



# Grant's Braes School

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## WELCOME TO THESE CHILDREN WHO ALL STARTED AT GRANT'S BRAES ON TUESDAY



Room Kea - Ollie, Oscar, Casimir, Mila,  
Hendrik, Emilia, Keerthi, Jade



Luthias in Room Mataī and Michael  
in Room Toroa



Charley in Room Piwakawaka



Carmen in Room Kākāpō



Stella, Kyla and Henry in Room Rātā



Madelynne, Charlotte and Otis in Room  
Tawa

# 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 ako ana - We learn**

**E āhei ana - We Can**

**E mahi kātahi ana - We are**

## **Kia ora koutou**

Welcome to the new school year! It has been so lovely seeing the students arrive back energised and ready to settle back into school! I hope you all have had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed the pockets of lovely weather! Let's hope this is the last of the rain for the next wee while and I hope the weather comes right for Waitangi weekend!

I would like to express a warm welcome to our new and returning staff members; Amy Lock, who is teaching in Tawa, Adam Wood in Pukeko and welcome back to Belinda Collins, who is 0.6 in Rātā. I would also like to welcome our eight third Year student teachers, Charlotte Homan (Pīwakawaka), Chloe Davidson (Kea), Ashley Arthur (Rātā), Abby McGrannachan (Mataī), Tara McGoff (Tūī), Aleigha Butcher (Kākāpō), Daniel Ashton (Toroa) and Faith Turner-Walker (Kōwhai). I know they are going to have a wonderful time at Grant's Braes School and bring exciting learning opportunities for our tamariki.

**RED LEVEL SETTING** - I am so proud of our Year 4 - 6 students who have responded so well to wearing masks inside while at school. They have been incredible and taking it all in their stride. I am also so proud of my staff, with the support of the Board of Trustees, for the measures that they have put in place to keep your children safe. The RED Level setting does come with more restrictions than the previous settings, but these are put in place to slow down the Omicron variant. Thank you all for reading the information that I have sent out via email (29/01/22, 31/01/22) and for abiding by these. This information can also be found on our website - [HERE](#). I would like to remind parents that we are limiting the number of parents on-site and if you have anything to discuss with your child's teacher, please email them in the first instance. Once again, If you have any concerns or wish to discuss the RED setting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**What's the Buzz? - Whanau/Teacher discussion - Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February 2022** - As we are at RED Level Setting we are unable to hold these in person, instead, we will be undertaking these via ZOOM. We would like you all to book a time to meet with your child's teacher for the What's the Buzz? Interviews. This meeting gives you the opportunity to share vital information about your child with their teacher and a 'blue' form will be sent home next week for you to complete, fill in and will be the focus of the meeting. Instructions on how to book these will be sent out on Tuesday 8 February.

**Concerns and Complaints** - From time to time situations occur where parents/caregivers need to raise a concern with the school. Grant's Braes School has the responsibility to ensure that concerns or complaints are handled correctly and responsibly. If you have any concerns, in the first instance, see your child's teacher. If you feel that your concern was not resolved, our school has a clear policy and set of procedures to help seek a resolution. Included in this week's newsletter is a copy of the Concerns and Complaints Flowchart. Also, all of our policies and procedures can be accessed through School Docs (see information within this newsletter on how you can access this website).

**Parent/Caregivers Code of Conduct** - Also attached to this newsletter is a Parent/Caregiver's Code of Conduct. Please read through this and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like anything clarified. This is an important document and by following these procedures, problems will be solved as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results come from working together.

**Secondhand Uniform Shop** - I would like to express my sincere thank you to Sally, Amy and their team who ran the Secondhand store in the hall prior to school starting.

I would like to wish you a lovely long weekend as the school will be closed on Monday to honour Waitangi Day.

