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WELCOME TO

Iona who started in Kea this week



CREATIVES IN Schools













The Creatives In Schools project is continuing every Tuesday in our school, with different groups of classes being taught each week by Pamela and Kerry from The Art Dept.

The Kea children are shown here creating their manu sculptures out of Te Kouka leaves based on the drawings they have been working on.

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 ako ana - We learn

E āhei ana - We Can E mahi kātahi ana - We are

Kia ora koutou

I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend! It was so lovely to have two of the three days so settled and surprisingly warm!

Ten of our Year 6 students will be involved in a two-day Science Extension Programme at the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre in Portobello next Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be an exciting programme where they will investigate and then present their findings on a marine topic. I would like to thank Rebecca McKeever for the organisation of this exciting programme. Also, Mataī and Tawa will travel to the Orokonui Sanctuary next Friday as their trip had to be postponed earlier this term.

Our eight University of Otago third year student teachers are nearing the end of the second week of their three-week practicum. They are all currently on full control and I would like to acknowledge their mahi leading up to this and the amazing programmes they are running for their students. They will have another practicum in term three.

I am so impressed by the number of sales and support for the PTA's fundraiser 'Kai Pai Pies and Savouries?". Thank you all so much for sharing this with your whānau and friends and for generating so many sales! This closes on Sunday 19 June and they will be available for pick up on Thursday 7 July (further info later in this newsletter). Once again thank you to the wonderful PTA committee for their constant support of our kura.

It's **Support Staff Week** this week and this is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful members of our team who make a huge difference to students, staff, and whānau alike. We have twelve Support Staff and these include our school's Learning Assistants, Gaylene, our Office Administrator, and our Caretaker/Cleaner, Mr Harris. Each of these people provide enormous support for our teaching staff and myself, and I am in awe of the work that they do.

COVID-19 Update

As I write this, we currently have five people isolating due to being a close contact and five people isolating due to testing positive for COVID. It is fantastic to see a continuation of low case numbers!

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

ROAD SAFETY

All parents and students are to please <u>use the crossings</u> at Belford Street/Mathieson Street and Larnach Road, when coming to or from school. It is important that as adults we role model this to our children.

Also - please <u>DO NOT park over the yellow lines</u> outside the school office entrance in Belford Street, or over the driveways of our neighbours. The safety of all our children and families is paramount, so we request that you please comply with this.

GB MINIBALLERS MEET OTAGO NUGGETS







Some of our GB Basketball players were lucky to meet some of the Otago Nuggets players at the Edgar Centre last Thursday before their games.

FOUND

<u>Diamond Ring</u> near Grants Braes School. Contact 027 408 3351 with a description of it to claim.

GRANT'S BRAES WHĀNAU SKI WEEKEND Will you be our Co-Ordinator?



In past years, school families have grouped together to get the benefit of the discounts applicable for a weekend of skiing at Cardrona in Wanaka. This weekend is usually held in September of each year.

To enable this to happen this year, we need someone who wishes to attend this weekend to co-ordinate and administrate the group's requirements with Cardrona Staff, and then be the Leader/Co-Ordinator on each of the mornings of the ski weekend.

We are very grateful to last year's Co-Ordinator (who is unable to attend this year as they will be overseas) for putting together an info sheet to make this job easier for this year's Co-Ordinator.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Gareth - principal@grantsbraes.school.nz or Gaylene - office@grantsbraes.school.nz.

TennisPlus+ are running its free tennis coaching sessions again towards the end of term 2.

TennisPlus+ Coaching (based at the Edgar Centre) is running FREE 1/2 Court tennis coaching sessions to see if your child would like to enrol for term 3 2022 coaching which will be discounted by \$20 (\$64 instead of \$84 for 8 x 35-minute sessions during term 3).

There will also be a draw before term 3 starts to find who will get their entire term 4 coaching for FREE!

If you require further information, please contact the school office, and it will be emailed to you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

Fri 17 June - Kōhanga to Toitu
- Tawa and Mataī to Orokonui
Mon 20 June - Tawa & Mataī to Toitu
- BOT Meeting, 7pm
Wed 22 June - Rātā & Kōwhai to Toitu

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- EPRO8 @ Polytech
- Pūkeko & Toroa to Toitu Museum

Fri 24th June - Matariki Observed, Public Holiday

- Mon 27 June PW & Tūi to Toitu Museum Fri 1 July - Reports home
 - Own Clothes Day and Sausage Sizzle
 Fri 8th July Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Mon 25th July - 1st day of Term 3

Tues 26th July - Ōtākou Marae School visit v4-6

Thurs 28th July - Ōtakou Marae School visit y0-3

2022 TERM DATES

Term 3 - Mon 25th July to Fri 30th Sept Term 4 - Mon 17th Oct to 15th Dec

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

Visit the website - http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
Enter the username (grantsbraes) and p/wd (gbparents).

