



# Grant's Braes School

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Welcome to  
**Winnie**  
Who joined Room Kea this week.



## CLASS CATCH UP'S

WITH  
PĪWAKAWAKA & TŪT

SLIME IN THE MAKING



INFECTION GAME

ORIGAMI



SEARCHING AND COUNTING ...



MINDCRAFT EDUCATION



PĪWAKAWAKA AND TŪT STUDENTS ENJOY RUNNING WA TŪHURA WORKSHOPS FOR EACH OTHER. WE HAVE A GREAT RANGE OF THINGS ON OFFER!

# 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 āhei ana - We Can

E ako ana - We learn  
E mahi kātahi ana - We are

## Kia ora koutou

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and that you have planned some special time with friends and whānau. Just a reminder that **school will be closed on Monday, 21st March, to observe Otago Anniversary Day**. We look forward to seeing the students back on Tuesday 22 March.

As I write this, we currently have seven students isolating due to being a close contact, four isolating due to testing positive for COVID and thirteen students who have returned to school (six who were isolating as a close contact and seven who have recovered from COVID). To date, we have had a total of eleven positive COVID cases.

I understand the disruption that may be caused when a child, who presents with symptoms of COVID-19, is sent home. This is a necessary precaution to keep all of our students and staff safe. Throughout this period of the pandemic, I have been most concerned about the prospect of large numbers of staff becoming unwell and needing to isolate and how this will impact on the school's ability to stay open. Our Pandemic planning has this as a last resort, but it has been inevitable in a number of schools throughout our country. **We will continue to send children home if they are unwell or present with any of the following symptoms to ensure the safety of all.**

## Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

The Whānau Leaders decided upon the Tonga Relief Fund as the focus of the donation for tomorrow's "Own Clothes Day". Whilst the media coverage of the recent devastating Volcanic eruption has ceased, there is a huge need for this support. The students can wear their "own clothes" tomorrow and, if possible, add a splash of red. The PTA has also organised a Pizza Lunch for those children who have pre-ordered these. I would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work to run this for our tamariki.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18th Mar - PTA Pizza and Own Clothes Day

**Mon 21st March - 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



## **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)

## 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**

**SCHOLASTIC**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**ISSUE 2**

Brochures will come home today with all the children. Final date for orders to be in is **9am Friday 25th March.**

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

CONTACT **SOPHIE RUSSELL**

DUNEDIN@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ  
**027 695 8004**

BOOK ONLINE AT **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

## Player of the day

### **Touch:**

Y5/6 GB Kahurangi - Seren (PW)

### **FUTSAL:**

GB Lightening - Ava (PW)

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

# SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

## IF YOU PAY BEFORE 31 MARCH, YOU CAN CLAIM THIS DONATION IN THIS TAX YEAR!

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

Statements were sent home a few weeks back, and the School and Board are very appreciative of those families who have already paid this, or have started making payments.

Did you know that you are able to set up **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.

## kindo.

### Claiming back your Donation rebate for yourself

You can claim back 33.33c for every dollar you spend on donations (where donations are greater than \$5). Here's how to find our school donation receipts for this years' tax rebate claim:

1. Log in to [myKindo.co.nz](https://myKindo.co.nz) and go to *My Orders*.
2. Choose *record type 'Donation Receipts'*.
3. Set the *date range*
4. Select *Download Summary for IRD tax return* to get a PDF document suitable for attaching to your tax return (containing all school donation amounts paid in the year). Individual donation receipts can also be downloaded as required, or several can be selected and downloaded into a zip file.

Information is available on [support.mykindo.co.nz](https://support.mykindo.co.nz)

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](mailto:principal@grantsbraes.school.nz)) or alternatively, email Gaylene – [accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz)

# Household Contacts

## what you need to do



Do you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?  
Visit [Covid19.govt.nz/household](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/household) and follow these steps:

Stay home\* and isolate for 7 days from the day the person with COVID-19 tests positive (Day 0). Try to avoid contact with them if you can.

Take a test on Day 3 and Day 7 (or sooner if you develop symptoms).

Tested negative? You still need to finish your 7 days of self-isolation.

Tested positive? You will need to start a new 7 days. Please follow the guidance on our website.

Did someone else in your house test positive? You don't need to restart your 7 days (unless you test positive).

[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

You can complete your self-isolation at the same time as the first person in your house who had COVID-19 if your Day 7 test is negative, and you have no new or worsening symptoms. Tino pai!

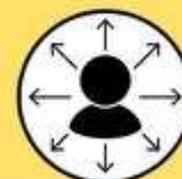
\* Some people who are Household Contacts and critical workers may be able to still go to work through the Close Contact Exemption Scheme. See our website for more information.

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# What type of contact are you?



\* unless you are eligible for the Close Contact Exemption Scheme

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