



*Our first Toroa/Pūkeko Wā
Tūhura has seen lots of
exciting new skills being
taught by our wonderful
student leaders*



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

I hope you are all are having a great week and your whānau is managing to keep safe and well. It is lovely to see the sun for more than one day and I hope this extends into the weekend!

We are experiencing a large number of students who are unwell but are returning negative Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) as there seems to be a cold doing the rounds. Thank you all for monitoring your children's health and keeping them home if they are unwell. Please know that school remains a safe environment for your children and it is important that they keep to their normal routines and keep coming to school when they are well. Please keep the school informed if you have any concerns regarding this.

While the notification of COVID Cases within our school whānau is reasonably low the communication that I will be sending out at the moment is as follows:

- The teachers of the students, Senior Leadership, the Board of Trustees, The Ministry of Education are informed
- Whānau from the class where the new case is will receive an email informing them
- Whānau from the affected class's collaborative class will receive an email informing them
- The wider school whānau will be notified of a new case, but this will be a general message and will not identify the class

Please note this level of communication may change if the number of cases rises exponentially.

Under COVID Protection Framework Red Phase 3 only the whānau of a confirmed COVID case are required to isolate. The school remains open and students are not class contacts. In the newsletter is a flow diagram that explains this clearly. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about Phase 3.

Home Learning

The focus of our teachers at the moment is to ensure that they are planned and ready to teach the students who are at school. Generic links to learning websites have been sent home to families who are choosing to keep their children at home as a precautionary measure, and no other material will be provided at this time. It is important to know that if your child is sick or tests positive for COVID-19, they need to focus on getting well, and no home learning will be provided. However, if your child needs to isolate, then a hard pack and/or a school device can be requested from your child's teacher, and this will be provided immediately via contactless delivery.

At the end of this week, hard copy packs will be sent home to all children in Kōhanga and Te Ngahere. This is a precautionary measure and these are only be used if a child needs to isolate. This will make it easier for distribution purposes.

This week the teachers will be working on creating a 10 Day isolation Home Learning Programme. This will be available from next week.

Year 6 Leaders

I would like to apologise to one of our school's Physical Activities Leaders (PAL) as the image in last week's newsletter was incorrectly labelled and Alex's name was wrong. Please see the corrected image later in the newsletter.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 7th - Friday 11th Mar - Walk-n-Wheels week

Mon 21st Mar - Otago Anniversary Day Observed (School Closed)

Thurs 14th April : Last day of Term 1

2022 TERM DATES

Term 2 - Mon 2nd May to Fri 8th July

Term 3 - Mon 25th July to Fri 30th Sept

Term 4 - Mon 17th Oct to 15th Dec

Player of the day

Touch:

Y5/6 GB Kahurangi - Alex (Tōroa)

FUTSAL:

GB Lightening - Olivia (PW)

GB Dynamite - George (PW)

GB Sparks - Theo (PW)

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

Visit the website - <http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and p/wd (gbparents).

In term one, the focus is on the **Health and Safety Management** and **Emergency, Disaster, and Crisis Management** sections. Policies for review are:

- [Visitors](#) - [School Closure](#) - [Earthquakes](#) - [COVID-19 Information and Procedures](#)

SECONDHAND UNIFORM

If you are interested in viewing or purchasing any of the secondhand uniform currently available, please contact the Shop Supervisor, Sally Nicholls to make a suitable appointment time. Her cellphone number is 027 7376649. Payment for any uniform items purchased is to be made at the office by EFTPOS or cash.

Open Casting Call:

Popular children's entertainer Rainbow Rosalind is looking for two children aged under 12 years old to feature in an upcoming music video.

If you've got a big smile and can speak using New Zealand sign language, send a short video telling us about yourself and signing to a verse & chorus of your favourite song.

Email videos to maiden.dunedin@gmail.com

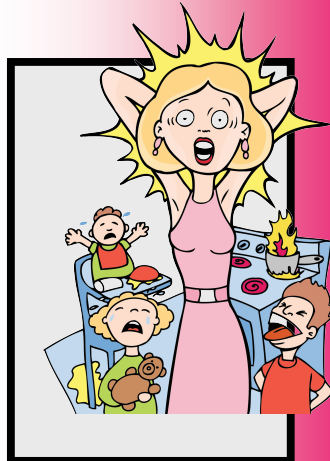


NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering

The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

PARENTING COURSE



- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR GROUPS

INDIVIDUALS OR A BUNCH OF FRIENDS



Via zoom

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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

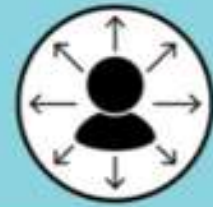


COTTON FACE MASKS

Triple layer cotton face masks available in the office.

Two sizes: 7-12 yrs & 3-7 yrs
\$5 each all proceeds donated to the school (cash only)

What type of contact are you?



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Unite
against
COVID-19

Grant's Braes School 2022 Physical Activity Leaders - PALs



Gregory, Theo, Johnny, Thomas, Olivia, Daniel, Chloe, Alex, Austin, Tutekawa