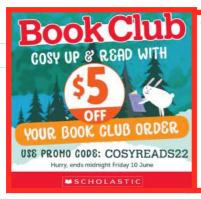
In term two, there are no specific policies for whānau to review.

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.

■SCHOLASTIC

ISSUE 4 flyers went home last week with all the children. All orders are to be in at the office by 9am tomorrow, Friday 10 June.



* \$5 Offer for Parents - Terms and Conditions:

- . Use code COSYREADS22 at the checkout for \$5 off your order.
- Discount valid for orders placed on any titles on Book Club Issue 4, 2022 using the LOOP platform.
- . Discount valid for parents who place their order before midnight Friday 10 June 2022
- Discount youcher valid with minimum spend of \$25.00.
- · One discount can be used per transaction.
- . Unless stated otherwise, discount vouchers are not valid in conjunction with other promotions or discounts.
- . If you save your order, please remember to re-add your gift voucher promotional code.



Bookings now open for holiday programmes at both Kaikorai Valley College and George Street Normal School! For bookings and to view activity timetables, please head to their website. If booking for Kaikorai Valley College, be careful not to accidentally book into the programme at Kaikorai Primary, as this is not Kelly Sports!!

May/June 2022 – Online Frozen Pies and Savouries Fundraiser

Grant's Braes School are selling delicious frozen **Kai Pai Pies and Savouries** to help fundraise for our school.

The Grant's Braes School PTA is always looking for new fund-raising initiatives that not only support our school, but also our school community. The funds that will be raised will go towards additional and exciting resources and equipment for our tamariki.

How will this fundraiser work?

We have partnered with New Zealand online fundraising company Raise It. Raise It specialise in working with New Zealand schools and clubs to maximise their fundraising efforts. We have chosen to run a Kai Pai Pies and Savouries Fundraiser. There is a great range of flavours to choose from, fill your freezer with these yummy award-winning pies and savouries just in time for the colder months.

By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your family can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it in. You simply sign up on the fundraising website, share the link with family and friends and they can arrange to collect their products from you at the end of the fundraiser.

How do I sign up to fundraise online?

Each fundraiser can sign up for their very own web page to send out to friends and family to collect sales. Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at:

https://grantsbraesschoolpies.raiseit.nz/hub

- You will find a link to SETUP YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE
- If you need any help, email help. email help. email help. email help.
- All fundraiser totals update in real time and your supporters can leave you messages of encouragement

Ideas for promoting/selling:

- Share your child's fundraising page around your workplace/colleagues and tell them a date when you will bring their purchases for collection
- Share the links with your friends
- Use the links on your fundraising page to share with friends/family via email & social media
- For family & friends who don't live locally offer to give their purchase to a local charity you support

What happens at the end of the fundraiser?

At the end of the fundraising campaign (<u>last day for sales is 19th June</u>) all orders will be compiled, and products will be collected and distributed at the <u>School Hall on Thursday 7th July 3-4.30pm</u>

Before pickup day, each fundraiser will be sent a report (to their registered email) showing all the supporters who have purchased from their fundraising web page and what items/quantities they have purchased.

Thank you for supporting us with this fundraiser

Optional Supporter Top Up Fee — Once your supporters have decided to support you, we ask them if they would like to assist with processing costs. Raise It uses this money towards credit card processing and platform fees. This is completely optional for your supporters . Raise It takes the risk on this one - if no one opts to pay this then we foot the bill from the funds already collected by us.



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Art Classes for Young Artists 5-13 yrs

Otago Pioneer Women's Building: 362 Moray Place, Dunedin

theartdept Art classes for Young Artists run every school term in five week blocks -

Thursdays 4:00-5:30.

Your child will work with Kerry Mackay and Pamela Brown - theartdept, who are both experienced teachers and practising artists. We keep the mixed age class, small (Max 16).

For More information about programmes for 2022, fees, and to book a place, check out our website www.theartdept.org

theartdept facebook page www.facebook.com/theartdept.dunedin shows recent art education work projects with children.







