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MONARCH SHOW



'Monarch' a show about speechwriting, scientists, butterflies and sustainability was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children on Tuesday.

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

It is not often you have a shop at your school! The Annual Scholastic Book Fair concludes tomorrow and it has been lovely seeing students and adults perusing the vast assortment of books. Not only do families have access to wonderful titles, the teachers each get to choose a book for their class, as well as the school receiving a share of the profits. Gaylene has done an amazing job co-ordinating this and I would like to thank her very much!

On Monday night the Whānau Hui was held and we had a wonderful turn out. This is an important termly meeting where we meet with Māori whānau to get together and build connections, as well as discussing ways of supporting our children's learning and wellbeing. At the hui we discussed some exciting events coming up, including a school Hangi which will be held in Term 4. Also an evening for staff, Board and Māori Whānau at the Ōtākou Marae where our school's Cultural Narrative will be explored and unpacked so it can be fully utilised within our localised curriculum. The next Whānau Hui has been scheduled for Tuesday 7 September.

Just a reminder that the PTA will be holding a Fair Meeting next Wednesday night (30 June) in the School's staffroom at 7 pm. It would be wonderful to see as many people there to help can this important family oriented fundraising event.

Mid-year school reports will be sent home Friday 2 July with caregiver/teacher interviews being held the following week. These are for a duration of 15 minutes and are so important in that you are not only able to discuss your child's progress so far this year, but also discuss their learning goals for the remainder of the year. More information, including how to book a session with your child's teacher, is contained further on in this newsletter.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

WHĀNAU HUI



“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 open @ 9.00am Monday 28 June.

Bookings close at 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 require.

NETBALL HONOUR



Georgia recently won a competition to be the ball-carrier in last weekend's Steel vs Stars netball game. She is shown here with her sister Elise, as they take the ball out to Steel's Captain, Kate Heffernan.

HIGH TENS FOR DUNEDIN SISTERS AT ANZ PREMIERSHIP



Dunedin sisters 12-year-old Mia and 10-year-old Leila Wall got a taste of the action when they met the superstars of netball on centre court at the Edgar Centre before the Steel vs Stars ANZ Premiership game on Saturday.

Mia, a Tahuna Normal Intermediate student, won the chance to meet captains Shannon Saunders (Steel) and Maia Wilson (Stars) and lead the teams onto the court as a part of the ANZ Future Captains programme.

Mia and Leila were excited and nervous to be joining the captains centre court, but soon found themselves comfortable in the spotlight. A highlight for Mia was high fiving the players and wishing them good luck. She said, "I put one of my hands up, ready, but then George Fisher came by with both hands up for high tens! And the other players followed suit. I had to stand my ground for Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit's high ten, she's very strong."

Grant's Braes School student, Leila's favourite part was sitting courtside next to the Steel coaches and listening in to the game plan for each quarter saying, "we had front row seats."

Mia and Leila have a family connection to the game, with their cousin Kiana Pelasio playing for the Steel. "Netball runs in the family," said Mia.

"We cheer extra loud whenever she's on the court. When I first started playing netball, she taught me how to shoot a goal," said Leila.

After cousin Kiana, who takes top spot in Mia and Leila's eyes, they share a love for George Fisher. Mia says, "I love George and Tiana Metuarau because I play their positions too. They're good at slowing down and knowing where they are going to pass.

Despite the Steel not getting the win they were hoping for, these sisters are still their biggest fans. Mia says, "I'm still cheering them on no matter what. Don't give up!"

ANZ Head of Sponsorship Sue McGregor says ANZ is committed to its support of netballers in Aotearoa from local Dunedin players right up to the elite athletes in the ANZ Premiership and the Silver Ferns.

