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WELCOME TO
TENZIN
WHO JOINED
ROOM KAKAPO
LAST WEEK



VISIT TO GRANT'S BRAES KINDY



Children from Tarewai visited Grant's Braes Kindergarten yesterday with Ms Tait to spend time and read with the younger children. There were some lovely interactions and all the children loved their time together.

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

We are officially half way through the year and we have certainly felt a taste of winter this week! I hope you all managed to keep warm through that wild arctic blast that we experienced earlier in the week!

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Pukeko parent assembly last week, however I would like to congratulate all the students for putting on a fantastic showcase of the work they have been doing this year. Tomorrow, Tarewai (Pīwakawaka and Toroa) will be holding their parent assembly starting at 2pm.

I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers for their support of the Annual Scholastic Book Fair. Once all of the purchases were tallied, in excess of \$4000 was spent. This has resulted in the school being able to purchase \$1500 worth of books for our school. Once again, I would like to thank Gaylene for all of her work for this very beneficial event.

Due to the changes in the Education and Training Act (2020) and also the diverse community demographic, the Board of Trustees discussed the place of Religious Instruction within our school. As all state schools are to be secular, and not promote one faith over another, the Board has made the decision to discontinue Religious Instruction within Grant's Braes School grounds (including the Thursday morning Launchpad sessions) at the end of this term. The Board wishes to thank the Launchpad instructors for all that they have done over the years.

On Wednesday 4 August, the staff, Board and Māori whānau will listen to Megan Potiki and unpack our school's Cultural Narrative at Ōtākou Marae. This is an exciting opportunity for our school to kōrero around how we can embed our cultural narrative into everything we do. After this event, more information, including the Cultural Narrative, will be shared with our whole school whānau.

Mid year school reports will be sent home this Friday with caregiver/teacher interviews being held next week. These have a duration of 15 minutes and are so important as you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year and also discuss their learning goals for the remainder of the year. Bookings for interviews close on Monday 5 July at 3.30pm. Further information on website and code to use included in this newsletter.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

COLOUR DAY

FRIDAY 2 JULY

Otago Community Hospice challenges you to wear **ALL** the **COLOURS** of the rainbow and **SHINE** bright like a diamond.

Money raised keeps our service

FREE



Please take to your class teacher on Friday

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Miniball

Aces - Lilly (To)

Hot Shots - Oszkār (Tawa) and Coraline (Matai)

All Stars - Mark (PW)

Rockets - Maisie S (Puk)

Hockey

Bears - Oszkār (Tawa)

Sharks - Cole (PW) - 23/6

Sharks - Annabelle (Ruru) - 30/6

Netball

Mystics - Chloe (Ruru)

Diamonds - Charlie M (PW)

HEADLICE

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

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

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

Visit the website - <http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and p/wd (qparents).

"PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS"

are being held

**TUESDAY 6th, WEDNESDAY 7th
AND THURSDAY 8th JULY**

Interviews will be of **15 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - School

Code : **dwtqq**.

**Bookings are now open and close @ 3.30pm on
Monday 5th July.**

Time frames available are as follows-

Tuesday 6th - Tarewai (Toroa and Pīwakawaka) only : 2.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 7th - Kā Manu (Seniors), Tawa and Mataī : 2.00pm - 8.00pm
- Rātā, Kōwhai, Kākāpō and Kea - 3.15pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 8th - All classes 3.15pm - 5.30pm
EXCEPT Ruru 3.15pm-4.00pm

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you

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 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>

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in midwinter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

Matariki literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). According to myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea, became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

Traditionally, Matariki was a time to remember those who had died in the last year. But it was also a happy event – crops had been harvested and seafood and birds had been collected. With plenty of food in the storehouses, Matariki was a time for singing, dancing and feasting.

Matariki, or Māori New Year celebrations were once popular, but stopped in the 1940s. In 2000, they were revived. Only a few people took part at first, but in just a few years thousands were honouring the 'New Zealand Thanksgiving'. A special feature of Matariki celebrations is the flying of kites – according to ancient custom they flutter close to the stars.

