

**WELCOME TO  
HUNTER AND PASCCO  
WHO BOTH STARTED IN KŌHAKA  
NEST THIS WEEK**



Come in to the office area and view this amazing display of caterpillars and a monarch butterfly, made by Ms Pinnock and the children in Matai. This term they have been learning all about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and the children then made their own awesome creation of a caterpillar.

# PRINCIPAL'S 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 kumanu ana - We care  
E āhei ana - We Can

E ako ana - We learn  
E mahi kātahi ana - We are

## Kia ora koutou

I hope you enjoyed a lovely long weekend and are looking forward to the Easter Break. Just a reminder that schools are closed from Good Friday (30 March) through to Easter Tuesday (2 April).

## Hui Whānau

We held our second hui Whānau last night. The main kōrero (discussion) was planning for our school Hāngī on Friday 5 April. Please ensure that you get your orders for the Hāngī pack through Kindo by 12noon on Tuesday 2 April. The team will be buying the food shortly afterwards and making up the ordered packs on the evening of Thursday 4 April. Please let me know if you would like to come along and help with this process. Once again, there is no cost for the food packs; however we would welcome a koha (donation) and buckets will be available on the Hāngī night or it can be deposited straight into our school's bank account (03 0905 0914747 00) with reference 'Koha'.

## Adverse Weather Conditions

Following yesterday's polar blast, I would like to remind whānau that in instances such as this, we will always contact you as soon as possible via text message and email if our school is going to have a late start, or be closed for the day. Please also listen to The Hits or check out their facebook page if you are unsure if Grant's Braes School has been affected.

During the winter months when there is often bad frosts or snow, the decision to have a late start or be closed is not made lightly and a number of representatives from the Otago Primary Principals' Association, after consultation with police and other agencies, make this decision for all primary schools in our area. Sometimes conditions may not seem too bad around our school; however, staff and a number of families do travel from all over town to get to schools, and therefore their safety is taken into consideration. Please be assured we will always notify you as soon as possible in the mornings if there are changes to school start times.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



Last Friday, two representatives from the Ōtepoti Dunedin Whānau Refuge visited our school and spoke to our Kā Manu children about what their organisation does, and how grateful they were for all the donations given by our families at the last 'Own Clothes Day'.

# WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

It's that time of the year again to consider if your children are going to play any of the three winter sports offered by our school.

Hockey, basketball and netball are offered for **ALL** age groups.

If your child wishes to play in a school team this winter season, you must fill in the registration on **KINDO** by **3pm on Monday 8th April** - with the exception of Y1/2 Hockey where you register your child directly. Late entries will not be accepted after this date. Entries are only accepted through the KINDO system.

Information went home to all families via email a couple of weeks back, and this same information is attached with this newsletter.



## KINDO - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### LAST FEW DAYS IN REGARDS TO ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX REBATE IN REGARDS TO YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

With the end of the tax year rapidly approaching, this is a reminder that if your School Contribution is **paid by 31st March**, you are able to **claim 33% rebate (\$66.00)** on that after 1 April. Kindo automatically issues you with a receipt if paid via this method.

When you make your donation through 'myKindo', keep an eye out for the option to "amplify your donation" where you can choose to gift this tax rebate back to our school. Even if you don't typically claim rebates, please consider selecting YES. It's a win-win situation. More funding means more resources for our students!



**How to...**

1. Login to your myKindo account.
2. Pay your donation.
3. Follow the 5 easy steps to start gifting your tax rebate back to school.

By doing so your donations will work twice as hard to supply resources and support your student's education. EASY...

**Make your school donation go further.**

Pay your school funds in myKindo.  
Opt in to Supergenious.  
Regift your 33% donation tax rebate.  
Increase your school donation.

SUPERGENIOUS x kindo.

