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**WELCOME TO**  
*Lucy and Zach*  
**WHO JOINED**  
**ROOM KEA THIS**  
**WEEK**



## Māori Moment



On Tuesday at 12 noon our entire school participated in the nationwide Māori Language Moment celebrating Te Wiki o the Reo Māori with Kapa Haka performances. The children had been taught about the history of the moment, which had been inspired by a petition signed by over 30,000 signatures and presented to Parliament in 1972 asking for Te Reo to be taught in schools. The ODT were present on Tuesday and took the lovely photo of Evie (Toroa) shown in the top middle of the above photos. If you wish to view the video also taken, and to read more, please go to the following link - <https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/school-marks-maori-moment-kapa-haka-performance>

# 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 kumanau ana - We care

E ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can

E mahi kātahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

Once again I would like to thank you all for adjusting into Level 2 so quickly. We will all be waiting with baited breath when the government review the Alert Levels on Monday, with a hope that we return to Alert Level 1. Please ensure you are keeping yourself safe, and ensure anyone who is unwell stays away from school.

I would like to welcome Megan Kerr who has started as a Student Teacher in Kākāpō this week. We were also very excited to hear that our Third Year University students (due to lockdown) have had their practicum extended until the end of this term.

On Rātū 14 Rima (Tuesday 14 September) at 12 pm, our school joined approximately one million others to celebrate Te Reo in the planned nationwide Māori Moment. This was a very proud moment for me and the highlight was definitely when the whole school, Tuakana and Teina Kapa Haka groups, sang Toia Mai together. This was for the first time for this and they were incredible! I would like to thank Lewis Howell and Sara Carr for organising this occasion, and also all of our staff who are so committed to the revitalisation of Te Reo.

Three of our Year 6 students started a science extension programme at the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre in Portobello today. This is an exciting programme where they will work with other students to investigate, and then present, their findings on a marine topic. I would like to thank Rebecca McKeever for the organisation of this exciting opportunity. .

## School Polices

As per our School Policies review cycle, I am required to inform our school whānau on the policies and procedures around the Surrender and Retention of Property and Searches. Please read through this and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. This can be found by following the link below which will take you to the Grant's Braes School Schools Doc website where you will be required to log-in: User name - grantsbraes Password - gbparents

[https://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/index.htm?toc.htm?11290.htm](https://grantsbraes schooldocs.co.nz/index.htm?toc.htm?11290.htm)

## Grant's Braes School PTA

The following message was a late addition to the newsletter last week and I just want to ensure that our school whānau are aware of the difficult decision the PTA had to make regarding the fair. (see below):

*Important message from the PTA - The PTA wish to let the school community know that due to Covid restrictions and the unknown timeframe of lockdown levels, they have decided to cancel the School Fair for 2021.*

*The PTA are so grateful for all who offered their time, services and knowledge to help them so far and in particular, a big thank you to Richelle Hampton who had taken on the role of Fair Coordinator.*

*The PTA are still planning to run a raffle with donated prizes and services – more info to come soon.*

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

GARETH TAYLOR



# Life Ed Bus



Last Friday, Maria and Harold from The Life Education Bus recommenced the lessons with our children that had been started prior to lockdown. Topics such as healthy eating, wellbeing and emotions have been covered, followed up by further lessons in the classrooms.



## REVISED DATES FOR ICAS EXAMS

Mon 20 September : Science

Mon 27 September : Maths

## YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER DESK FAIR

This is being held on Wednesday 29 September (providing we are in Level 1!) and there will be a wide variety for sale including toys, books, sweets, baking along with some games to play.

This is for the children only, and they will attend later in the morning in their Class/Syndicate groups. Children just need to bring some coins in either a purse or moneybag!!



## MESSAGE TO FAMILIES FROM DUNEDIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Any library items that were due during alert levels 4 and 3 now have the **due date of September 15th**. Of course, children and youth (birth up to and including 17 years of age) and Schools with library card(s), do not get library fines. Also, if customers have reserved items ready to collect during alert levels 4 and 3, they will be available to collect up to the 15th of September.

We may need to **limit the number of customers** in the library or bookbus at any one time so people can observe 2 metre physical distancing. **Customers 12 years of age or over must wear a face covering, unless they have an exemption.** Customers will either need to scan the COVID Tracer App or register their contact details. Library staff will support customers who need help with this process.

Although we can provide most of our usual services, due to the need to social distance, we **can't run any events or our regular programmes** such as Lego clubs and other kids clubs. The AnyQuestions and Many Answers sites are operating as normal.

