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**WELCOME TO**  
*Sefo*  
**WHO JOINED**  
**ROOM MATAI TODAY**



## ***SCHOOL BUBBLES!***



For the past week, children of essential workers were at school in 'bubbles' which also included our staff members. The children enjoyed participating in a wide variety of activities and games, as well as joining in their class 'Zoom' sessions when these were on.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia tūfura, kia kite, kia mahi katahi - To explore, discover, and learn together

Mahia te mahi o tō ake kākau - Do things from the heart

E kumanau ana - We care

E ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can

E mahi kātahi ana - We are

## Kia ora koutou

How lovely to have the tamariki back at school! It was such a wonderful sight seeing them come into the school grounds this morning, reconnecting with each other, and obviously pleased to be back at school!

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 COVID-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 hay-fever or asthma, please ensure they are taking the correct medication and inform your child's teacher and the school office.

While the numbers of new cases continue to remain low, we are still responding to the COVID-19 outbreak and need to remain vigilant. Our response is also reliant on everyone in New Zealand doing their part to prevent spread. It is up to each one of us to keep the rest of New Zealand safe.

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.

**Devices/School resources** - thank-you so much to those who have returned the devices and school resources that were sent out. Just a reminder that we require these for teaching and learning in the classrooms, so we would appreciate these being returned as soon as possible.

## **Gaylene O'Brien**

I would like to formally congratulate Gaylene and her whānau for the arrival of Heath Robert Sachtler during the lockdown. This is such an exciting time for Gaylene and as a result, Gaylene requested, and was approved, leave from her position from Monday 27 September until the start of Term 2, 2022. Gaylene will be sorely missed by the tamariki, staff and parent/caregiver Community during this time, but what an amazing opportunity to support her daughter and enjoy being a Grandmother. I am working with a recruitment agency to find a suitable replacement for her position.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR**

## IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES FOR YOU TO NOTE

- ♦ Life Education Bus - rescheduled for 10 - 17 September
- ♦ Structured Literacy Parent Evening - to be rescheduled in Level 1
- ♦ Polyfest - 18 - 22 October - confirmed pending Alert Level 1 (our performance date yet to be advised)
- ♦ Stars on Stage - Tuesday 2 November - confirmed pending Alert Level 1
- ♦ Museum Trips - cancelled
- ♦ ICAS
  - Science - new date to be confirmed
  - Maths - new date to be confirmed
- ♦ Assemblies
  - Parent - Kōhanga - will be held when at Level 1
  - Bring-a-longs - only when at Level 1
- ♦ Kā Manu Swimming - still waiting for confirmation
- ♦ Whānau hui - to be rescheduled
- ♦ Ariki Cup - cancelled
- ♦ Ukelele Jam - hoping to be rescheduled in Level 1

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE MISSED DURING LOCKDOWN

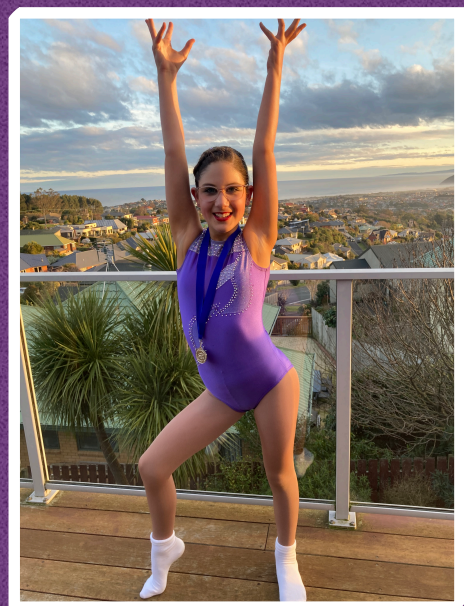


As you are aware, the Sausage Sizzle planned for Friday 20 August was not able to happen due to Lockdown.

There will be a Sausage Sizzle held early next term, and the orders placed for sausages and ice blocks for the 20th August will carry over.

Information will be provided in a future newsletter, and the opportunity given for any child that did not have an order for the 20th August to be given the opportunity to order for the next one.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LEILA



Leila recently placed 2nd overall in the NZCAF pre-choreographed primary individual (aerobics) category and qualified for NZCAF National Championships!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 10 - Fri 17 Sept - Life Ed Bus  
 Tues 21 Sept - BOT Meeting, 7pm  
 Fri 1 Oct - last day of term  
 Mon 18 Oct - first day of Term 4  
 Mon 18 - Fri 22 Oct - Polyfest  
 Wed 27 Oct - School Photos  
 Tues 2 Nov - Stars on Stage  
 Wed 3 Nov - South Zone Sports  
 Thur 4/Fri 5 Nov - Y5 Leadership Camp  
 Tues 9-Fri 12 Nov - Y6 Camp  
 Mon 29 Nov - Teacher Only Day  
 Fri 10 Dec - Talent Quest Finals  
 Tues 14 Dec - Leavers Ceremony  
 Last day of school year  
 Wed 15 Dec - Teacher Only Day



**KELLY SPORTS** **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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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 Behavior Management and Concerns and Complaints.



## **Rotary Park Kindergarten**

289 Highcliff Road, Waverley



### **Spaces are available NOW**

8.30am - 12.30pm

And/or 8.30am - 2.30pm

2-year olds can attend for \$2.75 an hour  
 3-5+ years are eligible for up to 30 Hours Free



Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten  
 or

Online at: [www.dk.org.nz](http://www.dk.org.nz)

or

Contact the kindergarten on 4544238

or

Email [rotarypark@dk.org.nz](mailto:rotarypark@dk.org.nz)

Check out our Facebook page on

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryparkkindergarten>

## **Let's go fishing**

Otago Fish & Game Council is running four **FREE** Take A Kid Fishing sessions from 10am to noon at the Southern Reservoir (Reservoir Road, Dunedin) on September 18/19 and September 25/26, 2021, under Alert Level 2. If you wish to register, please be prepared to be flexible due to changing Covid restrictions. Spare fishing rods will be available along with experts to help kids get started. Parents or caregivers must be present to supervise children. We are taking registrations for only ONE ADULT PER FAMILY. Registrations are **essential**. Visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2VWVJ23>

or scan the QR code.



### **Adult beginner spin-fishing evening classes**

Fish & Game is also running FREE adult beginner spin-fishing evening classes on October 6-8 in Dunedin and October 8 in Cromwell. Mum and Dad, this is a great chance to learn some skills after the "Take A Kid Fishing" events. The classes involve one theory session followed by a field trip on Saturday, October 9, to the Southern Reservoir, in Dunedin, and at fishing waters near Cromwell.

To register for an adult beginner spin-fishing class, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VQFXBKN>



# Make Your Own Lockdown Memories

1. Find a shoe box or a container from your kitchen that's not used anymore.



2. Gather things that relate to your lockdown – photos, supermarket receipts, something you have made or even an object found on a walk. Put these in your box.



3. Write a letter. Put your name, date, who is in your bubble, and where you live. Write what you have done at home during lockdown.



4. Draw a picture of your favourite thing to do during lockdown.

5. Hide your memory box somewhere safe at home.



6. Wait one year. Then go and find your memory box. Look back at the fun you had at home with your family during lockdown 2021.