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WELCOME TO

Dom who started in Kea this week



GB Chess Team

Last Thursday our Chess Team entered the ChessPower Competition held at George Street Normal School. Our team came 4th overall. Well done to Jacob, Gregory and Madi. Jacob also came 2nd in the Junior Division and was invited to the National Chess Competition to be held in Rotorua, in October this year.

Congratulations to you all!









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 have had a marvellous week so far and you and your whānau are all doing well. Last week we had three senior students, Gregory, Jacob and Madi compete in the Chess Power Competition and I would like to congratulate them on their success. I would also like to thank Amy Christie for transporting and supervising them at this event.

Today the students were treated to a performance by the touring Playhouse Theatre Company. This year's performance was based on the traditional story of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and I know all of the students really enjoyed this.

I would also like to thank the PTA in advance for running the sausage sizzle tomorrow. As usual, the students are really looking forward to this!

Mr Wood and I will be taking our eight Whānau Leaders to the National Young Leader's Day on Tuesday 31 May. This is an annual event where our student leaders get to listen to, and learn from compelling leaders and also have the opportunity to reflect on their own leadership skills. This is always an incredible event and the students will gain a huge amount from it.

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 plate 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 four people isolating due to being a close contact and one person isolating due to testing positive for COVID. It is fantastic to see a dramatic drop in cases within our community!

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



'OWN CLOTHES DAY' TOMORROW - FRIDAY 27th MAY



Children are able to come dressed in their 'own clothes' tomorrow (Friday 27th May). The Year 6 leaders have chosen Child Cancer Foundation as the charity to benefit from this fundraising event.

Please send your child along with a donation (gold coin at least please) tomorrow and have them give to their class teacher in the morning.

Kapa Haka practice is back! It is great to see and hear the children back in action.









HOCKEY GAMES UNDERWAY!





Hockey games are now underway for the season. The photo on the left shows the Y3/4 team - GB Bears playing Warrington yesterday, and the photo on the right shows the GB Sharks playing St Mary's in wild weather under the lights at the Hockey Turf.

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 <u>www.eaa.unsw.edu.au</u> (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
- ☐ English (15 Aug 19 Aug 2022) \$18.40c
- ☐ Mathematics (29 Aug 2 Sept 20221) \$18.40c

Please pay via Kindo before the 3rd June (closing date for enrolling.)

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

WINTER SPORTS 'PLAYERS OF THE DAY' LAST WEEK

<u>Miniball</u> Comets - Kyla (Rata)

<u>Hockey</u> Sharks - Johnny (PW)

CAN YOU HELP JEN?

Jen in Kea would like any spare ice cream containers (with or without lids) and paper supermarket bags. Please drop them into Kea or the office.

The Matariki Glow Show will be at the Regent Theatre, Dunedin, July 2!

Weekend Show

11am (family show) - \$17.50pp + fees

One day only, so don't miss out! Book at www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings
You can email us for more info at hello@glowshow.co.nz



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

Friday 27th May - Own Clothes Day and sausage sizzle

Tues 31 May - NYLD Whānau Leaders

- Rescheduled Board Meeting

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

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 y4-6

Thurs 28th July - Ōtakou Marae School visit v0-3

2022 TERM DATES

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







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.

LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS

Tomorrow Friday 27th May for your donation of pyjamas! These will be very much appreciated by Foster Hope NZ.

Sizes Needed:Both Female and Male

Newborn: 3-6 months - 6-9 months

Children's sizes: 1-2 6 7-8-12-14-16

Adult sizes: M - L - XL



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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.



This is COCO and she is our 'newest school entrant'!

Mrs Barrow has a new wee French Bulldog pup and she will be making regular visits to Room Pīwakawaka. She is settling in very well and all the children are loving getting to know her, and are enjoying taking on the task of looking after all her needs!!!







BRAIN PLAY

Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country! Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more. Free trials available for new students. Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - https://www.brainplay.co.nz/.