THE GATES</u> AS
YOU ARE ENTERING OR
LEAVING THE SCHOOL.
THANK YOU.

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

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



This event is being held at the University of Otago's Business School as part of the NZ International Science Festival. Refer the link - https://scifest.org.nz/programme/expo.

This Expo is where 20 of the Science and Health Science Departments and research groups come together under the theme 'reconnecting'. Lots of exciting activities for kids and adults of all ages.

LAST DAY FOR SALES Just a few left now!

HAIR SCRUNCHIES FOR SALE

LARGE VARIETY AVAILABLE FROM
THE OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

\$6.00 each or 2 for \$10



Our lovely Learning Assistant, Sandra is making these fabulous hair scrunchies and all sales are to be donated to help one of our very brave school Mums.

Melissa, Mum of Georgia and Elise, has an aggressive and rare form of incurable cancer, and now requires unfunded cancer treatment to allow her to have more precious time with her family.

Your support of this 'scrunchies' fundraiser is appreciated, and if you would like

Your support of this 'scrunchies' fundraiser is appreciated, and if you would like to contribute to help Melissa further, please go to the Give A Little page set up by her friend -

https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/support-melissa-galt-in-her-fight-against-cancer

DO YOU HAVE, OR KNOW OF, ANY 4 YEAR OLDS LIVING IN OUR ZONE WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL?

If so, please get in touch with the school office - phone 4544717 or email - office@grantsbraes.school.nz to let us know.

It is important as we start to look forward to 2022 to know of any enrolments that we haven't already been advised of.

Thanks.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 9 July - Last day of school term Mon 26 July - First day of Term 3 Fri 14 Aug - Ruru Assembly, 2.00pm Fri 28 Aug - Kohanga Assembly, 2.00pm Mon 13- Fri 17 Sept - Polyfest Week Mon 29 Nov - Teacher Only Day Fri 10 Dec - Talent Quest Finals Tues 14 Dec - Leavers Ceremony Last day of school year Wed 15 Dec - Teacher Only Day



Dunedin Synchronised Swimming are running a Have a Go Day! The purpose of a Have a Go Day is to provide our tamariki with the opportunity to participate in a sport and to give it a go. On the day, coaches will teach a variety of fun and exciting synchronised swimming skills such as sculling, floating, simple figures and will finish with a basic routine with music.

When: Saturday 17 July 2021 at 9:30am - 11am

Where: Moana Pool (60 Littlebourne Road, Roslyn,

Dunedin 9010)

Who: Any age is welcome - tamariki who are interested must be confident in deep water and must be able to swim a minimum of 200m.

Cost: Entry fee for Moana Pool is required upon entry.

Gear: Togs and drink bottle.

Those attending must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver during this session.

Any question, please contact Phyll Esplin directly on phyllesplin@gmail.com or 027 696 0408.





Rotary Park Kindergarten

289 Highcliff Road, Waverley



Spaces are available NOW 8.30am - 12.30pm And/or 8.30am - 2.30pm

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

Online at: www.dk.org.nz

Contact the kindergarten on 4544238

Email rotarypark@dk.org.nz

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