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WELCOME TO

Sophie (Kea) and Sayana (Pūkeko) who joined our school this week





<u>HUGE CONGRATULATIONS</u> to our Jump Jam Team who came 2nd Place in the Year 5-8 Competition held last Sunday. We were extremely proud of the children who also received certificates for 'Excellence in Technical Execution' and 'Excellence in Presentation'. Very grateful thanks to their coaches - Hannah van Plateringen and Lewis Howell for all their time and dedication given to getting the children to such a high standard.

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 have some exciting news to share from last weekend! Congratulations to our wonderful **Jump Jam team** who were placed 2nd overall in Sunday's competition! Well done team! We are all very proud of you. I would also like to thank Miss van Plateringen and Mr Howell for giving up their time to coach and support the tamariki.

I would also like to congratulate the Year 4-6 runners who competed in the annual **Ariki Cross Country** yesterday. All of our athletes deserved to be there and gave their all in the race, they should feel very proud of themselves! Many of our runners finished in 'Top 10' placings which was awesome. Based on the total placing score of our runners, our Girls Team came second overall, and our Boys Team came third overall in the Ariki Cup placings. Congratulations to these children who have qualified for the Otago Champs next Friday at Kaikorai Valley College: Maisie, Claudia, Ruby, Lydia, Anabelle, Charli, Jess, Austin and Alex T. I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her training of the runners and her organisation, as well as the Ariki Club members for putting on this wonderful event. Thanks also to the parents who came and supported the students and helped with marshalling at the event.

I meet with <u>representatives of each class every Friday</u> to hear the positive things happening at our school, their concerns, and any ideas or questions that they may have. One positive that every class mentioned last Friday was the PTA Sausage Sizzle, and they all wanted me to thank the wonderful parents and caregivers who organised and ran this for them. They also mentioned how wonderful it was to have the Scholastic Book Fair at school, and I would like to thank Mrs O'Brien for all of her hard work running this so well! One of their concerns was that they are finding the gates being left open a lot and I would like to remind our whānau to remember to close the gates when they go through them.

I would also like to remind our whānau that the **next PTA meeting** is being held this coming Monday (29/08/22) - please come along and support this wonderful group of dedicated parents and caregivers.

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



The Ariki Cup Cross Country Race was held yesterday and we had 17 of our Year 4-6 children participating. The children all ran extremely well, and nine of our runners have qualified for the Otago Primary School Cross Country Champs to be held next Friday.









These two teams of netballers enjoyed a fun tournament last Thursday at The Edgar Centre. Thank you to Colleen Lyons, Steve and Sara Carr for supervising and coaching the children.



PTA Father's Day Raffle Donations We appreciate your help!

We will be running a Fathers Day Raffle <u>next Friday 2nd Sept</u> and are requesting affordable items (max value \$5-10) to be <u>donated</u> <u>from our families please.</u>

These items would need to be <u>dropped off to the Office</u> no later than next <u>Wednesday 31st August</u> please.

Some examples of suitable raffle prizes to be donated would be:

- Boxes of chocolates
- Coffee vouchers (support local cafes!)
- Tea/Coffee cups
- BBQ tools
- Socks
- Pack of cards, etc

Thanks so much for your support.

Watch out for info coming out early next week in regards to children buying tickets!





Voting papers for our school's Board of Trustee Elections were posted out late last week, and should have arrived in your mailbox! Please support our school by exercising your vote, and either pop the voting paper in the envelope provided and drop into 'Milly the Mailbox' in the office reception area, or post back to our Returning Officer, Niki van Plateringen in the envelope provided.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

Mon 29 Aug - Maths ICAS Exam. 11am
- PTA Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
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



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 Kinderoarten

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 rotarypark@dk.org.nz

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.

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 three, the following policies are for whānau to review-

- * Student Wellbeing and Safety
- * Staff Wellbeing and Safety



If your child is interested in entering these, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator, Jen Stevenson (<u>jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz</u>) before the end of October.

₩SCHOLASTIC

ISSUE 6 flyers went home with all the children yesterday. All orders are to be in at the office by **9am on Friday 9 September.**

Have a look through the flyer - there are some good books on offer at the low price of \$3.50!



Iroha Sushi now on Kindo online school shop



Available Thursdays

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...

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TOMORROW - Friday 26 August.

A box with fabric daffodils is at the School Office for you to bring along a donation and pick one up to wear.

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

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