



WELCOME TO  
*Sadie*  
WHO JOINED GRANTS BRAES  
SCHOOL THIS WEEK

## STARS ON STAGE

*Last Friday our year 5 & 6 tamariki filmed their Stars on Stage performance at King's High School. Over the past 2 terms they have been learning dances from some well known musical films including Aladdin, The Lion King, Hairspray and The Prom. They looked stunning in their costumes and hair & makeup and did themselves proud on stage!*



# 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 Whānau

Dear Whānau,

Christmas Day is only a month away! Incredible how quickly this has come around!

What a fantastic day the Year 4 students will have with their trip to the Orokanui Ecosanctuary today and a wonderful experience sleeping over at school tonight! Thank you to our wonderful Year 4 teachers; Sara Carr, Kay Masters, Rebecca McKeever for their organisation of this and for giving these students such a wonderful experience.

I would like to thank the quick action of senior students and staff who supported a young student who got stuck in a tree at the end of the lunch break yesterday. Emergency services were called and they quickly and calmly freed him and, after a couple of cuddles from his mother, he returned to class. We won't be changing our position about climbing trees as this was a one off situation, however it is important to remind children that they are only allowed to climb school trees if they have the ability to climb safely and unassisted.

Tomorrow, we will be holding 2022 Whānau Leader Elections. A number of Year 5 students are putting their 'hand up' for these coveted positions and two people will be elected for each Whānau Group, one as Captain and the other Vice-Captain. I look forward to announcing 2022 Whānau Leaders as well as the 2022 Physical Activities Leaders (PALs) and First Aide Buddies (FABs) at the Year 6 Leaver's Assembly.

Planning for the Year 6 Leaver's Assembly is underway and will be held at the **Tahuna Intermediate Hall on Tuesday 14 December**. Information around this will be shared next week which will abide by the Covid 19 response plan of the Education and health Ministries.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Parent/Caregiver Vaccine Register and for providing evidence of their status. This information will be kept secure and only shared with teachers to confirm parent help in classes, on school trips, swimming supervision and other school related activities. It is also important to note that currently you only need to have had one vaccination to be able to assist in these activities at school, but a second dose needs to be taken by 1 January. If you have not yet completed the survey and wish to be involved in school activities please click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/bdi9Z2JUMzqKEwkU7>

Just a reminder that **school is closed on Monday 29 November for a Teacher Only Day**.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR**





## DATES TO REMEMBER

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**  
Tues 30th Nov : Te Ngarhere's Playball outing  
to the Edgar Centre  
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 at Tahuna  
Intermediate School Hall  
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

## **PLAYERS OF THE DAY**

### Touch Rugby

GB - Hawks - Alex : Tawa

### Futsal

GB Stars - Sophie : Pukeko

GB Flyers - Seren : Ruru

GB Sparks - Ruby : PW

## \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 29th  
NOVEMBER

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

The PTA has been provided with a fundraising opportunity involving a consumer study being undertaken at the University of Otago.

**What is the Aim of the Project** The Department of Food Science, University of Otago is carrying out consumer testing on milk which provides an opportunity for groups in the community to raise money for their organization. This project is part of a confidential research project involving a commercial entity and research collaborators from the University of Otago, Department of Food Science.

**What Type of Participants are being sought?**

We wish to include in this study, adults which are over 18 years of age. They should be in good health, and be willing to complete the entire study.

**Inclusion criteria:**

- Adults over 18 years of age
- Be willing to drink milk samples
- Individuals with no sensitivity or allergies to dairy or dairy products

The PTA will be paid \$35 per volunteer and we must provide a minimum of 12 people to be paid.

We have two time slots available to book in our volunteers next Wednesday 1st December, either 6.45pm or 7.15pm.

The process is quick and streamlined (should be in and out within 45 minutes) and involves some screening questions and testing a small number of samples. This opportunity offers great return for effort

Please let me know if you can assist - my email is [narellejakeway@gmail.com](mailto:narellejakeway@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance

Narelle Jakeway

## Foodbank Appeal



Help another family by donating here to your local Foodbank.

Christmas  
— STARTS HERE —

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.



## **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.



### **NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING** offering Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS

via Zoom.

Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings.

