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WELCOME TO
Shylah, Cariad, Mia and Joseph
WHO ALL STARTED
AT OUR SCHOOL OVER
THIS PAST WEEK



Marine Extension Opportunity



Three of our Year 6 students have been part of a Marine Science extension group down at the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre at Portobello. They are carrying out different research projects and are learning to analyse and report their findings. We look forward to seeing their presentations when they are finished.

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

I hope you are all well and enjoying the settled weather! Long may this last! The days are getting longer too which is so good for the soul! A reminder that daylight savings starts this Sunday!!

Tomorrow will be Gaylene's last day at school until the start of Term 2, 2022, as she is taking leave to be a Grandmother. We are all certainly going to miss her but what a wonderful opportunity for her and her whānau. The Leadership Team and I went through the process of finding a suitable applicant to fill Gaylene's shoes. In the end, we decided not to go with any of the recruitment agencies' shortlisted applicants; instead, we have decided to split the position between two current employees. Denise Laney and Niki van Plateringen will share this role; Denise - Monday and Friday, Niki - Tuesday - Thursday. Gaylene has been inducting both of them this week and showing them the ropes. We know Denise and Niki will do an amazing job and it is so beneficial that they have a strong, existing relationship with our tamariki, staff and whānau.

This week Rātā welcomed Katie Wenborn as their replacement teacher (Tues, Wed, Thurs) for Natalie Snook who left last week. I know both children and parents will enjoy getting to know Katie, and having her teach in Rātā for the remainder of the year.

Shortly the Ministry of Education will be sending out the provisional staffing entitlements to schools. This will give us the information we need to determine how many classes we will operate at the start of next year. Early next term we will start looking at the class lists for 2022 and how these are going to be arranged. Please contact your child's teacher, their syndicate leader or myself with any considerations pertaining to your children. I would also like to hear from parents or community members who know of any families moving in or out of our school zone, as this will help determine 2022 classroom organisation.

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

Gareth Taylor

REVISED DATES FOR ICAS EXAMS

The ICAS Maths and Science exams will now not be held until Term 4. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the new dates.

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER DESK FAIR

This is being held next Wednesday 29 September and there will be a wide variety for sale including toys, books, games and pre-wrapped lollies

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 (50c to \$5 will be sufficient) in either a purse or moneybag!!



FAMILY FUN IN THE SNOW!



Last weekend, a number of our families enjoyed a fabulous time on the annual school ski trip at Cardrona Ski Field in Wānaka. A huge thank you to Sarah Watts who co-ordinated this on behalf of the school and ensured this was most successful for all involved.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Mon 25 Oct : Labour Day
Wed 27 Oct : School Photos
Thur 28 Oct : Whanui Hui
:12.30pm - OMathalon
Tues 2 Nov : Stars on Stage
Wed 3 Nov : South Zone Sports
Thurs 4/Fri 5 Nov : Y5 Leadership Camp
Fri 5 Nov : Sth Zone Postponement Date
Tues 9-Fri 12 Nov : Y6 Camp
Mon 15 Nov : BOT Meeting
Tue 16 Nov : Otago Champs
Thur 18 Nov :Otago Champs PP Date
: Year 4 Sleepover in Hall
Fri 26 Nov : Y6 RP Orange Parade
Mon 29 Nov : Teacher Only Day
Wed 1 Dec : Y6 Day Out
Thurs 2 Dec : School Hangi
Tues 7 or Wed 8 Dec : Uke Jam
Thur 9 Dec : School Hangi PP Date
Fri 10 Dec : Talent Quest Finals
Mon 13 Dec : BOT Meeting
Tues 14 Dec : Leavers Ceremony
: Last day of school year
Wed 15 Dec : Teachers Only Day

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Annabelle from Pukeko who recently attained first place in a Piano Competition! Well done Annabelle!!!

Children needed for this year's Santa Parade Sunday 5 December



You must be 5 years old or older and be available all afternoon. An adult needs to accompany any child and be available to walk alongside the float. If interested please email dnsantakids@gmail.com with child's name, clothing size and contact details.

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ALBION JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



Keen to play cricket?

Albion Junior Cricket Club welcomes new and existing players to come and join us for a great summer of cricket in the 2021/2022 season. Cricket is a game for both boys and girls, so everyone is welcome. The season is scheduled to start at the end of October.

Registration can be made online at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/albionjuniorcricket/Online-Registration/Junior-Registration>

Or at the Culling Park Clubrooms on Royal Crescent, Sunday 26 September 10:00am – Noon, Wednesday 29 September 5:30-7pm.

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