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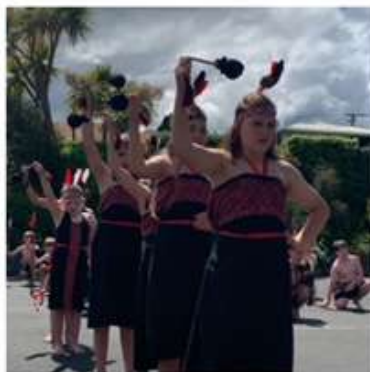
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WELCOME TO
Hazel
WHO JOINED GRANTS BRAES
SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Due to Level 2 restrictions the school was sadly unable to take part in Polyfest and Ukulele Jam this year. Today the school celebrated all the hard work of our children by sharing as a whole school.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Kia tūtura, kia kite, kia mahi kātahi - 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 Whānau,

I have been reflecting on my last two weeks and I continue to feel so grateful and fortunate. I thoroughly enjoyed my time away at the two camps and was so impressed by all of the students involved. End of year camps are such a great way to finish off the year for our older students as the Year six students have one last 'hurrah' together and the Year 5 students work on and build their leadership skills. It was also lovely to get to know these students so much better in a totally different environment.

Today we will be filming our Kapa Haka groups and tomorrow the Stars on Stage performance will be filmed at Kings high School. I watched their dress rehearsal on Monday and they were amazing and looked so incredible in their costumes. I would like to thank Sandra McHenry, Michelle Burt and Rachel Brown for creating these. I would also like to thank all of the teachers in choreographing and preparing the students for this performance. Both of these will be shared with the community once they are ready.

Kay Masters

At the end of this year, Kay Masters will have taught at Grant's Braes School for 25 years! However, at the end of this year, Kay has decided to retire. I would like to commend Kay for the years of service she has given to Grant's Braes School community, staff, whānau and most importantly the tamariki. Kay will be sorely missed by staff, parents, and the hundreds of students she has taught over the years. I will keep the community informed as to what will be arranged to celebrate the time we have been so fortunate to have had her within our school.

Appointments

At the Board meeting on Monday night the outcome of the recent advertised positions were ratified by the Board. I am pleased to announce and congratulate the following people who have been appointed to the following positions:

- Rebecca McKeever - Permanent - Kā Manu Syndicate
- Adam Wood - Fixed-Term - Kā Manu Syndicate - Leadership/Intervention/extension release
- Hannah van Plateringen - Permanent - Te Ngahere Syndicate
- Amy Lock - Fixed-Term - Te Ngahere Syndicate
- Belinda Collins - Fixed-Term 0.6 (on BoT approved leave from her Permanent position for 2022) - Te Ngahere - Rātā - Leadership/Intervention release

2022 School Term Dates

Term 1 - Tuesday 1 February - Thursday 14 April - Includes the following public holidays: Waitangi Day (observed Monday 7/2), Otago Anniversary Day (Monday 22/3)

Term 2 - Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July - Includes the following public holiday: Queen's Birthday (Monday 6 June)

Term 3 - Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September

Term 4 - Monday 17 October - Thursday 15 December - Includes the following public holiday: Labour Day (Monday 24 October)

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Vaccine Mandate

On Tuesday 16 November all staff and volunteers in New Zealand Schools are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes parents and caregivers who have direct contact with students, such as parent helpers in classes and school trips. A separate notice will be sent out in due course with more information and how vaccination records will be gathered and stored.

Reminder - Teacher Only Day coming up

Please note that Monday 29 November is a Teacher Only Day and therefore school will not be open for learning on this day.

I hope you all have a lovely rest of the week and a restful weekend.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

IMPORTANT - ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Over recent weeks there have been a lot of children away and our office staff have had to spend considerable time chasing parents up to find out where their children are as it is most important we can account for all children for their safety.

Please remember to contact the school before 9am if your child is going to be absent. It is important also to please give the reason for your child's absence so that this can be correctly coded on our Student Management System.

Our phone system has a 24hour answerphone and therefore you are welcome to leave notification of your child's absence on there. Or.... If you wish to email, please email both your child's class teacher and the office (office@grantsbraes.school.nz) as well. Teachers sometimes don't always get an opportunity to open emails prior to 9am, or are sick or on release themselves, so may not get your email so it is important to notify the office as well.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 22 & Tues 23 Nov : PAT/EASTTLE testing