Topics covered include Communication, Empathy, Setting Limits, Quality Time, Consequences, Choices, Redirection, Pick your battles with your child, Problem Behaviour, Praise vs Acknowledgement, Time In vs Time Out, The Pause, Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children. WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

Website: [www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz](http://www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz)

Contact: [brigid@nextchapterparenting.co.nz](mailto:brigid@nextchapterparenting.co.nz)

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### **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.



# Summer Holidays

PROGRAMMES TO SUIT ALL AGES  
JUNIORS: 5-9 YEARS SENIORS: 10-14 YEARS

## WEEK 1 (LAST WEEK TERM 4)

ALL AGES	MON 13 DEC	TUE 14 DEC	WED 15 DEC	THUR 16 DEC	FRI 17 DEC
	CLOSED	CLOSED	HOMEMADE GIFTS	WHEELS DAY	PIZZA & PARK

## WEEK 2 (WEEK BEFORE XMAS)

JNR	MON 20 DEC	TUE 21 DEC	WED 22 DEC	THUR 23 DEC	FRI 24 DEC
	COOKING	INFLATABLE WORLD	WEARABLE ARTS	XMAS IN THE PARK	XMAS CRAFT
SNR	DESIGN CHALLENGE	LEAP	MINI GOLF	XMAS IN THE PARK	KIWI BAKE OFF

## WEEK 3

ALL AGES	MON 27 DEC	TUE 28 DEC	WED 29 DEC	THUR 30 DEC	FRI 31 DEC
	CLOSED	CLOSED	FISH & CHIPS @ GARDENS	WHEELS DAY	NEW YEAR EVE BBQ

## WEEK 4

ALL AGES	MON 3 JAN	TUE 4 JAN	WED 5 JAN	THUR 6 JAN	FRI 7 JAN
	CLOSED	CLOSED	SPORTS DAY	WACKY SCIENCE	WATER FUN

## WEEK 5

ALL AGES	MON 10 JAN	TUE 11 JAN	WED 12 JAN	THUR 13 JAN	FRI 14 JAN
	CENTRE FUN DAY	MEGAZONE	CENTRE FUN DAY	BRIGHTON BEACH	CENTRE FUN DAY

## WEEK 6

JNR	MON 17 JAN	TUE 18 JAN	WED 19 JAN	THUR 20 JAN	FRI 21 JAN
	CENTRE DAY	WOODHAUGH GARDENS	ART DAY	POOL	INFLATABLE WORLD
SNR	DIY CREATIVE	TIMEZONE	MAGIC OLYMPICS	POOL	CLIP N' CLIMB

## WEEK 7

JNR	MON 24 JAN	TUE 25 JAN	WED 26 JAN	THUR 27 JAN	FRI 28 JAN
	CHALLENGE DAY	CENTRE FUN DAY	WAIORA CAMP	CENTRE FUN DAY	MOVIES
SNR	MINI GOLF	MOVIE DAY	WAIORA CAMP	HIKE	ICE SKATING & PIZZA

## WEEK 8 (BACK TO SCHOOL)

ALL AGES	MON 31 JAN	TUE 1 FEB	WED 2 FEB	THUR 3 FEB	FRI 4 FEB
	BREAK UP BBQ	CENTRE FUN DAY	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

## OPEN PROGRAMMES

### WEEK 1

M T W T F

WAKARI			★	★	★
MUSSELBURGH			★	★	★
GREEN ISLAND			★	★	★

### WEEK 2

M T W T F

WAKARI	★	★	★	★	★
BATHGATE	★	★	★	★	★
FAIRFIELD	★	★	★	★	★
TAHUNA (SNR)	★	★	★	★	★

### WEEK 3

M T W T F

BATHGATE			★	★	★
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### WEEK 4

M T W T F

BATHGATE			★	★	★
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### WEEK 5

M T W T F

WAKARI	★	★	★	★	★
BATHGATE	★	★	★	★	★
FAIRFIELD	★	★	★	★	★

### WEEK 6

M T W T F

ALL JNR PROGRAMMES	★	★	★	★	★
TAHUNA SNR	★	★	★	★	★

### WEEK 7

M T W T F

ALL JNR PROGRAMMES	★	★	★	★	★
(Except Bathgate)					
TAHUNA SNR	★	★	★	★	★

### WEEK 8

M T W T F

MUSSELBURGH	★	★			
FAIRFIELD	★	★			

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT AT SOME CENTRES WE HAVE RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBERS - SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE A SPACE AT YOUR PREFERRED LOCATION.

BOOK TODAY!

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