



KŌHANGA NEWS



THIS WEEK THE TUFF TRAY OUTSIDE Kākāpō HAS AN EASTER/MATHS THEME. THE CHILDREN CAN FIND THE NUMBERS THAT GO IN EACH BASKET.



The Kākāpō children like the outside tray. It has sea animals and water and is fun for dramatic play or floating and sinking.

Kea children have been exploring The Gingerbread Man during mathematics. We measured their height and built them bridges to cross the river.



While learning about the 'o' sound, the Kea children made orange octopus.

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

Wow! We have come to the end of the first term and what an interesting term it has been. I would like to thank all of our staff, students and whānau for adhering to the restrictions that were required to be in place. At times this has been difficult, but necessary, and while we have had a number of COVID cases we should all be proud of how we have limited the spread of the virus.

Next term is going to be exciting with a school-wide Arts Creatives programme being implemented, Kapa Haka restarting and the prospect of school trips outside of the classroom. We are also really looking forward to welcoming parents, caregivers and whānau back to our school grounds.

This also marks the end of the summer sports season and I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who supported the teams, from coaching, and managing, to cheering from the sideline. Thanks again to Jen Stevenson's sports coordination as well as organisation of the winter sports teams.

COVID-19 Update

As you will all be aware our school moved to COVID Protection Framework Orange Setting as of 12 am this morning resulting in a range of restrictions being lifted. We still recommend the wearing of face masks and will support anyone who wishes to wear these, but they are no longer mandatory for the staff or Year 4 - 6 students. We will also be able to remove the groupings both in the classrooms and also the playground. There are no restrictions on parents and caregivers being on-site and we will be able to restart the Preschool Bears programme. The updated GBS ORANGE Protection Framework will be shared prior to school returning on Monday 2 May, which will contain more details.

As I write this, we currently have nine people isolating due to being a close contact, six people isolating due to testing positive for COVID and to date, sixty-five people who have returned to school. We have had a total of forty-six positive COVID cases.

PTA Meeting

I attended the PTA Meeting on Monday night and I would like to thank the fantastic parents and caregivers who attended. They have put together a range of wonderful fundraising activities and ideas which will be shared in due course.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

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

Wed 18th May - Rātā/Kōwhai trip to Orokonui

Thurs 19th May - Mataī/Tawa trip to Orokonui

Thurs 26th May - Playhouse Theatre Visit 11.30am

Mon 6th June - Queens Birthday Weekend Public Holiday

Fri 24th June - Matariki Observed, Public Holiday

Fri 8th July - Last 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



Board of Trustees Update

Board of Trustee Elections: These are coming up with a likely election date of Wednesday 7 September 2022 (to be confirmed). We encourage people from within our School community to consider standing for election and anticipate that the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association (NZSTA) will soon send more information about this.

However, in the meantime if you would like to discuss the role of a trustee then please don't hesitate to contact Gareth, myself or any of our current trustees (Rachel Brown, Amie Curtis, Trudie Evans, Paul Stevenson, Nicola Wall and Desiree Wispinski). This document entitled "Community member guide to the role of the school board" may also be of interest: https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/Korari/c171d421a3/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-school-board_Sept-2020-v3.pdf

The COVID pandemic... I would like to sincerely thank our School community for the support we have received in relation to the ongoing pandemic. At this time, the health and wellbeing of our students and staff is at the forefront, while maintaining our teaching and learning plans. We understand that it is not an easy time, with many unseen disruptions, periods of home isolation and "Plan Bs", but are very appreciative to all our whānau and staff for the kindness that you have shown and for making the best of this situation for our children. Thank you!

Wishing you all a relaxing and happy Easter break and school holidays.

Kā mihi,
Steph Woodley, on behalf of the Board of Trustees



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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](#)

GB Dynamite - Division 3 Futsal Champs

Alex, Connor, Alex, Logan, Kawa, George, Leo & Anty (not pictured)

CONGRATULATIONS !!!



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