



WELCOME TO
Pieter (Kākāpo), Soeun (Kea)
and Sojin (Mātāi) who all
started at our school
this week!



CREATIVES IN SCHOOLS



On Tuesday, the children in Room Kea were the first to begin working on our school's wonderful art project called Tō Mātau Tūrakawaewae - Stand Where We Belong.

We are very fortunate to have Kerry McKay and Pamela Brown (from The Art Department) coming in to school every Tuesday to teach the children and help them with their art.

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 break and enjoyed the time with your whānau and also the stunning weather. It was so lovely to see how excited the students were to be back at school on Monday! This term is going to be amazing with lots of wonderful teaching and learning experiences planned. One of which is the Creatives in Schools project that started this week. During Terms 2 and 3, Kerry McKay and Pamela Brown from the Art Department will be working across the school on a wonderful art project called Tō Mātau Tūrakawaewae - Stand Where We Belong. - This will see the students drawing manu (birds) and then create a bird sculpture out of Tī Kōuka (Cabbage Tree) leaves, which will be displayed around our school. We have received a significant grant from the Ministry of Education for this and we are all very excited about this project.

COVID-19 Update

As I write this, we currently have seven people isolating due to being a close contact, five people isolating due to testing positive for COVID.

I sent an email around to whānau during the weekend with the updated ORANGE procedures. Please ensure that you have read through this and I will notify whānau of any changes as they occur. Also, I will now only be informing classes of positive cases and **not** their collaborative class due to restrictions around the groupings of students being lifted. Please ensure you are always checking for symptoms and test if you are concerned. If you require any additional RAT kits, please contact the school office.

The main differences at Orange are:

- Face coverings are strongly recommended for staff and Year 4-6 students, but are not mandated;
- There are no grouping restrictions and gathering can occur in well-ventilated areas;
- Face coverings will be required to be worn by Year 4-6 students when we have a large gathering such as an assembly - please ensure that your child has a mask in their bag;
- Singing and Kapa Haka can occur inside;
- Parents/caregivers are allowed on site with a strong recommendation for masks to be worn and physically distanced.

Adverse Weather Conditions

I would like to remind whānau that due to extreme, adverse weather conditions, the school may start later in the morning, or a decision is made for all schools not to open at all. This decision is not made lightly and a number of representatives from the Otago Primary Principals' Association, after consultation with police and other agencies, make this decision for all primary schools in our area. This is made in the best interests of safety for all. In these instances, we will contact you as soon as possible via text message and email, but please also listen to 97.4 More FM if you believe the school may be affected in this way.

Whānau Hui

Invites to our first Whānau hui have been sent to our Māori whānau and the hui is being held on Monday 16 May.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is next Monday (9/5/22) evening at 7 pm in the school staffroom. Please come along and look at how you can support this wonderful group.

Have a lovely remainder of the week and weekend.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL.....

If you are able, please do a RAT test on your child, and/or their sibling prior to contacting the school regarding their absence. This way you are able to write/say, for example - "I am keeping ?? home as he/she has a headache today. I have done a RAT test on him and he is negative/positive".

We are required to document information in regards to children's absences, and especially more so if they have COVID or are a close contact. We have more boxes of RAT tests here at school; please just ask or pop in and we are happy to provide these for you.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Oscar (Kōhanga), Poppy (Kā Manu) and Sienna (Te Ngahere) who were very deserving recipients of the Principal's Award for showing awesome mahi towards our E' kumanu ana - We Care' value in Term 1.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Mother's Day is this **Sunday 8th May**, and the PTA are again running their "Mother's Day Raffle".

As per previous years, this raffle is **all about the children** bringing along their money to buy the tickets - **50c each.**

Please have your children put the **correct money in an envelope and write their name, room name and how many tickets they wish to buy on the front and drop into "Milly the Mailbox" (opposite the office window!) by 9am, this Friday (6th May).**

To give all children the opportunity to win a prize for their Mums, we respectfully request that the maximum of 20 tickets (\$10.00) per child is adhered to. Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis.

The raffle will be drawn and prizes handed out to the children on Friday.



ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP TEACH AND SUPERVISE A LUNCHTIME CHESS GROUP HERE AT SCHOOL?

We have a group of children who love playing chess and we would appreciate a parent/caregiver who could come in to help teach and supervise this group 1 x lunchtime per week.

Please contact Rebecca McKeever - rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz if you can help.



 **SCHOLASTIC**

ISSUE 3 flyers are going home with all the children today. All orders are to be in at the office by 9am on Friday 20 May.

WINTER SPORTS FEES

A reminder that all winter sports fees are required to be paid by **NEXT Friday 13 May** please. Invoices were sent home with the children earlier this week. Payments can be made via cash or EFTPOS at the office, via internet banking or through KINDO.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon 9th May - Y6 group to Pōtiki Poi Workshop @ 1.30pm
- PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm
- Mon 16th May - Whanau Hui
- Wed 18th May - Rātā/Kōwhai trip to Orokonui
- Thurs 19th May - Mataī/Tawa trip to Orokonui
- Problem Solving Challenge, 1.30pm
- Thurs 26th May - Playhouse Theatre Visit 11.30am
- Friday 27th May - Own Clothes Day and Pizza
- Tues 31 May - NYLD Whanau Leaders
- Mon 6th June - Queens Birthday**
- Weekend Public Holiday**
- Thurs 23 June - Otago Problem Solving Challenge, 1.30pm
- EPRO8 @ Polytech
- Fri 24th June - Matariki Observed, Public Holiday**
- Fri 1 July - Reports home
- Own Clothes Day and Sausage Sizzle
- Fri 8th July - Last day of Term 2

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 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](#)

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.



2022 courses open for enrolment

PARENTING COURSES

Register now for our Parenting Groups run on Wednesdays every Term in 2022!

A child needs consistent, responsive, loving care from parents or adults in their lives. Come along to our parenting courses to learn skills and strategies to help raise the kids in your life.

Current enrolments for 2022 being taken now:

Term 1: Feb 23rd / Term 2: May 18th / Term 3: Aug 10th / Term 4: Nov 3rd

TOOLBOX COURSES:

The Younger Years (babies/toddlers & primary)
Wednesday mornings (9:30-11:30am)

The Older Years (Teen)
Wednesday evenings (7-9pm)

GAME ON (FOR DADS)

Wednesday evenings (7-9pm).
This group is run for Dads by Dads and over 6 weeks covers discussions around communication, discipline and how to set goals for your children's wellbeing.

Enquiries to Michelle Morris (e): michelle@catholicsocialservices.org.nz

(ph): 0272767833 or office: (03) 4533838, www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/



Catholic Social Services

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PYJAMA DRIVE

1 MAY - 30 JUNE

Many children in foster care have never had a new pair of their own pyjamas. Your donation of new winter PJ's for children aged 0-17 not only ensures they are warm this winter, but also shows them that their community cares about them. Please donate today.



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A box will be in our reception area until Friday 27 May for your donation of pyjamas! These will be very much appreciated by Foster Hope NZ.



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The Saturday Morning Music Classes have spaces starting Term Two this year for the following beginner classes:

Beginner Let's Make Music (for 5/6 year olds) and **Recorder and Guitar** (for 7 year olds).

Classes held at George St School, Bathgate Park School on Saturday Mornings; Mornington School after 3:30pm Tuesdays (LMM only); Elmgrove School after 3:40pm Wednesdays; Tainui School (LMM & Guitar) after 3:40pm Thursdays.

Enrolment forms available by email to aart@smmcotago.com

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