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



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 7th Feb - Waitangi Day Observed  
(School Closed)

Wed 16th Feb - "Whats The Buzz" meetings  
3.15pm to 7.30pm

Thurs 17th Feb - "Whats The Buzz" meetings  
3.15pm to 7.30pm

Wed 9th Mar - Schools Triathlon

Mon 21st Mar - Otago Anniversary Day  
Observed (School Closed)

Thurs 14th April : Last day of Term 1

### 2022 TERM DATES

Term 2 - Mon 2nd May to Fri 8th July

Term 3 - Mon 25th July to Fri 30th Sept

Term 4 - Mon 17th Oct to 15th Dec

## SCHOOL PAYMENTS VIA KINDO

Please make school payments through your myKindo account. You can pay via POLI or bank transfer (no fees) or with Visa, mastercard, American Express, UnionPay (fees apply). Add regular top-ups if you'd like, then allocate to payments when you're ready, or just pay as you go. Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or via the link on our school web site.

for more information visit [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz)

A "how to" demonstration for parents. **2.5 minutes.** Available on YouTube...

<https://youtu.be/Ozq8ibaMrso>

## SCHOOL SPORTS

Mrs Stevenson is still working on the logistics of playing Team Sports under the current restrictions.

More info to follow next week.

 SCHOLASTIC

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1** brochures went home with all children earlier in the week. Final date for orders to be in is **9am, Friday, 25th Feb.**

## HEARING AIDS

If you or someone you know is interested in a pair of hearing aids (Adult size, hardly used) for free, please contact Niki in the office.

## SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

### School Docs Access

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

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

In term one, the focus is on the **Health and Safety**

**Management** and **Emergency, Disaster, and Crisis**

**Management** sections. Policies for review are:

- [Visitors](#) - [School Closure](#) - [Earthquakes](#) - [COVID-19 Information and Procedures](#)

## SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children ([www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com))

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Small group lessons.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2<sup>nd</sup> year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

### CENTRES:

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

**ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2022 -----Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11 or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-10:30**

**(Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 16th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm)**

Vaccination passes will need to be viewed on entry.

Enrolment enquiries: email [stephanie@smmcotago.com](mailto:stephanie@smmcotago.com) (phone 03 4772296) or see website:[www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com) for contact details.

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022

The School Contribution amount for 2022 will continue @ **\$200 per annum (1<sup>st</sup> child), \$190 per annum (2<sup>nd</sup> child) and \$180 per annum for additional children.** This will be added to your child's school account in the next few days and you will have an invoice/statement sent home with your eldest child. Payment of this contribution is really appreciated by our Board as this assists in providing all the wonderful EOTC activities, museum and art gallery visits, bus trips, visiting performers and swimming that your children participate in. Without these funds, we would be unable to provide the majority of these experiences for your children.

Payment of this School Contribution does not need to be made in full at one time as we totally understand the many outlays parents have. You are most welcome to pay like many other parents do via **automatic payments** eg each week/fortnight/month etc into our school bank account - (03 0905 0914747 00 with references being your child's name and SC)

Or, you may also wish to pay using the **KINDO** system and make regular payments this way. Alternatively, if it suits you to pop into the **office and pay with cash or via EFTPOS**, you are also very welcome to do so, and a full receipt will then be emailed to you.

Once the School Contribution has been paid in full, a full receipt will be issued and you are able to then **claim 33% of this back** in your income tax return (this equates to \$66 for a \$200 payment). Payment of this year's School Contribution before 31 March will enable you to claim in this year's Income Tax Return.

Please give your consideration to payment of this School Contribution and how best your family can financially accommodate this. Any questions at all regarding this, please contact Gareth Taylor in person or via email ([principal@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:principal@grantsbraes.school.nz)) or alternatively, email Gaylene – [accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz).



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HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

**STAY IN THE LOOP WITH SKOOL LOOP**

Our school app ensures excellent and reliable communication between our school and parents at all times!

**NEVER MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT, INFORMATION AGAIN - DOWNLOAD THE SKOOL LOOP APP TODAY**

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# Grant's Braes School

## Code of Conduct - Parents/Caregivers



A code of conduct for parents/caregivers and visitors ensures that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, and parents/caregivers are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

From time to time parents/caregivers or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of your own child/or other children
- Express concern about the actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

No parent will directly approach another person's child at school to discuss issues/concerns about that child's behaviour. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Behaviour and Wellbeing policy.

If you have a concern about anything to do with someone else's child, you must organise a time to talk with school staff about it.

