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WELCOME BACK TO Seb

who has returned from overseas and is in Pīwakawaka





This week we had two teams compete in the Epro8 Interschool Semi Finals. Epro8 is a Competition where teams have 2.5 hours to complete a range of engineering challenges. Both teams did very well and were placed 1st and 4th. The 'GB Engineering Ducks' team, consisting of Theo, Johnny, Austin and Alex made it through to the Otago Grand Final held last night. They did very well and came 4th place!

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 ako ana - We learn E mahi kātahi ana - We are

E āhei ana - We Can

Kia ora koutou

I hope you all are looking forward to our inaugural Matariki Day, marking the beginning of the Māori New Year. While Matariki has been celebrated for a very long time amongst Māori iwi and whānau, this is the first time it's been formally marked as an indigenous public holiday in Aotearoa. This is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. I hope you all enjoy spending time with whānau, enjoy kai together and remember and celebrate those who have passed. A reminder that the school will be closed tomorrow.

Thank you to our whānau for being so responsive to <u>yesterday's late start.</u> 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. This decision is to ensure the safety for all when <u>weather conditions are extreme.</u> This may result in the school starting later in the morning (like yesterday), or a decision is made for all schools not to open at all. In these instances, we will contact you as soon as possible via text message and email, but please also listen to The Hits, More FM or The Breeze if you believe the school may be affected in this way. If you did not receive an email or text yesterday morning, please notify Gaylene at the office.

Continued Road Safety Issues

I would like to thank the majority of our school whānau for adhering to basic road rules when driving and parking around our school. Thank you to those who come early to secure a park or those who park a distance away and walk to meet their children at a designated place to stop congestion around the school. Sadly I am receiving daily reports of parents and caregivers parking over driveways, driving too fast around the school or not using the appropriate road crossing at the end of the school day. I will continue to send this information to our liaison Community Constable to follow up. However, this should not be occurring as it not only puts our students and other pedestrians at risk it also upsets and inconveniences our local residents.

ePRO8

On Tuesday, Mrs McKeever supervised eight students who completed in the annual ePRO8 Challenge where they put their engineering and co-operative skills to the test to complete some exciting challenges. I would like to congratulate the two teams as they did extremely well! The GB Mechanical Problem Solvers team gained third place and the GB Engineering Ducks team won the competition. Last night the GB Engineering Ducks competed in the grand final and finished a very credible 4th place. I would like to thank Mrs McKeever for all she has done in preparing the students for this incredible event.

Whānau Hui

Invites to our second Whānau Hui have been sent to our Māori whānau and the hui is being held Monday 27 June.

COVID-19 Update

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

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

Toltu visit for Kowhai children























MIN AUDREN ALSO HAVE AREAT VIST TO TOTAL











Our Whānau Leaders are pictured here holding the books the school was fortunate to win in the Lucky Draw held at the National Young Leaders Day. The book is called 'Every Day is a Good Day' and is written by one of the speakers - William Pike.



OUT OF ZONE PLACES FOR TERMS 3 AND 4 2022

The Board of Trustees of Grant's Braes School have determined that there are limited new-entrant spaces available in Term 3 and 4 of this year. We welcome applications for out-of-zone students who turn five between 25 July 2022 and 14 December 2022.

The Term 3 and Term 4 enrolment period is Monday 25 July 2022 - 14 December 2022. Applications for enrolment within this enrolment period for out-of-zone new entrant children close at 3.00 pm, on Wednesday 6 July 2022.

Please forward your written application to stephaniew@grantsbraes.school.nz

Please don't hesitate to contact the school directly by either emailing office@grantsbraes.school.nz or by phone on 454 4717, if you would like more information.

If out-of-zone applications exceed the number of places available, a ballot will be held.

Steph Woodley

Presiding Member Grant's Braes School Board of Trustees

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PIZZA AND 'OWN CLOTHES' DAY

FRIDAY 1 JULY

The PTA are organising a Pizza Day for Friday 1 July.

Orders for <u>slices of pizza @ \$1.50 per slice</u> (Cheese, Hawaiian, Pepperoni, GF Hawaiian and Vegan Cheese) along with <u>iceblocks (\$1.00)</u> can be made, as usual, via <u>KINDO ONLY!</u>

Orders will close @ 9.00am on Wednesday 29 June - NO LATE ORDERS!!!!

This day is also an 'Own Clothes Day' and further information in regards to this will be sent out soon.

KINDO INFORMATION

This is our school online shop which links directly to your child's record. This system was investigated fully by our Board of Trustees in regards to financial security prior to our school's acceptance, and you can feel assured that this is very secure.

New users

Copy and paste this link into your browser, to register - https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School
All you need is the email address the school has on file for you. We'll send you an email with a password link to choose your password, and your registration is complete. You must be logged in also on this email account.

Copy and paste this link into your browser, to login and register for sports, purchase uniform or make part or full payments on your family account -

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?session=false&shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School

FABULOUS PTA NEWS!

Thank you to all who supported the PTA's most recent <u>'Kai Pai Pies and Savouries Fundraiser'.</u>

The news has just been received that the sales amounted to an amazing \$11,364!!!

And - the awesome amount of \$3,446.50 has been deposited today into the PTA's bank account as the fundraising profit!!!

