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A snapshot of a busy but exciting term that Matai and Tawa have had so far!



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 doing well within your whānau and that you are having a wonderful week.

COVID-19 Update

As I write this, we currently have ten people isolating due to being a close contact, eleven people isolating due to testing positive for COVID and to date thirty-six people who have returned to school. To date, we have had a total of thirty-four positive COVID cases. I will continue to notify whānau of cases within the school by notifying the class and collaborative class, as well as the school community. Please note that I will now only be reporting the number of 'people' who have contracted COVID rather than students or teachers.

I would like to, once again, acknowledge and thank Te Kaika for their support of our Grant's Braes whānau. They supplied our school with enough RAT Kits to distribute 3 boxes, containing 5 tests each, to all of our families., which were sent home yesterday. Please contact the school office if you require any further RAT kits.

The Grant's Braes School COVID-19 protection Framework has been updated to reflect the changes that took effect on Friday 25 March. After the expected announcement on Monday 4 April, I will then update this to include changes around the vaccine mandates, My Vaccine Pass, and any other additional aspects. It is important to note that New Zealand still remains at RED, and the GBS Red Level Procedures will continue to be in place, albeit updated with the following aspects when they come into effect. The key changes are as follows:

My Vaccine Pass and vaccination mandates

- The removal of vaccination mandates for education workers will take effect from 11.59 pm Monday 4 April.
- On the same date, removal of the My Vaccine Pass from the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system).
- There is no requirement to display QR code posters although we will retain these and can be used at your own discretion. This system may need to return if case numbers rise.

COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK RED LEVEL

- There is no change to masks in education settings from the existing Red setting: Medical-grade masks remain a requirement for staff working indoors with children and young people in Years 4-13.
- For all New Zealanders, including in school settings, masks will not be required outdoors.
- Capacity limits will be removed for outdoor events and activities.
- Indoor capacity limits for extra-curricular activities increase to 200 people, or a maximum capacity based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was one metre apart (whichever is lower).

The updated GBS RED Protection Framework can be read by clicking on this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YoWGx_zwZFR_Ww5kvFCvuZwwm74qpVt8rkGXOPotHmM/edit?usp=sharing

Support for Ukraine

I am welcoming any monetary donations which will be passed on to the New Zealand Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Aid at the end of this term. Please put any donations in an envelope and post in Millie the Mailbox or alternatively give through their website <https://www.redcross.org.nz/donate/ukraine-humanitarian-crisis-appeal/>

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

GARETH TAYLOR



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 14th April - Last day of Term 1
Mon 2nd May - First day of Term 2

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)

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.

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](#)

PTA MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Request for donations

We will be running a Mother Day's Raffle in the first week of Term 2 and are requesting donations of affordable items from our families please.

These items would need to be dropped off to the Office by Wednesday 14th April (last week of Term 1) please.

Examples of suitable raffle prizes would be:

- Boxes of chocolates
- Coffee & cake vouchers (support local cafes)
- Bath products
- Candles
- Tea/Coffee cup sets
- Plants
- Etc.

Thanks so much for your support.

Narelle Jakeway
PTA - Vice President

Player of the day

Touch:

Y5/6 GB Kahurangi - Johnny (PW)



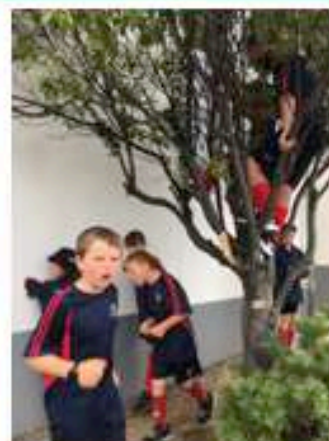
A glimpse of this terms sports teams:



GB Sparks Futsal Team



Our undefeated Y5/6 Touch Team GB Kahurangi in action at Kensington Oval last week against Balaclava.



GB Dynamite Futsal team having fun on and off the field!!

Are you ready to bring more awesome to the world?

We have a long and successful history of teaching girls' skills like confidence and resilience, while they make new friends.

We have space for Pippins (5-6yrs), Brownies (7-9.5yrs), and Guides (9-12.5yrs) to join us in Term 2 - come meet your team today, with groups in: **Ōpoho, Waverly, Halfway Bush, Mosgiel, Palmerston** and **Port Chalmers** there is a new group of friends waiting to meet you.

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS *easter*



PROGRAMMES TO SUIT ALL AGES
JUNIORS: 5- 9 YEARS SENIORS: 10-14 YEARS



WEEK 1

	MON 18 APRIL	TUE 19 APRIL	WED 20 APRIL	THUR 21 APRIL	FRI 22 APRIL
ALL AGES	CLOSED EASTER MONDAY 	THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT 	INFLATABLE WORLD 	CENTRE FUN DAY 	MOANA POOL

CENTRES OPEN: Bathgate Park, Fairfield, Wakari

WEEK 2

	MON 25 APRIL	TUE 26 APRIL	WED 27 APRIL	THUR 28 APRIL	FRI 29 APRIL
JNR 5-9	CLOSED ANZAC DAY 	KIWI BAKE OFF 	OTAGO MUSEUM 	OROKONUI ECOSANCTUARY 	MOVIES
SNR 10-14	CLOSED ANZAC DAY 	FRISBEE GOLF 	TIMEZONE 	TEN PIN BOWLING 	ICE SKATING & PIZZA DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM

CENTRES OPEN: Bathgate Park, Musselburgh, Tahuna (seniors), Green Island, Fairfield, Silverstream, Mornington, Wakari, Sacret Heart (NEV)

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