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WELCOME TO
Aubry (Kea) , Skye & Natasha
(Kiwi) and Cameron (Matai)
WHO JOINED
OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



AWESOME TIME WITH THE ALL BLACKS



On the last Friday of last term, ten of our children received the awesome opportunity to go to Forsyth Barr Stadium and meet some of the All Blacks who were in town for their test against Fiji. They absolutely loved this experience and we were also very fortunate to have two rugby balls signed and these are to be used for fundraising purposes.

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

Welcome to Term 3! We are now over halfway through the school year! This term is going to be action packed and full of exciting opportunities for our tamariki. This includes Polyfest and Stars on Stage; however some of our students have already been involved in education outside of the classroom with Te Ngahere's trips to the Museum these past two days, and the Year 4-6 Swimming Programme getting underway this week. Our wonderful college students have their final practicum starting Thursday 19 August. The children will also visit Harold in the Life Education Bus who will be visiting between 17 - 20 of August.

Next Wednesday our staff, Board of Trustees and members of our Māori whānau are travelling to Ōtākou Marae to unpack our school's Cultural Narrative. Megan Potiki, author of the narrative, will share valuable information and impart her knowledge so that we then can utilise this within our localised curriculum. Also a new initiative, instigated by Mr Howell and Nic Wall, has been organised where senior students from Bayfield High School will work with our Māori students in an enrichment programme on Thursday afternoons. They will also come and support our Kapa Haka groups on Fridays.

We have welcomed Kate Pinnock to our staff this week. Kate will be with us for the next two terms teaching the Year 1 children who have moved through from Kea. Hannah Pearson will conclude her time as a Learning Assistant at Grant's Braes School on Friday 6 August to take up a position at Kavanagh College. 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. Denise Laney has been employed and returns to a Learning Assistant role within our school after being away for 5 years.

Property update

Over 2 years ago the Ministry of Education announced that our School was eligible for two additional classrooms due to the roll growth that our school has experienced over the last 6 years. The real concern was to ensure that we do not take away any 'green space' and ensure that the new classes align with our school's pedagogy. After countless meetings and discussions, we are getting closer to this being 'shovel ready' and hoping that this will start over the summer period. The building project will consist of:

- Turning the hall into two classrooms with breakout spaces and flexible learning opportunities.
- A new school hall situated where the staffroom and dental clinic are currently located. This will also have a new kitchen which can be used by our community.
- The admin area being fully redeveloped including a new reception area, staffroom, breakout spaces, toilets etc.
- A covered walkway between the admin area and hall will provide the front access to the school.

Once the next round of detailed plans have been developed, I will make these available to view. This is very exciting for our school and I would like to thank the Board, especially Paul Stevenson for all of his hard work, as well as the Ministry of Education, and our Property Manager, Stefan Box and all who have contributed thus far. The Board have decided that the funds that will be raised by the biennial school fair (31 October 2021) will go towards the fit out of the new kitchen in the school hall, as this can be used, not only by the school and tamariki, but also the community.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



A huge **thank you** to all who bought scrunchies made by Sandra last term. The grand total of \$1002 was raised to support Melissa Galt and her family, and this photo shows Sandra handing over the money to the Fundraising Co-Ordinator, Narelle Jakeway.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball
Diamonds - Addie (PW)

TUESDAY LUNCH ORDERS are continuing!

Thanks to one of our wonderful Mums who is picking these up for us each Tuesday and dropping them off to us just before 12.30pm, we are still able to offer these lunches to our families!!!! Please continue to support this lunch service to ensure your children still have this opportunity every Tuesday. The website to order from is www.lunchorders.co.nz.

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
ISSUE 5 brochures went home with all children earlier in the week. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 6 August.**

YR 4-6 SWIMMING UNDERWAY



Our Year 4-6 children enjoyed their first session of swimming at Moana Pool yesterday. This was a day of assessment by the swimming instructors, and the children will then move into appropriate groupings from next Wednesday onwards.

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



2021 courses open for enrolment

PARENTING COURSES

Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2021!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for August 11th and November 4th being taken now.

<p>Trooper courses</p> <p>The Trooper Years started at 10am to 12pm on Wednesdays (8.00 - 8.30am)</p> <p>The Older Years joined at 12pm - 1pm (1.00 - 1.30pm)</p> <p>Wednesdays evening (7.00 - 8.00pm)</p> <p>Next Starting: 11th August</p>	<p>Game On for Dads</p> <p>10am to 12pm every 2nd Wednesdays Starting 11th August</p> <p>This group is run for Dads for Dads and runs 4 weeks (includes a special introduction session) and then continues to run again for year 1 & 2 (2021/22)</p>
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Enquiries to Michelle Morris (michelle@catholic-socialservices.org.nz) (027 278 7033 or 0800 445033)

Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services, 42 Matamoras Road, Dunedin 9014, PO Box 2047

Open Night

10th August 7pm - 8:30pm



Come and take a look at all the opportunities on offer!

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.



We warmly invite you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our inspiring staff and students, and discover the benefits of attending Kavanagh College

OPEN DAY



Starts 12 noon Sunday 8th August
 Meet at the Kavanagh College Auditorium
 (Entry off Thompson Street)



Learn more about:

YEARS 7-9 TE TIMATANGA
 SCIENCE • ART • FOOD • DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY • DRAMA
 SPORTS • DANCE • TECHNOLOGY • CULTURE • MUSIC

If you are unable to attend, we are very happy to organise a personalised tour of a time that suits!

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Rotary Park Kindergartens
 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



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 or
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 Contact the kindergarten on 4544238
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 Email rotarypark@dk.org.nz

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