<u>Pies and Savouries Collection -</u> <u>Thursday 7th July</u>

Please contact Narelle if you can **provide** assistance between 2pm and 4.30pm to distribute these products in the school hall. (narellejakeway@gmail.com)

Go on Gift yourself today with an Entertainment Membership and help us reach our Fundraising goals!

https://

subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/





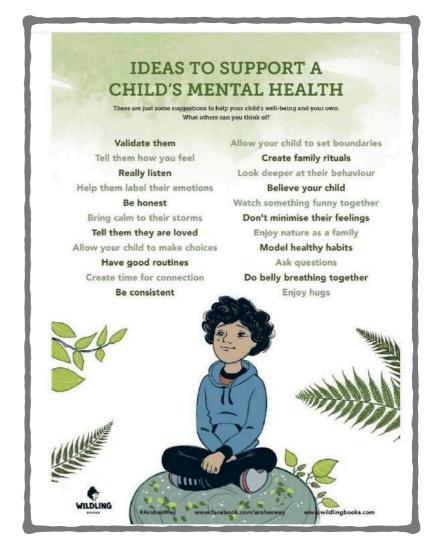


A big ka pai to Oszkár and Miklōs Burt, and Hunter and Guy Ramshaw for taking extra care of our environment. These awesome people took time out of their weekend and completed their own beach clean up which resulted in them removing a large amount of rubbish from the Ōtepoti Harbour. We are so grateful for this mahi and encourage you all to get out there and do your part in taking care of our environment and minimising the issue of rubbish cluttering our beautiful shores.



Gregory is a member of the Dunedin Taekwondo Club and recently took part in the 2022 TUNZ South Island Championships in Christchurch.

He did extremely well, winning a Silver medal in the colour belt Poomsae individual event, a Silver medal in pairs, a Silver in the team, and a Silver medal in the Kyorugi. Well done Gregory!!!





DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

Fri 24th June - Matariki Observed, Public Holiday

- Mon 27 June PW & Tū̄ to Toitu Museum Fri 1 July - Reports home
- Own Clothes Day and Pizza Day
- 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 - 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

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.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball

GB Magic - 21 June
Outstanding Participation - Mae (Tui)
MVP - Jessica Ro (Tui)

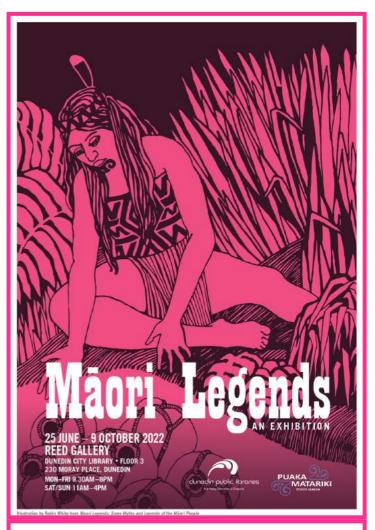
SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

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

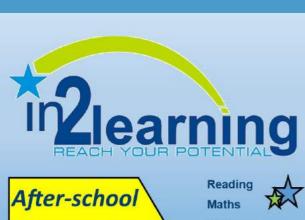
In term two, there are no specific policies for whānau to review.

REMINDER

School will be closed TOMORROW -FRIDAY 24th JUNE, as a Public Holiday to observe Matariki



The kaupapa of this Reed Gallery exhibition is to celebrate Māori voices, art and storytelling, with a particular focus on Māori illustrators of children's books. The majority of the exhibition is dedicated to children's picture books written from the 1960s to the 1990s. In these books we see Māori stories brought vividly to life. They illustrate an important part of our shared history in Aotearoa, showing the value of children's pukapuka as a learning tool for the revitalisation of te reo Māori. The enthusiasm and dedication of writers and illustrators such as Dame Kāterina Mataira have paved the way for others to follow, keeping young and old minds alive and active in their knowledge of pūrākau, te reo and mātauraka Māori.



After-school tutoring for your child

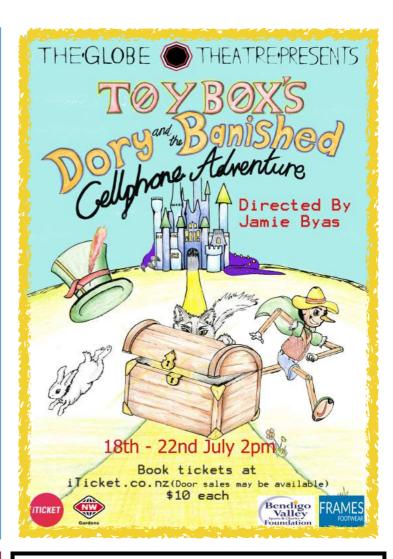
Reading
Maths
Spelling
Writing
Dyslexia



For a free consultation call Sue on 455-2770

9 Midland St (Opposite Mega Mitre 10)

www.in2learning.co.nz







TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2022 DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The Glow Show's fabulous, giant-scale, glow-in-the-dark puppets are back, touring all of Aotearoal

The magical MATARIKI GLOW SHOW is coming to a theatre near you, during Term 2 AND the July school holidays

61,000+ tamariki, educators and whānau have already seen our Glow Shows... this year, join us in an exquisite celebration of our very first, nationwide Matariki holiday.

The MATARIKI GLOW SHOW tells the gorgeous story of te kāhui whetu ō Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for Te Tau Hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star Waipuna-a-rangi? Could she be lost in the moana?

The show brings this mythical magic to life with its unique puppets, which glow under UV lights in a black box theatre and intrigue tamariki wherever they go.

Delightfully told in te reo Māori and English, the MATARIKI GLOW SHOW educates as it entertains, with its cutting-edge concept, upbeat original soundtrack, and themes of whakawhānaungatanga, friendship and togetherness.

The show is touring to 40 venues, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, most locations, staging two different shows a concise version for ages 5 and under, and a longer version with Q&A for 6-12 year olds. Shows sell out so book your tickets fast!

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 helio@glowshow.co.nz



The Matariki Glow Show is proudly presented by Little Green Man Productions Join us on Facebook! <u>www.facebook.com/glowshowco</u>