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Welcome to Aden Who joined Room Kea this week.



Walk n' Wheels Week "Wacky Wednesday"











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 are all managing to keep safe and healthy at this time. We are having to send a number of children home at the moment who are unwell as there is a cold doing the rounds and we have also heard that Chicken Pox is doing the rounds. We are really appreciating the correspondence from our whānau when a child has been tested and their results. This really helps us to ensure that we are keeping students and staff safe. Currently, we have more students isolating due to being a close contact than students who have tested positive for COVID-19. It is also been wonderful to see students returning back to school and rejoining their classmates. Please remember to keep monitoring for symptoms and get tested if required.

Currently, the playgrounds are organised into two different Zones; Te Ngahere/Kōhanga (Year 1 - 4) and Kā Manu (Year 4-6). I discussed with my Leadership Team and then the staff yesterday on the prospect of the Year 4 Te Ngahere students from Tawa being able to play with their friends from Kā Manu outside at break times in the Kā Manu Zone. We all agreed that this will be safe to do so due to being in RED Phase 3 setting and due to being outside, which reduces the risk of infection. This was put in place from morning tea today. I know these children will be very excited for this! Please note that these Tawa Year 4 students will be able to decide which zone they would like to be in and go between zones as many Year 4 students may wish to play with their Year 3 friends. Classroom groupings will still remain in place at this time as this is strongly recommended by the Ministry of Education as a measure to keep both students and staff safe. Any further updates will be shared in due course.

It has been wonderful seeing the number of children and their whānau arriving and departing from school in a variety of different ways this week. It was also really awesome to see a number of students dressing up yesterday. The annual Walk'n'Wheels Week is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of Active Transport. I would encourage whānau to look at ways of incorporating this into their normal weekly routines as it is not only important for their fitness, but also builds independence and is fantastic for the environment. I would like to thank Mrs Stevenson for all her work around this annual event.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 11th Mar - Last day of 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 - Anabelle (Tui)

FUTSAL: GB Dynamite -Connor (Tōroa)

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

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

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Visit the website - <u>http://</u> <u>grantsbraes</u>.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:

- <u>Visitors</u> - <u>School Closure</u> - <u>Earthquakes</u> -<u>COVID-19 Information and Procedures</u>

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 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)

Walk n' Wheels Week Just 1 day left, here's what's on:

Foot it Friday - Put your best foot forward and decorate your shoes (add a bow, pipe cleaners, pom poms, tassels, or wool, go crazy and use your imagination!) or design your dream shoe! (Template can be downloaded from Sport Otago website).