Matariki is the star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment, and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

Waiti is associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters.

Waitā is associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

Waipuna-ā-rangi is associated with the rain.

Tupuānuku is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food.

Tupuārangi is associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.

Ururangi is the star associated with the winds.

Pōhutukawa is the star associated with those that have passed on.

Hiwa-i-te-rangi is the star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

Wrap up warm, and join us for Te Tau Hou Māori.
Welcome Puaka and Matariki into the dawn sky,
and remember those who have passed.

MATARIKI AHUKA NUI

DAWN CEREMONY
& SHARED KAI

COMMUNITY FUN DAY
KAPA HAKA • MAKERSPACE CRAFTS
POI & TĪ RAKAU • ASTRONOMY
FILMS • STORYTELLING
AND MORE

7AM – 4PM, SUNDAY 4 JULY

OTAGO MUSEUM

FREE

A Dunedin community event to acknowledge te tau hou Māori

In partnership with Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, the Dunedin City Council and Otago Museum welcome everyone to a public event to celebrate the Māori new year.

Join us at 7am for our dawn ceremony celebrating the rise of Matariki. We begin in the Museum Reserve with karakia to welcome Matariki into the dawn sky and whakamaumahara to remember those who have passed away. We then move inside for kōrero and waiata. The ceremony finishes with kai-o-te-ata, a free community breakfast prepared by the Otago Museum Café. Be sure to wrap up warm and bring an umbrella in case of rain.

From 9am, enjoy a community fun day at Otago Museum that includes a range of performances and activities for the whole whānau, including kapa haka, workshops, crafts – including make your own wishing candle, storytelling brought to you by The Children's Room at the University Book Shop, and much more!

Matariki ahuka nui. The abundance of Matariki

Nau mai, haere mai. Everyone is welcome.

7am – 9am Dawn Ceremony

9am – 4pm Community Fun Day

Sunday 4 July

Otago Museum Foyer and Galleries

FREE

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Fri 2 July - Tarewai (Toroa and PW) Assembly, 2.00pm

Wed 7 July - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thurs 8 July - Parent Teacher Interviews

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



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.

Otago Hockey Junior Skills Clinics

This school holidays Otago Hockey is running Junior Skills Clinics for players in years 3-6 at school. These clinics are an awesome opportunity develop individual and team skills in a fun environment!

Cost of these clinics will be \$50 per child, or \$90 if you register two children! Spaces are limited so register at <http://oha.org.nz/JSC>

13th & 14th July
Years 3&4: 9am-12pm
Years 5&6: 1pm-4pm

OTAGO HOCKEY

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS 1961 - 2021 THE GLOBE THEATRE PRESENTS
TOYBOX THEATRE

MRS LLAMA THE VERY KIWIFARMER

Created & Directed by
JAMIE BYAS & JACINTA BURNEY

MONDAY 19 JULY TO FRIDAY 23 JULY, 2PM
The Globe Theatre, 104 London St, Dunedin
All Tickets \$8. Door Sales Available
Book at www.ticket.co.nz 0508 484 253

TICKET
The Lion Foundation

NUGGETS & GOLD RUSH
HOLIDAY CAMP

19 - 21 July 2021
9am - 3pm
Open to Years 3 - 8
Edgar Centre

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Ages 8 to 13. No experience necessary.
Go Media Otago Nuggets Coach Brent Matehara will be running the camp.
So come and see if you like basketball or continue to hone your skills if you're already into the game with our Go Media Nuggets, Firebrand Gold Rush Players!!

Cost: \$250 for all 3 days of \$85 per single day.
Limited entries: if you wish to be included, please register as soon as possible!!
Register here: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=98629>

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10 Steps of Birthday Party
How to PLAN A BIRTHDAY PARTY
WHEEZIN', SNEEZIN', FREEZIN' Tips to stay well through
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<https://issue2106si.totstoteens.co.nz/>
Good parenting info included in here