



Welcome to Iris

who joined Room Kea this week.



PALS TRAINING

At the Edgar Centre



Kawa, Theo, Alex, Austin, Johnny, Daniel, Olivia, Gregory, Thomas and Chloe.

PALS stands for Physical Activity Leader. PALS promote physical activity in our school. Thanks to Lily from Sport Otago and Kieran and Cherie from Halberg Trust for organising a great session.



Getting great ideas for activities we can organise for the rest of the school.



Good communication is important!



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 continue to be so proud of the Year 4 - 6 students for their commitment to keep themselves and others safe by wearing their masks correctly. We are ensuring that there are many 'mask-breaks' outside and that rooms are well ventilated. Keep up the great work team!

'What's the Buzz?' Interviews

I would like to thank the parents and caregivers who made an appointment to meet with their children's teachers for the 'What's the Buzz?' interviews. This is the first time we have undertaken these via ZOOM, and while we would prefer to have had this face-to-face, we were very happy as to how these went. This afternoon/evening they conclude and if you were not able to make a time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and make a time that is mutually suitable. Also please ensure your 'What's The Buzz?' Blue form is returned to your teacher as this contains vital information that we will keep on file. Attached to next week's newsletter will be link to a short survey to review these and this style of delivery.

ROAD SAFETY

I would like to remind parents of the importance of being good role-models when crossing the road. There have recently been a number of instances where parents have walked their children straight across Belford Street even though they were only 10 metres away from the crossing being run by the road patrol. It is important to use the road crossings (Belford Street and Larnach Road) when these are in operation, as these not only keep everyone safe, it also reinforces the importance of correct road safety in your children. Unfortunately, I am also getting reports of parents/caregivers parking illegally to pick up or drop off their children before and after school. This puts our students' safety at risk, breaks road rules and inconveniences local residents. Please ensure that you do not park over driveways and only use the disabled parking space if you have the correct permit, which needs to be displayed. Please note that due to the importance of this, offending vehicle registration plates may be forwarded to our School Liaison Police Officer to follow up.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

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](#)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 17th Feb - "Whats The Buzz" meetings
3.15pm to 7.30pm

Mon 21st Feb - PTA, AGM 7pm in the hall

Tues 22nd Feb - BOT Meeting 7pm

Wed 9th Mar - Schools Triathlon, Pending

**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

SCHOOL PAYMENTS VIA KINDO

Please make school payments through your myKindo account. You can pay via POLI or bank transfer (no fees) or with Visa, mastercard, American Express, UnionPay (fees apply). Add regular top-ups if you'd like, then allocate to payments when you're ready, or just pay as you go. Go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school web site.

for more information visit

support.mykindo.co.nz

A "how to" demonstration for parents.

2.5 minutes. Available on YouTube...

<https://youtu.be/Ozq8ibaMrso>



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*****IMPORTANT*****

School Drop Offs and Pick Ups

It is important that children are at school and settled in **before 9am each day**. Also - especially for our younger children, **please be at school by 3.00pm to collect them**. Our teachers often have to be away to meetings shortly after the bell rings, and are unable to supervise children in their classes, so it is important that parents/caregivers are at school on time for pick-up.

School Absences

If your child is away from school due to being unwell, for an appointment, or you are out of town, **please always ring and leave a message** on the school phone, or send an **email to your class teacher with the office@grantsbraes.school.nz email included** also (in case the class teacher is sick, on a course etc and not at school).

Change of Contact Details

At any time throughout the year, **if addresses or phone numbers change for family members or your emergency contact people**, please let us know ASAP so that we always have the most up to date information available. This also applies in regards to the diagnosis of new **medical conditions** too.



SCHOOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1

Brochures have gone home with all the children. Final date for orders to be in is **9am Friday, 25th Feb.**

HEAD LICE

We have had reports that head lice has again been found in some of our children's heads. Please check your child's Head/hair and if they are found, we would appreciate if you could please treat promptly.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022

The School Contribution amount for 2022 is **\$200 per annum (1st child)**, **\$190 per annum (2nd child)** and **\$180 per annum for additional children**.

Statements were sent home to all families last week with the eldest/only child, and, thank you so much to those families who have already paid this or started making payments.

Payment of this contribution is really appreciated by our Board as this assists in providing all the wonderful EOTC activities, museum and art gallery visits, bus trips, visiting performers and swimming that your children participate in. Without these funds, we would be unable to provide the majority of these experiences for your children.

Payment of this School Contribution does not need to be made in full at one time as we totally understand the many outlays parents have. You are most welcome to pay, like many other parents do, via **automatic payments** eg each week/fortnight/month etc into our school bank account -

(03 0905 0914747 00 with references being 'your child's name' and 'SC')

Or, you may also wish to pay using the **KINDO** system and make regular payments this way. Alternatively, if it suits you to pop into the **office and pay with cash or via EFTPOS**, you are also very welcome to do so, and a full receipt will then be emailed to you.

Once the School Contribution has been paid in full, a full receipt will be issued and you are able to then **claim 33% of this back** in your income tax return (this equates to \$66 for a \$200 payment). Payment of this year's School Contribution before 31 March will enable you to claim in this year's Income Tax Return.

Please give your consideration to payment of this School Contribution and how best your family can financially accommodate this. Any questions at all regarding this, please contact Gareth Taylor in person or via email (principal@grantsbraes.school.nz) or alternatively, email Gaylene – accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz

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.



COTTON FACE MASKS

Child size triple layer face masks available in the office.

Fits Ages 7 - 12 yrs
\$5 each (cash only)

GREEN 'INFORMATION/ PERMISSIONS' FORMS

There are still a number of these forms outstanding.

Please ensure you **return this form ASAP** so that we can have the most up to date information on our system (especially in case of emergency).

This form needs to be returned for **EVERY** child as it also includes **permissions for this new school year** and unfortunately, if these haven't been received, it may have an effect on aspects of your child's schooling.

(Please note - new children didn't receive this 'green form' as all relevant information was included in the enrolment papers)

LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost property Box is over flowing!!!

If you child has lost/misplaced items of clothing or facemarks please get them to have a look in the Lost Property box which is located in the school hall.

Please also check the name on your child's sunhat/polar fleece as they may have taken someones else's by accident.
Thank you.