### ONLINE EFTPOS PAYMENT OPTION

Currently, KINDO are unable to accept Online Eftpos transactions over \$250. This is due to their organisation having received an increase in costs associated with processing higher-value transactions, and KINDO have made the decision not to pass this on to you, their customers. They are actively working with the Online Eftpos business to address this issue and hope this option will be available again soon. Meanwhile, if you do for example wish to pay an amount for your family which is over \$250, please do this in separate transactions, ie for each child individually - top up and then apply the payment. Thank you for your understanding and patience around this.

# **\*\*WHĀNAU HĀNGĪ\*\***



We welcome you to join us at **5pm on FRIDAY 5th APRIL**, at the school field (Belford St Park) for our annual whānau hāngī.

A hāngī is a traditional way Māori would prepare and cook a meal and includes delicious (healthy) food and tikaka (customs). Food is steamed underground using hot rocks and the food has a unique, earthy taste. The process will start in the morning with kai ready to eat late afternoon.

Our tamariki will have the opportunity to see the full process. From digging the pits, to watching the fire heat the stones and the food being laid. It would be great for them to enjoy the feast at the end of the day too!

Kai will be laid in pre-packaged parcels, with the option of meat + veges; vegetable-only (vegan) and this time, there will also be a halal option for our whānau.

We have a wonderful, supportive community and we are working with local suppliers to donate or supply discounted food. Koha (a donation) given on the night would be warmly received to cover any costs, but please note this is not a fundraising event.

We ask that you keep an eye on your own tamariki, to ensure that we leave the field as we found it. We are all kaitiaki (guardians) to this space.

To help us cater to numbers, **please use KINDO** to select the quantity/type of parcels you'd like. Please place **your order by 12noon on Tuesday 2nd April** (note, no late orders accepted as we have to get all the food orders in to our suppliers).

If hāngī isn't your thing, we welcome everyone to come with your own kai and still partake in this fun event. You could always order one parcel to try!

Note, this is an alcohol-free event.

## Quick info:

- \* School Hāngī - all whānau welcome
- \* Friday 5 April, from 5pm
- \* School field on Belford Street
- \* Order hāngī packs on Kindo
- \* Koha (donation) welcomed
- \* BYO extra or alternative food and water
- \* Bring your own cutlery (to minimise waste)



If the weather is not going to be suitable for this event to go ahead, you will be advised on Wednesday 3 April.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1

Fri 29 March-Tues 2 April - Easter

*PLEASE NOTE - Tues 2nd is a holiday also*

Fri 5 April - Hāngī

Wed 10 April - EPRO8, DNI, 10-2.30pm

Thurs 11 April - School Farewell to Steve Harris

Fri 12 April - Saus Sizzle/Own Clothes Day - last day of Term 1

### TERM 2 2024

Mon 29 April- First day of Term 2

**Fri 31 May - Teacher Only Day**

Mon 3 June - King's Birthday

**Last day of school year 2024 -**  
Wed 18 December

## SUMMER SPORTS PLAYERS OF THE DAY

### Touch

Kōwhai - Edward (Mānuka) - 14/3

Kōwhai - Zach (Mānuka) - 21/3

## SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

### School Docs Access

Visit the website -

<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/>

[1893.html](#) Enter the username (grantsbraes) and p/wd (gbparents).

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM

If you are interested in viewing or purchasing any of the secondhand uniform currently available, please contact the Shop Supervisor, Sally Nicholls to make a suitable appointment time. Her cellphone number is 027 7376649. Payment for any uniform items purchased is to be made at the office by EFTPOS or cash.



## **WIN a \$50 voucher of your choice- 4 available!**

As we gear up for another school holiday break, we're thrilled to announce our giveaway of four \$50 school holiday vouchers! Four lucky winners will have the chance to choose a voucher for a fun-filled family activity during the upcoming school holidays. So, whether you're dreaming of a day at the zoo, an adventure at a theme park, or a cozy movie night in, we've got you covered. Or... we can top up your mykindo account if you would prefer to put the money towards term two lunches.



