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WELCOME TO *Baran, Bahar, Marwa, Hania and Lizzy* **WHO JOINED** **GRANTS BRAES SCHOOL THIS WEEK**



Leo, Eddie and Hamiora were the recipients of the Term 3 Principal Award for their syndicate. These children were awarded this for always showing our school value of 'E āhei ana - We can'.

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 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 last term of the year! I hope you are all well and managed some lovely whānau time over the break. This term will be affected by the current COVID-19 Delta outbreak with many events unable to be undertaken at Alert Level 2. Sadly Stars on Stage, O'Mathalon and the South Zone Sports are some examples of these events that have been cancelled. Also, the Grant's Braes School Talent show has been rescheduled for Term 1 2022. I will keep you updated with any changes to other events.

However, the Mission to Mars Cluster Exhibition is still going ahead and you can view work that students from our school and cluster schools at the Otago Polytechnic from Tuesday 26th October (12 pm) until Thursday the 28th October (5 pm). The Year 5 students and Year 6 students are gearing up for their respective camps (Year 5 - Waiora - 4-5 November, Year 6 - 9 - 12 November) which I know they will all enjoy!

PTA Meeting 18/10/21

The PTA held the term 4 meeting on Monday and please read the PTA notice further in the newsletter.

COVID-19 Alert Level 2 Protocol Reminder

I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers for only entering our school site when it is absolutely necessary and ensuring that they have scanned in using the COVOID-Tracing App or signing in on the paper register. Please remember that we are limiting the number of entering our school site so please only one parent/caregiver to enter the school site if required. Thank you also for showing social distancing when dropping off or picking up your children. A reminder that we do recommend that adults wear a face covering when they are within school grounds, but this is not mandatory.

If your child is sick, they **must** stay at home. Unwell children who arrive at school will be sent home, as directed by the Ministry of Education. **If your child has any of these symptoms ([Ministry of Health website](#)) we must send them home: fever or chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, dry cough, runny nose.** If your child has these symptoms related to known hayfever or asthma, please ensure they are taking the correct medication and inform your child's teacher and the school office.

These are the most important things that you can remember and do:

- Keep your distance from other people in public - recommended 2m
- If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
- If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get advice about being tested.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow, regularly disinfect surfaces.
- If you have been told to self-isolate you must do so immediately and get tested
- Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 25 Oct : Labour Day
 Tues 26 Oct : ICAS Maths Exam
 Wed 27 Oct : School Photos
 Thurs 28 Oct : Whānau Hui
 Thurs 4/Fri 5 Nov : Y5 Leadership Camp
 Tues 9-Fri 12 Nov : Y6 Camp
 Mon 15 Nov : BOT Meeting
 Tues 16 Nov : Otago Champs TBC
 Thurs 18 Nov : Otago Champs PP date
 Thurs 25 Nov : Year 4 Sleepover in Hall
 Fri 26 Nov : Y6 RP Orange day
 Mon 29 Nov : Teacher Only Day
 Wed 1 Dec : Y6 Day Out
 Tuesday 7 or Wed 8 Dec : Uke Jam
 Fri 10 Dec : Talent Quest Finals
 Tues 14 Dec : Leavers Ceremony
 Mon 13 Dec ; BOT meeting
 Tues 14 Dec :Last day of school year
 Wed 15 Dec : Teachers Only Day



SCHOOL PHOTOS



NEXT WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

These will be taken in the morning, and hopefully outside, if the Waverley weather is kind to us!

ALL children will have an individual photograph taken, and will also be in their class photo. There is however no obligation to buy these!

Please ensure your children are dressed in the correct school uniform on this day - navy socks, 80% black shoes, red or navy hair ties/headbands and if wearing a polyprop underneath, these must be navy also.

If you would like a **family/sibling photo taken (including parents, pre-schoolers, or high school students)**, please go into **KINDO** and complete the information required. There is of course **no money transacted** but please ensure you **CHECKOUT for your request to go through**. If you are after a 'different photo combination', please email - accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz to request this.

KINDO is open for you to go in to request a family/sibling photo, and **this will close off TOMORROW - Friday 22 October @ 3.00pm** - with next weekend being Labour Weekend, this time frame is to allow a timetable for all the sibling photos to be drawn up and for parents to be advised of their times to be at school.

The **family/sibling photos will commence at 8.00am next Wednesday 27th October morning**, and a time for your family/sibling photo (if you have requested one) will **be texted to you before Tuesday**. Please ensure you **arrive for your photos at least 5 minutes prior** to the designated time to ensure these all run to schedule.

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 Māori Educational Success.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7

Brochures have gone home with the children this week. Final date for orders to be in is 9am Friday 29th October.

This week Otago Cricket came to school to teach the students some cricket skills. Lots of fun was had and hopefully Otago Cricket will gain some new players in the future!



MISSION TO MARS EXHIBITION

Otago Polytechnic Student Hub 26-28th October.

Come and view our fantastic projects!

TENNIS OTAGO

OTAGO PRIMARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday 5th November
Stevenson Tennis Centre,
Logan Park, Dunedin

ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER
REGISTER WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S
SPORTS COORDINATOR
ENTRY FEE \$25

Week One, Term Four – an update from your PTA

We hope you had a great time in the school holidays with your children and have started term four feeling refreshed ☺



As I'm sure you've heard (and perhaps uttered an exclamation of relief), our school fair has been cancelled for 2021 due to Covid alert level restrictions. We usually raise around \$20,000 from our school fair so lack of fair = lack of funds for the upcoming build.

On a bright note, some of the businesses we had approached for prizes have generously sent these to us and are happy for us to use them for a raffle and we're calling it "The Great Grants Braes School PTA Raffle of 2021" There are already some great prizes up for grabs, and we are aiming to get the raffle cards distributed to our school community for selling beginning of November.



How can you help? We are looking for donations of goods and services that we can add into our raffle prizes to make them so desirable that they sell out quickly and easily. **This is an opportunity** to give a little extra towards our school.

Ideas of donations: supermarket and store vouchers, café and restaurant vouchers, \$\$, toys, puzzles, toiletries, games, wine, chocolates etc

Do you have **connections** in the business community who might like to help us out? We will promote them on our Facebook page and in newsletters.



There will be a box in the office entrance where you can bring **donations** and **vouchers** can be passed to the office staff for safe keeping.

There is a limited timeframe to get your donations and pledges to us. Everything needs to be locked in by **Friday 29th October**, allowing us to market the prizes that are available and distribute raffle cards to families.

Auction - We have also been generously gifted a Liverpool football jersey to auction off. We are working on the best way to do this – your ideas are welcome!



Please get in touch if you have questions, feedback, ideas or a passion for raffles!! From your friendly PTA

PARENTING COURSES

2021 courses open for enrolment

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 November 3rd being taken now.

FOODLOT COURSES: The Younger Years (Babies & primary) Wednesday evenings Term 4 (7-9pm) Starting: Nov 3 rd The Older Years (Teens) Please contact us if interested as times may be confirmed. Fees subject to minimum numbers.	GUIDE ON (FOR DADS) Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) Starting 9 th Nov This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your CHILDREN's wellbeing. Game On #2 Also this term
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Anderson's Bay Tennis Club

Sign-up 2021-2022

LOVE TENNIS!

Come and give tennis a go!

Sign up to
Anderson's Bay Hot Shots

E-mail: andersonsbayhotshots@gmail.com

Bayfield Park, Dunedin
(access Anderson's Bay Inlet or Shore Street)

ANDERSONS BAY TENNIS CLUB | SPORT OTAGO

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