Thurs 25 Nov : Year 4 Trip to Orokonui Ecosanctuary & Sleepover in Hall

Friday 26 Nov : Whanau Leader Speeches & Year 5 FAB and PAL applications due in

Mon 29 Nov : Teacher Only Day

Wed 1 Dec : Y6 Day Out & Junior Swimming starts thru till Friday 10th Dec

Mon 13th Dec : Whole school sports afternoon & New Class swap

Tuesday 7 or Wed 8 Dec : Uke Jam

Tues 14 Dec : Leavers Ceremony

Mon 13 Dec : BOT meeting

Tues 14 Dec : Last day of school year

Wed 15 Dec : Teachers Only Day

2022

Tues 1st Feb : First day of school year

Thurs 14th April : Last day of Term 1

NZ UNIFORM - UPDATE RE STOCK

We have been advised that NZ Uniform's shop in town are currently out of Size 6 shorts and are low in Size 4 skorts, due to embroidery delays. More stock is expected in soon, but if you are after either of these items for your children, we would suggest contacting them first to ensure they have them in.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 8

If you are wanting them for a Xmas gift, please let us know and we can put them aside when they are delivered.

Final date for orders to be in is **9am Friday 26th November.**

SCHOOL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that there are still a number of Futsal, TeeBall, Rippa and Touch Fees to be paid. These were due over three weeks ago, so your prompt attention to payment of these would be appreciated.

Also, there is still a large number of our School Contribution payments outstanding. If you haven't paid these, and are able to pay, or even make a part-payment before the end of the school year, this would be very much appreciated. These Contributions all help to assist us in providing the resources and opportunities for your children. Also, payment of these also allow you to use the receipt to claim 33% back in your tax for the financial year.

Please make your payments for any outstanding amounts via KINDO, EFTPOS or cash at the school office, or via internet banking 03 0905 0914747 00 and reference it with your family name and what the payment is for eg, futsal fee.

Next year's School Contribution will remain at \$200 for the eldest child, \$190 for second child, and \$180 for additional children.

Update from your PTA

This is a reminder that we're currently taking orders for Calendar Art.

We're half-way through the ordering period and we just want to make sure everyone that wants to get products made from their child's own art has the opportunity to.

These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com

2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ2405

3/. Enter your child's Room & then their name when prompted

The order is open from Friday 12th November until 9am Tuesday 23rd November, 2021.

Payment can be made over the website via Credit Card or account2account.

If you have any questions please contact Narelle Jakeway from the PTA on narellejakeway@gmail.com





YEAR 6 HAPPY CAMPERS



*****NEWS FLASH*****

TUESDAY 1st FEB 2022 - First day of the school year
THURSDAY 15th DEC 2022 - Last day of school year

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Reminder all orders and money need to be in by **NEXT TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER at 12 noon.**
(NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED)



PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Touch Rugby - Ruby : PW
Futsal - GB Stars - Max : Matai
GB Flyers - Seren : Ruru

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.

Foodbank Appeal



Help another family by donating here to your local Foodbank.



Help another family by donating to your local Foodbank this Christmas time!

Donations are now being accepted for our local Food Bank, there is a box located in the foyer.

Grant's Braes Kindergarten

Grant's Braes Kindergarten currently have vacancies

We offer 30 hours free for 3 year olds and over
(ECE 20 hours, plus an extra 10 hours DK funded)

Subsidies are available from both WINZ and DK for 2 year olds.
Excellence for all tamariki, a rich, challenging curriculum, an amazing environment, strong relationships with our whānau and community.

If you're interested - we'd love to meet you.

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ELEMENTS

NATURE BASED PLAY

Elements provides a truly authentic outdoor experience for children. Elements is no ordinary programme as we consider how the environment helps the developing child learn & grow. Active movement, creative play & fun! Explore in the bush, water play, climb trees, group games in open spaces, plenty of opportunity for imagination. Or challenge your construction skills by making huts & more with Elements resources.

These summer holidays Elements are offering the following programmes: (be in quick for limited spaces)

- Going Wild Xmas (Brighton & Nth East Valley)
- Barefoot n Buckets (Brighton)
- Kiwi Summer (Nth East Valley)

Register now for the summer holidays

Website: <http://www.elementsnz.co.nz/>
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes>
To book: <https://elements.nzmkia.com/>
Email: elementsprogrammes@gmail.com
Phone: Kim 027 9340409

5-13 years

20 & 21 Dec -
15-21 Jan
26-28 Jan

Brighton
North East Valley

HEADLICE

We have had reports that headlice has again been found in some of our children's heads. Please check your child's head/hair and if they are found, we would appreciate if you could please treat promptly. Thank you.



5-6pm Wednesdays
Grants Braes School
Hall, Waverley
Contact Sensei Thanasi
on 021 0889 6560

Dunedin Karate Traditional Goju Ryu
Ryukyuu Kobudo
Competition Karate

New class - 12 years & under
beginner to yellow belts

Reminder from Gaylene
36 sleeps until Santa

