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## WELCOME TO *Harper* WHO JOINED ROOM KEA THIS WEEK



## Unpacking our Cultural Narrative



## 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 kātahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

I hope you are all having a great week! I am particularly enjoying watching our Olympic athletes competing on the world stage and I am so impressed about how well they represent our country and themselves. They are all such good role models.

Last night our staff, Board of Trustees and members of our Māori whānau travelled to Ōtākou Marae to unpack our school's Cultural Narrative. Megan Potiki, author of the narrative, shared a wealth of information specific to our area. This was a very special evening and we all left feeling inspired and ready to start the embedding of our Cultural Narrative into our localised curriculum. Now that the Cultural Narrative has been formally shared and unpacked, I am able to make it public. This can be downloaded from our school website on the Board page [HERE](#) (Home - Our School - Board of Trustees) and I encourage you all to read it, as it is an incredible document. I would like to thank Megan Potiki, Lewis Howell and Amie Curtis for all of their mahi organising this, Kay Masters for her expert guitar skills and also Te Rūnaka ō te Ōtākou for their hospitality and aroha.

### Grant's Braes/St Clair PTA Joint Fundraiser

Yesterday, a flyer for the Grant's Braes/St Clair PTA joint fundraiser was sent home. This is being held next Thursday (12 August at 7 pm) at the Kings and Queens High Schools' Performing Arts Centre. I had the opportunity to hear Kathryn Berkett speak when I attended the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association Conference in Rotorua earlier this year. Of all of the keynote speakers, I found her address to be the most practical, informative and engaging from the whole of the Conference. I know that you will find her message about raising resilient children to be very beneficial and I encourage you all to get in behind this fundraising venture.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

## Visit to Rotary Park Kindy



Children in Tarewai have been enjoying visiting the local Kindergartens each Wednesday with Mrs Tait. The children are shown here reading with Rotary Park pre-schoolers.

# Rātā's visit to Museum last week



Last week, the Te Ngahere Syndicate visited the Otago Museum to participate in the Pacific Explores programme. The children followed in the footsteps of the early Polynesian explorers who made Aotearoa their home. The children were able to learn about the key characteristics that explorers would need to be successful. They worked in small groups, taking the role of Pacific explorers about to leave on their journey to Aotearoa. The children were given a basket of items and challenged to select some that they believed would be needed on their journey to Aotearoa. In the Tāngata Whenua gallery, the children were able to compare the differences in the climate and landscape of Aotearoa compared to the Pacific Islands. In groups the children explored the gallery to find new resources that they would rely on for their survival in the new land. These photos are of the Rātā children from their visit.

# NOT ONLY A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL, BUT AWESOME INFORMATION FOR EVERY PARENT!!!!

**ENGAGE**   
MORE CONTROL. FEWER IMPULSES.



## Raising Resilient Children

What we can do – as parents and community – to help!

We use the word *resilience* all the time, we want it for ourselves and for our children. What does it actually look like? And how do we develop it?

Understanding the neuroscience of how resilience develops helps us to increase resilience in our communities. This session will help you understand, in a simple yet sufficient way, how we can build resilience.

Take the information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common feedback from these sessions.

Kathryn Berkett is a mother of two adolescents, with a Masters in Educational Psychology. Kathryn has been working in this area for over twenty years, training national and international audiences, including Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more.

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

Tickets available now:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/160123695283>



LEARN WHAT  
RESILIENCE  
"LOOKS LIKE"

REAL 'TAKE HOME'  
STRATEGIES

EASY TO  
UNDERSTAND  
EXAMPLES

**12 August 2021**  
**7-9pm**

Kings and Queens  
Performing Arts Centre  
270 Bayview Road,  
Dunedin

*Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand. Have heard some of the info many times before however the way you explained things CLICKED for me! – Parent (Whangarei)*





## DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 6 Aug - Ariki Cup ; 'Run Off'

Fri 13 Aug - Ruru Assembly, 2.00pm

Mon 16 Aug - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm

Tues 17 - Fri 20 Aug - Life Education Bus

Wed 18 Aug - Structured Lit Parent Mtg

Thurs 19 Aug - Ukelele Jam

Fri 20 Aug - 'Own Clothes' Day &  
Sausage Sizzle

Wed 25 Aug - Ariki Cup

Mon 30 Aug - PTA Meeting, 7.00pm

Tues 7 Sept - Whanau Hui, 5.30pm

Fri 10 Sept - Cross Country Champs  
- Own Clothes' Day and Pizza Day

Mon 13- Fri 17 Sept - Polyfest Week

Fri 24 Sept - Kohanga Assembly, 2.00pm

Mon 27 - Wed 29 Sept - Stars on Stage

Fri 1 Oct - last day of term

Mon 18 Oct - first day of Term 4

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

## **SCHOLASTIC**

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5**

Final date for orders to be in is **9am, tomorrow Friday, 6 August.**

### PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball

Diamonds - Lydia (PW)

Mystics - Evie (Toroa)

Rebels - Anabelle (Ruru)

## SCHOOL SKI TRIP

(Cardrona Ski Field, Wanaka)

**SAT 18/SUN 19 SEPTEMBER**



(Forms to be in and payment to be made by  
NEXT Friday 13 August)

Families are able to be part of our school group and receive a discount on costs that are part of that. Families are required to make their own way to Wanaka and to arrange their own accommodation.

The ski trip this year is being held on **Sat 18/Sun 19 September, and you are able to ski either, or both days!**

You will need to be at Cardrona at 7.30am on the day/s you are skiing to arrange lift passes/equipment etc.

The rates are the same for both children and parents -

\* Single Day Package (Lift pass, lesson & rental equipment) - \$100

\* Single Day Lift & Lesson - \$75

Forms for completion are available from the office, and time is tight for confirmation with Cardrona, **so these need to be returned, along with full payment, by next Friday 13 August.** If the weather is such that you are unable to ski on the day/s you have chosen, then your money will be refunded.

For any queries, contact Sarah - [sjwyllie@hotmail.com](mailto:sjwyllie@hotmail.com).



**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

or

Online at: [www.dk.org.nz](http://www.dk.org.nz)

or

Contact the kindergarten on 4544238

or

Email [rotarypark@dk.org.nz](mailto:rotarypark@dk.org.nz)

Check out our Facebook page on

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryparkkindergarten>

### 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 policies under review are Behavior Management and Concerns and Complaints.