Grant's Braes School

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WELCOME TO

Hayden who started in Kea this week





Our full school came together yesterday at 12 noon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Māori language petition being delivered to Parliament. Gareth spoke to the children first giving them insight into the importance of the day, and then both Teina and Tuakana performed to each other, before all coming together to sing Toia Mai, and 'We are Aotearoa' in sign language.

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

PolyFest Today!! A lot of hard work has gone in over recent months polishing our performances, and we look forward to seeing the results of the hard work! We are performing this afternoon with the Teina (Te Ngahere/Kōhanga) first on with a scheduled performance time of 12pm. The Tuakana (Kā Manu) will be performing shortly afterwards, at approximately 12:45pm. I would like to thank our wonderful staff for all of their work preparing our tamariki for this event, as well as the expert support from Liz and Josh Stoddart. I know this will be another very proud moment for our school!

Yesterday marked the <u>50th anniversary of the Petihana Reo Māori</u>, the Māori language petition being delivered to Parliament. This petition asked the government to include Te Reo Māori in the education curriculum and to be taught in schools. This is such an important day as this is seen as a vital step in the revitalisation of the Te Reo in Aotearoa. Yesterday we celebrated this important day in our country's history by coming together to acknowledge the courageous people who organised and submitted the petition, singing waiata and being together as a school. It was a very special occasion! Thank you to the whānau who came to support us.

Next Friday, a group of students will compete in the <u>Literacy Quiz</u> to be held at Dunedin North Intermediate. They have been working hard with their team members in preparation for this, under the expert guidance of Mrs McKeever. On the same day, our wonderful Ukelele Group will be joining other schools for the <u>2022 Ukelele Jam</u> at Tahuna Intermediate. Once again, I would like to thank Mrs McKeever for teaching these students the new songs and getting them ready for this event.

Road safety around our school environs continues to be an ongoing issues. Please - before any one is injured, remember to drive carefully around the school, park safely and not across or in driveways, and also for our younger children especially, please make arrangements to meet them and not having them cross on their own over our busy roads/streets.

Covid Update

With the new Government rules coming out earlier this week, you will know that masks need not now be worn. However, COVID is still about, and if you or your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are better, and also do a RAT test. We have plenty more boxes of RAT tests here at school, just send a message to the office and we can send these home with your child or arrange for them to be dropped in your letterbox.

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







OUR SCHOOL PRODUCTION IS two weeks away! We have just been advised that ticket sales are available from today - you can obtain these by going on to the Regent Theatre website, or going in to the Theatre itself. Please note, there is a booking fee from the Theatre which will be additional to the cost per ticket.

IMPORTANT SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Jen Stevenson, our Sports Co-Ordinator sent an email out to all parents last Thursday, via email (through our Student Management System) advising of the summer sports our school is offering in Term 4 and the registration information regarding them.

Please ensure you read the email fully, then register your child via **KINDO only** (make sure you **CHECKOUT** or your child's registration will not go through, no financial transaction takes place). Close off is **NEXT MONDAY 19 September** @ **5.00pm**.

A lot of work goes into organising the teams, coaches and game schedules etc, so please ensure you get your child's registration in early, and if you are in a position to help with your child's team, please also complete that section.











CONGRATULATIONS

to Alex (Toroa) who last Sunday placed 2nd in the Emersons 5km Run. There was a field of over 200, both adults and children, and he finished 2nd with a time of 24 minutes, 16 seconds.

Well done Alex!!!!!

Football South are offering a <u>Futsal Coaching Course</u> next week!! Here are the details. If you are interested please do not hesitate to register yourself.

- Futsal Coaching Course
- Anyone new to futsal or new to coaching
- Wednesday 21 September, 6pm 8pm
- Edgar Centre
- FREE

Register at https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/201331

If your Y5/6 child is interested in entering the Primary school's triathlon on Wednesday 28 September (postponement Friday 30th September) at Watson Park, Port Chalmers, please email Jen. Please be aware that you will need to transport and supervise your child yourselves.

Year 5/6 – Run 1.5km, Bike 4km, Swim 92 metres (3 laps)





Voting papers for our school's Board of Trustee Elections have all been posted out. 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. CLOSING DATE & TIME - Next Wednesday 21st September, 4.00pm







PIZZA AND 'OWN CLOTHES' DAY

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

The PTA are organising a Pizza Day for Friday 23 September

Orders for slices of pizza @ \$1.50 per slice

- * Cheese
- * Ham & Cheese
 - * Pepperoni
- * GF Ham and Cheese
 - * Vegan Cheese

along with iceblocks @ \$1.00

can be made, as usual, via KINDO ONLY!

Orders will close @ 9.00am on Wednesday 21 September - NO LATE ORDERS!!!!

This day is also an 'Own Clothes Day' and children are requested to bring along a gold coin donation to support our local Wildlife Hospital. Children can dress as their favourite animal or in their 'own clothes'.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

Wed 21 Sept - BOT Elections - Voting closes 4pm Fri 23 Sept - Pizza Day and 'Own Clothe

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Tues 27 Sept - New BOT announced 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

Dunedin Arts Festival 2022

Welcome! Haere Mai!

The best part about a festival is sharing the experience with all your favourite people. Read on for the best shows ever, where you can bring along the whole family, from babies to granda.

Ticket Update: Selling fast is <u>Don McGlashan</u> (21 Oct), <u>Frazey Ford</u> (13 Oct), <u>Agony</u>
Pants (23 Oct) and the Olverston at Six chamber music series (16-20 Oct).

ODT Dunedin Arts Festival is on 12-24 October

Full programme at www.dunedinartsfestival.co.nz

Pick up a free Festival guide around town - it's the scary green lady on the red cover!









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 (jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz) before the end of October.

MOANA NUI VILLAGE

If you are a weaver, carver or love to cook a boil up or hangi and would like to sell at the Takata Whenua Village at Moananui Festival on the 24th of September 2022 at Forsyth Barr Stadium, please register on the link below for all of the details.

Check out the Moanaui Facebook page for more details of the day @moananui.festival

Here's the registration form to register as a Village Vendor:

https://forms.office.com/r/EijxQwUu8F

Also check out the website: www.moananuifestival.com

Become a host family for the University of Otago

Now that international travel is opening up we are currently enlisting new host families. If you are a family who has some spare time for hosting an independent international tertiary-aged student in your home, please contact us (details below).

Host families will receive a weekly payment, along with support and training to assist with hosting.

Some requirements are that hosts should have a well maintained home, a spare room for a student and enough space to cater for another resident in your home. We look for hosts who are interested in sharing their home, embracing a different culture and offering occasional support. This can be a very rewarding experience.

Hosts should live within 8-10 kilometres of Dunedin city and be on a good bus route to the city.

If this is you, please email us at homestay@otago.ac.nz or phone us on 03 4794184 or 03 4795710 to find out more!