**Any Questions:** <https://anyquestions.govt.nz/> is a free NZ National Library service that offers online help to assist New Zealand students with their inquiries. Between 1pm and 6pm weekdays students can log on and chat with a real librarian from New Zealand libraries about their inquiry. Many Answers: [https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many\\_answers](https://anyquestions.govt.nz/many_answers) is available to search 24/7. Here students can search for answers to popular questions asked on AnyQuestions. Many Answers entries are not intended to give students the answer, but to guide them to websites and other resources that will help them find the information themselves.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome back our customers under Level Two.

**WRITE like an AUTHOR**

# Holiday Writing Camp

**Andy Griffiths says**  
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer. Storytelling is a craft and the more you learn, the more fun you can have!"

Are you a word warrior? Do you love writing? Have you ever thought that maybe one day you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published there are more opportunities for you now than ever before and this course will give you the skills and techniques you need to write awesome stories.

**Who is it for?**  
This course is for middle-grade students who are enthusiastic about writing.

**What will I Learn?**  
Write Like an Author will teach you the skills you need to construct well crafted, imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author, you will be taken on a guided journey at the end of which is a story you have created entirely from scratch.

It's the first step on your own road to becoming a published author.

**Course Book**  
The course book covers each day's material, along with worksheets and exercises to help you reach the next level in your writing.

**Where? When?**  
**Otago Girls' High School**  
41 Tennyson Street, Dunedin  
4 Oct to 6 Oct 2021

**Who?**  
The camp facilitator is: **Maria Gill**  
Award-winning author of 60 books including Kate Sheppard, Anzac Heroes, and New Zealand Disasters

**Students say**  
"The best thing was having an author supporting us all the way."  
- James (11) - Lindisfarne Grammar School camp  
"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."  
- Gabrielle (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp  
"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."  
- Anna (12) - Southview School camp

for more information go to:  
[writelikeanauthor.com](http://writelikeanauthor.com)



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- Mermaids & Sea Monsters (Brighton)
- Wild Adventures (Nth East Valley)

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Website: <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

Fb: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes>

To book: <https://elements.aimyplus.com/>

Email: [elementsprogrammes@gmail.com](mailto:elementsprogrammes@gmail.com)

Phone: Kim 027 9340409



5-13 years



Mon 4- Tues 5 Oct -  
Wed 6-Thurs 7 Oct



Brighton  
North East Valley

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 13-Fri 17 Sept : Life Ed Bus

Mon 29 Sept : ICAS Science, 9.10am

Tues 21 Sept : BOT Meeting, 7pm

Mon 27 Sept : ICAS Maths, 9.10am

Wed 29 Sept : Y6 Desk Fair

Fri 1 Oct : last day of term

Mon 18 Oct : first day of Term 4

Mon 18 Oct-Fri 22 Oct : Polyfest

Wed 27 Oct : School Photos

Tues 2 Nov : Stars on Stage

Wed 3 Nov : South Zone Sports

Thurs 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 : Teachers Only Day



Your link to the latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine is <https://issue2109si.totstoteens.co.nz/>. Included in this issue is information regarding - solving sleep issues; healthy teeth; sugar-free sweet treats; money tips; managing meltdowns; family fun - local activities; starting school with confidence and spring allergies.

## 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.

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## 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>

BOOK TODAY

## School Holidays

spring

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

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Email: [admin@magickidsclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@magickidsclub.co.nz)



### WEEK 1

	MON 4 OCT	TUE 5 OCT	WED 6 OCT	THUR 7 OCT	FRI 8 OCT
JNR 5-9	CENTRE FUN DAY 	OTAGO MUSEUM 	BOTANIC GARDENS 	CENTRE FUN DAY 	MOANA POOL 
SNR 10-14	MINI GOLF 	CLIPN CLIMB 	TIMEZONE 	AMAZING RACE 	MOANA POOL 

### WEEK 2

	MON 11 OCT	TUE 12 OCT	WED 13 OCT	THUR 14 OCT	FRI 15 OCT
JNR 5-9	INFLATABLE WORLD 	CENTRE FUN DAY 	MOANA POOL 	CENTRE FUN DAY 	MOVIES 
SNR 10-14	MEGAZONE 	TEN PIN BOWLING 	MOANA POOL 	SURVIVOR 	ICE SKATING & PIZZA 

"MAKING MAGICAL AND MEMORABLE MOMENTS"