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**WELCOME TO
Zadie and Mackenzie
who started in Kea
this week**



OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS



Last Friday, our nine athletes who qualified for the Otago Primary School Cross Country Champs competed incredibly well in their races. We were very proud of them all, and even more so for their wonderful support for each other.

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

Firstly, I wish to thank you all for your understanding and co-operation with our late start to school on Tuesday, due to the weather conditions. This decision was made by the Otago Primary Principals Association, with advice from appropriate organisations, for the safety of all.

The remaining weeks at our wonderful school are going to be action packed! Next Thursday, our Teina and Tuakana Kapa Haka groups will be performing at Polyfest, and we are also practising for our school production. I have got to say, there is a lot of excitement amongst the tamariki and kaiako!

Polyfest

It is so wonderful that we are able to attend and perform at this incredible event. Not only do we get to be on stage, but we also are able to see some performances from other schools and centres. On Thursday 15 September, our whole school will be travelling by bus to the Edgar Centre, leaving at 11am. The Teina group (Year 0-3) will be performing at 12 pm and the Tuakana group (Year 4-6) at 12:45 pm. It is important that you arrive with plenty of time as the organisers close the doors while the performances are on. A live stream of the event will be emailed to you all if you are unable to be there in person. Please also share this link around your whānau. The Polyfest is a highlight of our year and I am so proud of our tamariki and kaiako who have worked extremely hard in preparation for this.

School Production

Equally, we are all getting very excited about 'Kaitiaki of the Past', our school production. This will be held at the Regent Theatre, at 6.30pm on Thursday 29 September. We have chosen to use this venue as we are able to hold this on one night with the seating capacity bigger than the venues previously used. Also, what an experience for our tamariki to perform in such a beautiful theatre! Final administrative aspects are being worked out and tickets will be available to be purchased next week from the Regent Theatre, either online or at the box office. Early next week, more information will be shared with you all. Please share this widely as it would be amazing to have a full audience!

I was so impressed with our nine **cross-country athletes** who competed in the Otago Champs last Friday. They all did so well and I would like to mention Austin who was 8th in Otago for his age group! Ka pai! I would like to thank the organisers for this extremely well-run event, as well as Mrs Stevenson for her organisation and support of our team.

Invites to our term's **second Whānau Hui** have been sent to our Māori whānau and this is being held on Monday 12 September. Please rsvp by tomorrow if you are attending.

Covid Update

We continue to have no active COVID cases at our school and there are no people isolating due to being close contacts.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

POLYFEST DATE AND TIMES FOR OUR SCHOOL

We have just received confirmation of the date and times for our two school groups' performances next **Thursday 15th September at The Edgar Centre.**



Our **Teina Group (Y0-3 children)** are scheduled to perform at **12noon**, and our **Tuakana Group (Y4-6 children)** are scheduled to perform at **12.45pm**.

The children will be taken by bus to and from The Edgar Centre on Thursday. We look forward to your support of the children, they have all been practising extremely hard.

You can expect a letter from the Kapa Haka team coming home today with all the relevant details.

Please note - for all supporters attending, there is a \$2 door entry charge.

IMPORTANT SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Jen Stevenson, our Sports Co-Ordinator has sent an email out to all parents, 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).

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.



VISIT TO ROTARY PARK KINDERGARTEN



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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

Thurs 15 Sept - Polyfest Performances

Wed 21 Sept - BOT Elections - Voting closes 4pm

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

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

SCHOLASTIC

ISSUE 6 - All orders are to be in at the office by **9am, tomorrow Friday 9 September.**

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

the **NEW** BABY & CHILD SHOW

For Mums, Bubs and Kids
Everything from Pregnancy to the end of Primary School

Sat Sept 17 & Sun Sept 18
9.30am-3pm, The Hub,
Otago Polytechnic



babyandchildshowdunedin.com



Elements Nature Based Play Have your children active & imaginative amongst nature. Think huts, trees, tools, arts n crafts, time and space. Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. For the October School holidays Elements are offering week 1 'Neverland (Pirates & Fairies)' in Brighton, & Week 2 'Heroes in the Wild' in the NE Valley. Ages 5-13yrs

See our website <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/> or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/> to see what we get up to.

Bookings are through <https://elements.aimyplus.com>

For more info email elementsprogrammes@gmail.com

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>

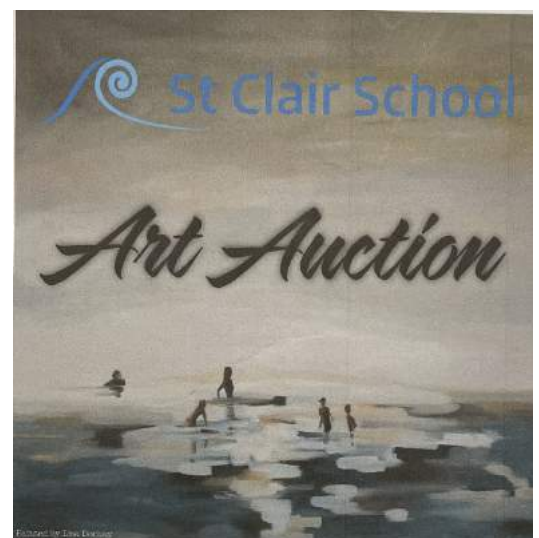
Enter the username (grantsbraes) and p/wd (gbparents).

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.



Featuring a selection of local artists

Join the St Clair School PTA for a silent auction, raffles and a live auction
Grazing table and cash bar available

9th September 2022 7pm - 10pm

St Clair School | Te Manawanui

\$10 per Ticket