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Our Year 6 Whānau Leaders, Gareth Taylor and Adam Wood all enjoyed the National Young Leaders Day held at the Town Hall on Tuesday. This year's theme was resilience and the speakers were all very engaging and motivating and had some wise words to share. Our students are shown in the photos with:

- <u>William Pike</u>, a Kiwi explorer and founder of the William Pike challenge. He lost his leg in a volcanic eruption on Mt Ruapehu but has come back and re-learnt how to walk, and has also climbed Mt Ruapehu again.
- <u>Georgia Latu</u>, a 15yr old Dunedin girl who now has her own company making Poi from recycled materials and selling them all over the globe. She can also add author to her list of achievements having just released the book 'Ngā Mihi' with her Mum,Anna. Also speaking were Georgia Lines, a singer-songwriter with over 2 million streams on Spotify, and Sam Johnson, founder of the Student Volunteer Army.

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 everyone has had a wonderful week and are looking forward to the long weekend!

This week I attended the National Young Leaders Day with the Whānau Leaders and Mr Wood. We were treated to a variety of inspirational speakers that explored the whakatauki, 'Kaua e Mate Wheke, Me Mate Ururoa - Don't die like an octopus, die like a Hammerhead Shark'. This focused on resilience and the ability to bounce back after challenges, setbacks or tough times. We heard from William Pike, a mountaineer who lost his leg when Mt Ruapehu erupted; Georgia Lines, a singer-songwriter, Sam Johnson, the CEO of the Student Volunteer Army. The highlight for us was listening to Georgia Latu, CEO of Potiki Poi. Earlier this term, our Year 6 students had an incredible afternoon at Kura Poi, where they learnt the whakapapa of Poi and some Poi routines fused with Hip Hop. Georgia gave our school a huge shoutout as we were the first school to be taught by her in her space! The day was exceptionally run and our students benefitted from attending this. It will be wonderful to see how they use this information to build upon their own leadership qualities.

Creatives in School

All of our classes have now worked with Kerry Mackay and Pamela Brown in the drawing part of our Creatives in School's project. The next phase sees the students starting to create their manu sculptures out of Te Kauka leaves. In next week's newsletter you can look forward to seeing images of Ruma Kea and Ruma Kākāpō's creations being developed.

COVID-19 Update

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

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe long weekend!

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

REMINDER - Queens Birthday Weekend

The school will be **closed** this coming **MONDAY 6th June** to observe Queens Birthday weekend. School will open again on Tuesday 7th June as normal.

NZ Playhouse Theatre presents: 'The Emperor's New Clothes'

Last Thursday NZ Playhouse Theatre came to our school and presented us with the show "The Emperor's New Clothes".













Pyjama Drive

THANK YOU very much to all the families who supported Foster Hope Otago by donating pyjamas - these are very much appreciated.





DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2 Mon 6th June - Queens Birthday Weekend Public Holiday

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

Thurs 23 June - Otago Problem Solving Challenge, 1.30pm

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 - Ōtākou 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

Congratulations and thank you!

To all the students and whānau of Grants Braes school you managed to raise

\$366.20

This fantastic contribution will go to help children and their whanau at the child cancer foundation



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 whāngu 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 with all the children yesterday. All orders are to be in at the office by 9am on Friday 10 June.

ENTRIES CLOSE TOMORROW!

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

Children in Year 4-6 are invited to take part.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 4-13 children to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It is a good tool for children performing **at the top of their field** to get a picture of how they compare nationally.

For more information visit www.eaa.unsw.edu.au (past tests can be purchased here if you would like practice ones or a limited amount are available just ask at the school office).

The entry fee per student is as follows

- □ Science (22 Aug 26 Aug 2022) \$18.40c
- \square English (15 Aug 19 Aug 2022) \$18.40c
- ☐ Mathematics (29 Aug 2 Sept 20221) \$18.40c

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.

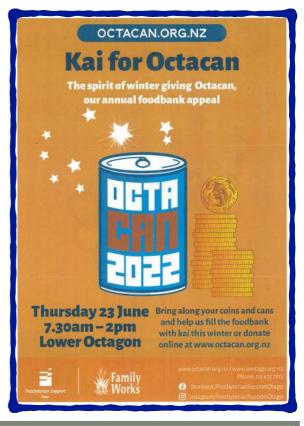
Your child will work with Kerry Mackay and Pamela Brown - theartdept, who are both experienced teachers and practising artists. We keep the mixed age class, small (Max 16).

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.









'HAVE A GO' MARCHING OTAGO

Unite Open Free Choice marching team Ages 5-8

Sunday 12th June, 1:30pm - 3pm - Edgar Centre

Onyx Militaires Under 12s marching team
Ages - 7-12
Sunday 12th June, 11:30am - 1pm - Edgar Centre

For more information see www.marchingotago.org.nz