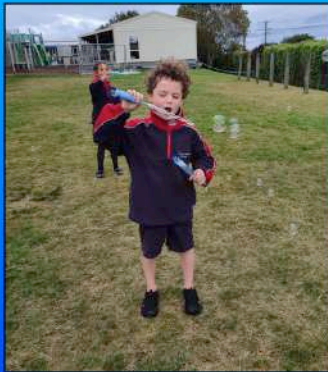




Catching up with Rātā and Kōwhai

BLOWING BUBBLES

Rātā and Kōwhai had fun blowing bubbles. We then wrote about this experience. In our writing we had to try and use our senses. We had lots of fun blowing bubbles and writing about them.



The bubbles tasted yum. I felt the wind blowing on my skin. The bubbles had rainbows inside them. I had fun.

By Benji



The bubbles went pop, pop, pop in the wind. The bubbles were slimy and soapy. I heard kids yelling.

By Isabel

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

From stunning hot weather to strong wintery winds, we get it all! As the days become shorter and cooler, it is timely to talk with your children about road safety and reinforce safe road crossing practices. Unfortunately, I am still getting reports of parents/caregivers parking illegally to pick up or drop off their children before and after school. This is generally on Larnach Road and Belford Street. This puts our student's safety at risk, breaks road rules and inconveniences local residents. Please note that the registration plates numbers of offending vehicles will continue to be provided to the local police for them to follow up on. I would like to thank the majority of our parents/caregivers for adhering to the road rules and ensuring that they are putting the safety of our students first.

COVID-19 Update

As I write this, we currently have eight people isolating due to being a close contact, seven people isolating due to testing positive for COVID and to date fifty-one people who have returned to school. To date, we have had a total of forty positive COVID cases. I will continue to notify whānau of cases within the school by notifying the class and collaborative class, however, I will only be informing the community through this weekly update from this week onwards.

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

PTA Meeting

The PTA will be holding their next meeting on **Monday 11 April in the school hall at 7 pm.** Please come along and support this dedicated group of parents and caregivers who look for ways to financially support the school as well as organise fun, family orientated activities throughout the year. Please note that the meeting will require everyone to wear a mask and be socially distanced.

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)

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

POPPY DAY FRIDAY 22nd of APRIL

Poppies are now available from the school office. Please bring a donation to pop into the box for the RSA



Player of the day

Touch:
GB Kahurangi - Tāoka
GB Whero - Georgie

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](#)



Kia ora

The Wild Dunedin Festival has over 100 events celebrating nature during the April school holidays including deals on albatross and penguin tours, boat trips, surfing lessons and the Resistance Climbing Gym. Many events are for children and most are free.

Here's a link to the Festival programme where you can find out what's on and make bookings.

[Programme](#)

Kia ora,

My name is Emma Longmore. I am a fully registered, Dunedin-based teacher who has set up my own online tutoring service this year. I most enjoy working with students in Year 1-6 as that is where most of my experience is and therefore my service is targeted towards this age group.

An advertisement for Online Tutor Dunedin. The background is a bright yellow. At the top, 'Holiday Special Price' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below this, the text '30 min 1:1 online sessions' is written in a smaller, black font. Further down, '\$140 for 4 x 30 min sessions' is written in a bold, black font, followed by 'Terms & conditions apply' in a smaller, black font. On the left side, there is a cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and green shorts, sitting at a desk with a computer monitor and headphones. On the right side, there is a white box with the text 'Online Tutor Dunedin' and a small logo. At the bottom right, there is a Facebook logo and the text 'Find us on Facebook: 'Online Tutor Dunedin''.



Nature School Dunedin

Some of the best learning happens outside of four walls!

Nature School Dunedin is a one-day programme established in July 2020. Sessions are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during term time for the school day, for tamariki in Years 4,5, and 6. We are based outside, all year round at various locations, with transport provided. An enrolled child will attend one of these days for a whole term (or a half term block option when offered).



At Nature School we:

Inspire a feeling of joy, curiosity and connectedness with nature.

Offer opportunities for hands-on experiences encompassing different learning styles.

Encourage children to direct their own learning.

Facilitate opportunities for risk-taking, resilience and resourcefulness.

Teach the importance of meaningful interactions and collaboration with peers.

Foster a life-long relationship with conservation values and sustainability.

Engage in unstructured, open-ended imaginative play.

Each day is led by trained primary school teachers, Lizzie Potter and Geoff Markby, both with many years of teaching experience and a passion for the outdoors. Each day is \$75 per child per day.

If you would like to know more or have any questions, you can visit our website at www.dunedinnature.school or email info@dunedinnature.school