**T&C's apply.** Every order goes in the draw. Four chances to win per order. Competition open to all New Zealand myKindo account holders. Competition closes and winners will be drawn at 11am on Friday 12 April 2024. No adult only gift vouchers permitted. No correspondence will be entered into.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of un-named items in the Lost Property Box - found just inside the door to go through to Mānuka. If your child has come home without an item of uniform, it would be good for you (or them!) to have a look before the holidays to check. Any un-named items still left in the Lost Property Box at the end of the term will be donated to our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop.



**HIGHLANDERS**

**KIDS GO FREE**

The Highlanders are proud to announce with Jones Family Farm, **kids under 13 go free** to all of our home games this year with a paying adult.

**NEXT GAME** V HURRICANES - MARCH 30TH | 7.05PM

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

**JONES FAMILY FARM**

**TennisPlus+ Coaching** (based at the Edgar Centre) is running **FREE 1/2 Court tennis coaching sessions** soon to see if your child would like to enrol for term 2 2024 coaching

**TERM 1 (FREE 1/2 COURT COACHING DETAILS):**  
Free Coaching Dates: Tue Apr 9, Thur Apr 11 (Can do other dates too)  
Venue: Edgar Centre  
Age Range: 6 to 11 years of age  
Time Options: 3.45pm - 4.20pm or 4.25pm - 5.00pm (Choose one) - do not just turn up, you **MUST ENROL**.  
Coaching cost: \$0.00  
Equipment: We provide everything (including racquets)  
Edgar Centre door charge: \$1.00 (Normally \$2.50)  
Player/Coach Ratio: 4 to 1 maximum

**TERM 2 (PAID 1/2 COURT COACHING DETAILS):**  
Coaching Cost: \$89 for 8 x 35-minute sessions - 1 session per week for 8 weeks  
Venue: Edgar Centre  
Age Range: 6 to 11 years of age  
Days: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Will add other days if needed)  
Time Options: 3.45pm - 4.20pm or 4.25pm - 5.00pm  
Edgar Centre door charge: \$2.50 per session

**FREE COACHING ENROLMENT OPTIONS:**  
**Please choose one day/time option ONLY for the Free Coaching!**  
Email: [tennisplusdunedin@outlook.com](mailto:tennisplusdunedin@outlook.com)  
 Please include in your email your child's name, date of birth, school, cell phone and parent/caregiver name  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tennisplusdunedin/>  
Cell Phone: 0274366166 Send a text with above details



**Wild Dunedin**  
 Otepoti Mohoao  
 NZ FESTIVAL OF NATURE  
 19 - 28 APRIL 2024

[www.wilddunedin.nz](http://www.wilddunedin.nz)

**Wild Dunedin Festival 19 - 28 April**

This year's Festival has 140 events and activities about nature for all ages all over the city. With discounted deals on albatross, penguin and boat trip, kids go free at Orokonui Ecosanctuary and Larnach Castle, films, crafts, scientific talks, garden tours, a walk around Sutton Salt Lake and guest Suzy Cato, there's a lot happening. Full programme and bookings here <http://www.wilddunedin.nz>



**Thinkit Art**  
 Kids Holiday Workshop  
 April 14th  
 Creative Extension  
 Age: 7 - 12  
 10.30 - 12.30pm  
 \$38.00  
 136 Princes St Dunedin  
 Kiri: 0211189882  
 Thinkit.fie@yahoo.com

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS**

Enjoy a BBQ/salads and a chat with your neighbours. Stay as long or short as you like. Just bring yourself. Food and some drinks provided.

March is Neighbour Aotearoa Month, a special opportunity for people to come together. We are running one week late but that doesn't mean we can't get together in the neighbourhood.

We invite you to join with neighbours and the folk from the exercise classes, indoor bowls, karate club, young mums groups and others who meet at our community's facilities:

Friday 5th April \* 6.00pm  
 St Philips Presbyterian community - 121 Belford Street  
 Please RSVP by 1st April so we can organise catering ([stphilipsgb@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipsgb@gmail.com)) or just come along and get to know your neighbours.