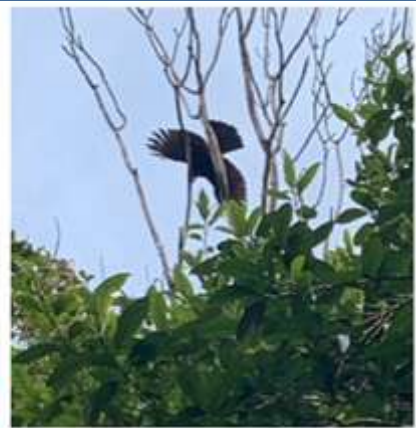




WELCOME TO *Georgia* WHO JOINED GRANTS BRAES SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Year 4 students visited Orokonui Ecosanctuary. They learnt about the history of the area and how the sanctuary is restoring the forest to what it would have been like before people came to Aotearoa. We learnt about the different plant and animal species at Orokonui and got to explore the amazing bush tracks.

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

By all accounts the Play Ball Edgar Centre Te Ngahere trip on Tuesday was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the teachers for their organisation of this and the print helpers who attended. Also the Year 6 students had a fantastic 'Big Day Out' yesterday! They started at Megazone, playing mini golf and laser tag. Then travelled to the Ice Skating rink where they had a pizza lunch then time on the ice skating rink. The Year 6 students were incredible and so well mannered! I would like to thank Mr Howell and Mrs Barrow for their organisation of this.

The Year 0 - 3 swimming instruction started yesterday at the Anderson's Bay School pool run by Joy Clark Swim School. This runs until Friday 10 December. I would like to thank all of the parent helpers and our staff for their organisation of this important programme.

School has been given the advice from the Ministry of Education to not implement the new COVID-19 Implementation Plan until 2022, instead keep operating under the school's Alert Level 2 protocols. The exception of this is the vaccine mandate where any parents/caregivers who will be working with students directly, or helping with school activities and trips, need to be vaccination (at least one vaccination) and provide me with evidence of this. Thank you to all that have completed the survey that was emailed out to you all recently.

Planning for the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is underway and will be held at the **Tahuna Intermediate Hall on Tuesday 14 December**. A decision has been made to run the assembly programme as normally as possible but it will **only involve the Year 6 students and two members of their whānau**. Attendees will need to sign in using the Covid Tracing App, maintain physical distance, wear a mask throughout the assembly and have at least one vaccination with evidence provided. The students will be bussed down to Tahuna Intermediate and the assembly will commence at 11am. The ceremony will also be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person with the limitations of numbers. Further information will be emailed out to the Year 6 families early next week.

Last Day of Term - Tuesday 14 December

The last day of the school year is Tuesday 14 December. All Year 0 - 5 students will need to be picked up from Grants Braes School at 12:30 pm. The Year 6 students will need to be picked up from Tahuna Intermediate at the conclusion of their Leavers' Assembly, which will be approximately 12 pm.

On Friday 10 December you will be receiving your child's end of year report. If there is anything you wish to discuss within this, please contact your child's teacher. Within the envelope there will also be a notice stating which class your child has been placed in for 2022. Please be aware a lot of consideration has been put into this to ensure that their needs, both social and educational are met. Due to the numbers within the year groups, we are required to have a mixture of straight year level and composite classes throughout the school.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 1 Dec : 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

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.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Touch Rugby

GB - Hawks - Leila : Toroa

Futsal

GB Stars - Sophie : Pukeko

GB Flyers - Gregory : Ruru

GB Sparks - Sasanka : Pukeko

- George : Tawa



Mrs O'Brien sent the elves in it's beginning to feel a lot like xmas!!

School Leavers – notice re Kindo school shop

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

Te Ngahere's Trip To The Edgar Centre

On Tuesday we were very excited to take all the Te Ngahere students on an outing to the Edgar Centre to participate in a four station Playball rotation. This was a fun active way to end the year for our students! Thank you for all the parent support.



NE - Y3 SWIMMING



Final days for the FOOD BANK APPEAL donations is Tuesday 7th Dec.

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!

Morag's Missing

Our families cat has been missing since Tuesday 23rd November from Glengyle Street. She answers to the name os "Morag". Please check your sheds, garages and basements as she has been locked in one before. If anyone has sighted her could they please message Jenny on 0220720825?



Smoking in cars with children is an offence from 28 November 2021.



Entries

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With



Y6 BIG DAY OUT



You must leave NZ before expiry of your permit
or leave removal