"That's why we're giving 94 young people from all over Aotearoa the chance to be part of the ANZ Premiership and to meet their netball heroes as an ANZ Future Captain. After such a tough year for the netball community in 2020, it's great we can offer this once in a lifetime opportunity to our country's youngest netball fans and players. We hope this experience inspires them to remain passionate about their training and to try very best on the court." - copied courtesy of recent ANZ Future Captains article

BOOK FAIR AND BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY



The Book Fair has again been a fun event for the children to all enjoy. We hope it has encouraged many of your children to build their love of books, and reading. The coloring competition was held as part of this, and the prize winners are as follows:-

Year 5 & 6 : 1st place - Madeline (PW)
2nd place - Sophia (PW)
3rd place - Amelia (Toroa)
Special Mention - Kayla (Ruru) & Olivia (Ruru)

Year 3 & 4 : 1st place - Maisie (Pukeko)
2nd place - Charlotte (Tawa)
3rd place- Hunter (Mataī)
Special Mention - Valentina (Mataī) & Donovan (Tawa)

Year 1 & 2 : 1st place - Kurtis (Kōwhai)
2nd place - Ethan (Rātā)
3rd place - Felicity (Kākāpō)
Special Mention - Tahli (Kea) & Gisele (Kōwhai)

There were lots of children who dressed up too for today's Book Character Dress Up Day, and it was great to see so many different costumes and ideas for their favorite characters.

OTHER NEWS

GERALD AND JUDY SPEND TIME EACH WEEK READING WITH, AND TO VARIOUS GROUPS OF CHILDREN



AARON AND JOSH FROM THE OTAGO NUGGETS CAME AND RAN A TRAINING SESSION WITH SOME OF OUR KĀ MANU STUDENTS



LUCA HOLDING HER AMAZING MATARIKI ART MADE IN WĀ TŪHŪRA TIME YESTERDAY



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 p/wd (gbparents).

This term's policy for review is Home Learning.

Is it time for a clear-out??

The Beauty Parlour for Wā Tūhūra is desperately short of nail polishes and nail decorations - we would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted decorations and any colours of nail polish. Please drop-off either to the office or to Room Ruru.





PIZZA DAY AND MUFTI DAY



****Next Friday 2 July****

The PTA are organizing the next Pizza Day for next Friday, 2 July. Orders for **lices of pizza @ \$1.50 per slice** (Cheese, Hawaiian, Pepperoni, Gluten Free Hawaiian and Vegan Hawaiian) along with **ice blocks (\$1.00)** can be made as usual **via KINDO only**. **Orders will close next Wednesday 30 June @ 9.00am - NO LATE ORDERS!!!!**

This day is also a Mufti Day and please see the notice below.

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Using Every Moment

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

HAIR SCRUNCHIES FOR SALE

**LARGE VARIETY TO BE AVAILABLE
FROM THE OFFICE RECEPTION AREA
FROM THIS MONDAY**

\$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>

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Miniball

Aces - Kayla (Ruru)
Hot Shots - Alistair (Matai)
All Stars - Miklōs (To)

Hockey

Bears - Freya (Matai)
Sharks - Max B (To) 16/6
Sharks - Cole B (PW) 23/6

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 25 June - Pukeko Assembly, 2.00pm

Mon 28 June - BOT Meeting, 7pm

Fri 2 July - Pizza Day and Muffi 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

Puaka Matariki Mātauranga Day at Araiteuru Marae Saturday 26th June, 2-6pm

Araiteuru Marae and Otago Museum team up to bring you an action packed day of fun for the whole whānau. Learn about the traditions and science of Puaka Matariki and celebrate the cycling of the seasons.

Activities include: Star lab: 5x 20-minute group sessions; Interactive science demos; Art 'n' Craft Matariki activities; Taonga Puoro and Pakiwaitara; Rongoā Entertainment; Prizes and giveaways; Taonga to purchase; Māori Artists; Live show: Te Ao Hurihuri; Community Hangi

Please see the link to our Facebook event here:

https://www.facebook.com/events/496335744970436/?post_id=496335754970435&view=permalink

Our event is part of our city's Puaka Matariki Festival. We would love to see our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau attend for what will be a great afternoon of fun and education.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GREAT DEALS FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY - OFFER RUNS OUT THIS SUNDAY

MAYHEM at
the **MUSEUM**
Mayfair Theatre, Dunedin

Fantastic school holiday
entertainment!

Otago Gang Show
Mayfair Theatre, Dunedin
7.30pm 13th-17th July AND 2pm 17th July 2021
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