Parents/caregivers and visitors are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
- Make appointments in advance to discuss concerns
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference

Behaviour in the presence of students, staff, and parents/caregivers to the school that causes alarm or concern includes:

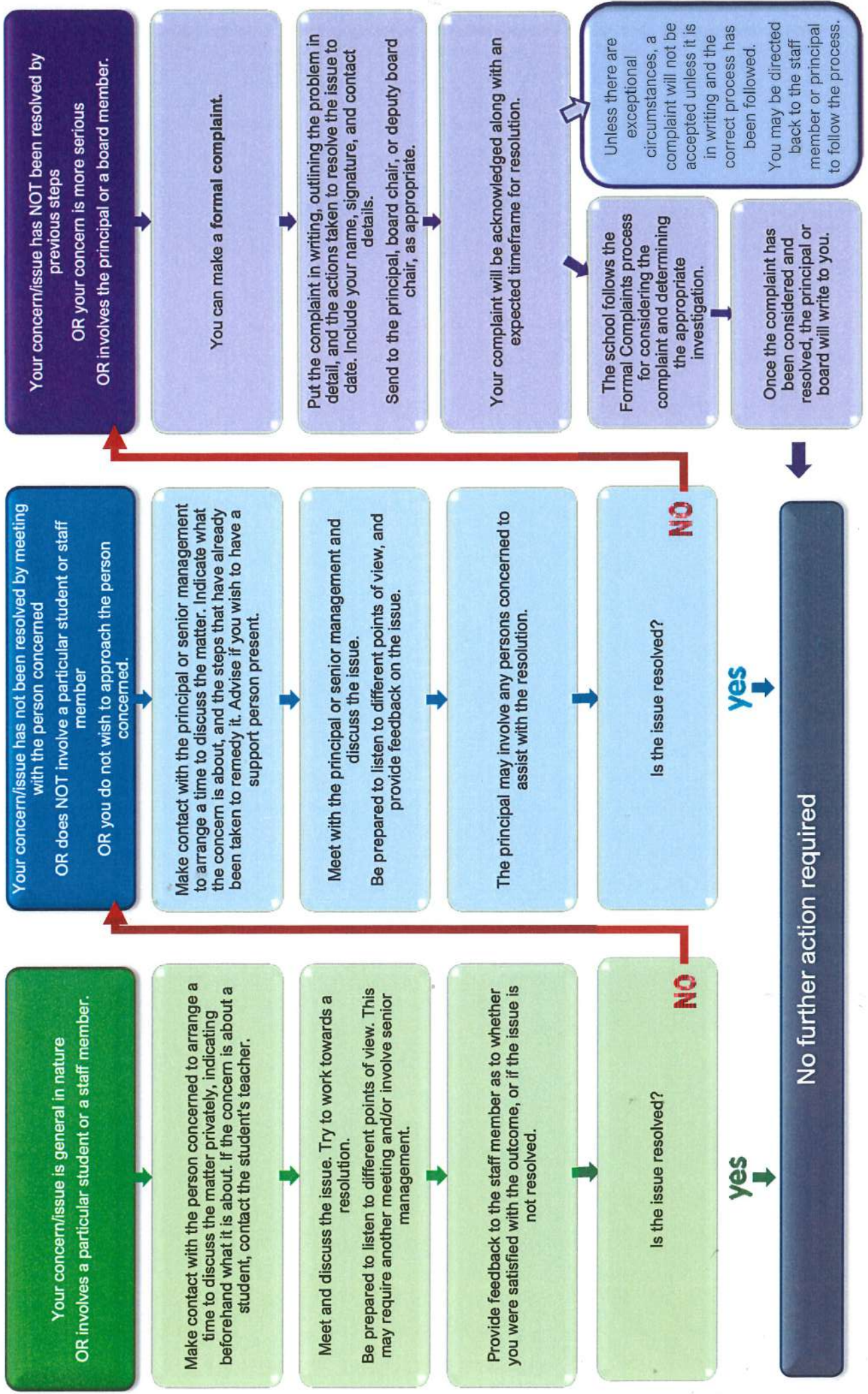
- Use of offensive language (ie swearing or put-downs, name calling) in the presence of students
- Accusing someone else's child of something when their parent is not there
- Speaking angrily to the child of another parent/adult/staff member

By following these procedures, problems will be solved as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results come from working together.

Gareth Taylor  
**Principal**

# Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.