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## **WELCOME TO**

Radin who joined Room Kea this week





## BOOK FAIR EXCITEMENT

The children all enjoyed a visit to the Book Fair with their classes earlier in the week. Scholastic, as usual, have provided a huge assortment of books, stationery, posters and activity boxes. Thank you to children and families who have already been in and supported this; there is no obligation at all though for parents to feel they have to buy. From the total sales, the school receives a commission amount for our school to receive in books for our library.

#### JUMP JAM REHEARSAL WITH BRETT FAIRWEATHER

The 'guru' of Jump Jam visited our school on Tuesday morning, and watched our team in rehearsal. He was very impressed, gave them a few 'tips and ideas' and wished them well for their competition this Sunday. This is at Kaikorai Valley College and our team will be performing at approx. 2.50pm. Doors open at 2.35pm. Tickets are available by going to the following website -

https://www.trybooking.co.nz/KVF



## 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 āhei ana - We Can

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

#### Kia ora koutou

It is not often you have a shop at your school! We have the Annual Scholastic Book Fair here, with tonight being open until 6.00 pm and concluding tomorrow at 12.30 pm. It has been lovely seeing students and adults perusing the vast assortment of books. Not only do families have access to wonderful titles, but the teachers each also get to choose a book for their class, as well as the school receives a share of the profits. Gaylene has done an amazing job co-ordinating this and I would like to thank her very much! Also a reminder - we are inviting our students to dress up as their favourite book character for our 'Own Clothes Day' tomorrow with donations going to the Child Cancer Foundation. I would also like to thank the members of the PTA in advance for running the sausage sizzle tomorrow.

Today we have two Netball teams competing in an inter-school competition at the Edgar Centre. I wish them all the best for this and would like to thank Jen Stevenson and Sara Carr for their organisation, as well as coaches/managers - Colleen Lyons and Steve Carr. Next Thursday, we have three teams competing in the annual O'Mathalon and I wish our fantastic mathematicians all the best. I would like to thank Rebecca McKeever for preparing these students and her organisation of this event.

#### **Grant's Braes School PTA BINGO Night - POSTPONED**

Due to a clash with the Grant's Braes Kindergarten running a similar BINGO Evening very soon, the PTA have decided to postpone our event. At the next PTA meeting, a new date will be discussed and communicated with our whānau. This will be a wonderful, fun event for our parents and friends to come along to. Thank you to all who have put in time with the organisation of this.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

As I write this, we currently have no children isolating due to being a close contact nor any children testing positive for COVID. This is great news! However, we still do have lots of sickness about and so we would ask that you continue to undertake RAT tests on your children to ensure that what they have is not COVID, as a lot of the symptoms are very similar. We have plenty of boxes of RAT tests available from the office if you would like more - just pop in, or send an email to the office to arrange for some to go home with your children.

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

## **TOMORROW!!!**

In conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair, our School is holding a

## **BOOK CHARACTER DAY**

#### \*\*TOMORROW - FRIDAY 19 AUGUST\*\*

(along with the Sausage Sizzle/Ice Block Day!)













Children are to come dressed as a Book Character and our Whānau Leaders have chosen 'Child Cancer' to be the recipient of this special 'Own Clothes Day'.

Therefore, we would ask that your children bring along a gold coin donation to support this very worthwhile charity.



A Reminder that our Book Fair is open <u>LATE TONIGHT</u> (Thursday) <u>until 6.00pm</u> for those working parents who wish to bring their children in to look at the books.

It has been great to see the children so excited with everything on offer at the Book Fair, but please remember, there is no obligation at all to purchase! The Book Fair closes on Friday at 12.30pm.

## **BOOK FAIR COLOURING COMPETITION RESULTS**

### **Y0-2**

1st place - Kate (Rātā) 2nd place - Lucy (Kākāpō) 3rd place - Isabel (Kōwhai)

Special mention to - Mia (Kākāpō), Radin and Lucy (Kea)

#### **Y3-4**

1st place - Danielle (Toroa) 2nd place - Ariana (Toroa) 3rd place - Fede (Toroa)

Special mention to - Leo and Matthew (Toroa)

#### <u>Y5-6</u>

1st place - Elyssa (Pūkeko) 2nd place - Bahar (Tūī) 3rd place - Lorna (Pūkeko)

Special mention to - Jessica Rod (Tūī) and Maisie (Toroa)

### **WINTER SPORTS - SPECIAL THANK YOUS!**

The winter sports season is coming to an end, with netball and kiwihoops/miniball finishing this week and hockey finishing next week. Special thanks to the parents, grandparents and student teachers who coached the teams. Our children would not have had the opportunity to play had it not been for you. Thanks too, to the parents who stepped in to coach when the usual coach was unavailable.

### **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2022**

The School Contribution amount for 2022 is \$200 per annum (1<sup>st</sup> child), \$190 per annum (2<sup>nd</sup> child) and \$180 per annum for additional children.

Statements were sent home a week or two back, and the School and Board are very appreciative of those families who have already paid this, or have started making payments.

Did you know that you are able to set up **automatic payments** eg each week/ fortnight/month etc into our school bank account? -

(03 0905 0914747 00 with references being 'your child's name' and 'SC').

Or, you may also wish to pay using the **KINDO** system and make regular payments this way. Alternatively, if it suits you to pop into the **office and pay with cash or via EFTPOS**, you are also very welcome to do so, and a full receipt will then be emailed to you.

Once the School Contribution has been paid in full, a full receipt will be issued and you are able to then **claim** 33% of this back in your income tax return (this equates to \$66 for a \$200 payment).

Please give your consideration to payment of this School Contribution and how best your family can financially accommodate this. Any questions at all regarding this, please contact Gareth Taylor in person or via email (principal@grantsbraes.school.nz) or alternatively, email Gaylene – accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz



## CONGRATULATIONS TO Sophie (PW)

who competed in Invercargill last weekend, in a regional competition for Perform Level Gymnastics. Sophie won the Gold Medal for Best All-Round Gymnast. Awesome work Sophie!



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### TERM 3

Tues 16- Fri 19 Aug - Scholastic Book Fair Fri 19 Aug - Book Character Dress Up Day and Sausage Sizzle Sun 21 Aug - Jump Jam Competition, KVC Mon 22 Aug - Science ICAS Exam, 11am Wed 24 Aug - Ariki Cup Fri 26 Aug - Ariki Cup PP Date Mon 29 Aug - Maths ICAS Exam. 11am Fri 2 Sept - Otago Cross Country

Fri 9 Sept - Otago Cross Country PP Date Mon 12 Sept - BOT Meeting, 7pm

Mon 12 - Fri 16 Sept - Polyfest Week Wed 21 Sept - BOT Elections - Voting closes 4pm

Fri 23 Sept - Pizza Day and 'Own Clothes Day'

Thurs 29 Sept - School Production Fri 30 Sept - last day of Term 3

Mon 17th Oct - first day of Term 4 Thur 15th Dec - last day of school, 2022

### 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 - <a href="http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm">http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm</a>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and p/wd (gbparents).

- In term three, the following policies are for whānau to review-
  - \* Student Wellbeing and Safety
  - \* Staff Wellbeing and Safety



Rotary Park Kindergarten 289 Highcliff Road, Waverley



SPACES ARE AVAILABLE NOW 8.30am - 12.30pm 5 mornings a week With the option of extending to 2.30pm Full Year Kindergarten

2-year-olds can attend for \$2.75 an hour

3-5+ years are eligible for up to 30 hours free



Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten or online at www.dk.org.nz/enrol

Phone us for more information 03-454-4238 or email <a href="mailto:rotarypark@dk.org.nz">rotarypark@dk.org.nz</a>

Check out our Facebook page on

https://www.facebook.com/rotaryparkkindergarten



Kea are short of small navy blue socks in our 'spares' pile. If you have any spare navy socks that are no longer needed at your house, please send them along to Kea.



**DAFFODIL DAY** is next Friday 26 August.

From next Monday, a box with fabric daffodils will be at the School Office for you to bring along a donation and pick one up to wear.

There will also be a 'code' available for you to scan with your phone if you wish to donate that way.



# Iroha Sushi now on Kindo online school shop



## **Available Thursdays**

Commencing **TODAY**, you are now able to order your favourite sushi from Iroha Sushi through our **Kindo** online school shop by <u>clicking here!</u> Simple and easy!You can order (or cancel) **any time before 9am** or schedule in advance. Your lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.

Click here to view the menu.

Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... Click here or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering! for Apple and Android users download the mykindo app.

**Help**? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) weekdays 8am-4pm.

www.mykindo.co.nz

www.ezlunch.co.nz

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> - for those of you who have <u>credits</u> for Sushi orders on your Lunch on Line accounts, we have arranged for the Lunch on Line site to remain open until the end of this term so you can utilise those funds for your children's Sushi orders.



## Children needed to be in the Santa Parade on Sunday 3/12/22.

They need to be available from 12.30pm to 5pm on the day and an adult will need to accompany the child in the parade.

We particularly need kids aged 5 - 10, both boys and girls. Costumes are provided.

If interested, please email dnsantakids@gmail.com with names, ages and clothing size.