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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

What an incredibly proud moment for our school with the superb **Polyfest** performances last Thursday. Both the Teina and Tuakana groups gave their all and delivered such wonderfully polished performances! Being alongside them on the stage was a true privilege and something that I will cherish for a long time. We have received many heartfelt messages from whānau, which has been so lovely. Once again, 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. A huge thank you must go out to Susan Tait, Chloe Davidson and the Year 6 students who accompanied the Teina group on ukulele, along with our incredible Year 6 student, Daniel, who expertly played for both performances. Photographs taken by Nicola Wilhelmsen (Kelk Photography) and Rachelle Jamison, along with videos, will be available to view on our website today under 'Events'.

Sandra McHenry

At the end of this term, Sandra McHenry will retire from her role as a Learning Assistant, which she has held for over 12-1/2 years. Sandra has been an incredible member of staff and has supported both students and teachers alike. It goes without saying that she will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

Last night the members of our current board met and farewelled Steph Woodley, Trudie Evans and Rachel Brown, who did not stand for re-election. They have all contributed an incredible amount of hours to our school and community and worked tirelessly to ensure our wonderful school has prospered! Personally, I would like to thank them so much for the trust and support they have shown me over the years! Ka mihi nui koutou.

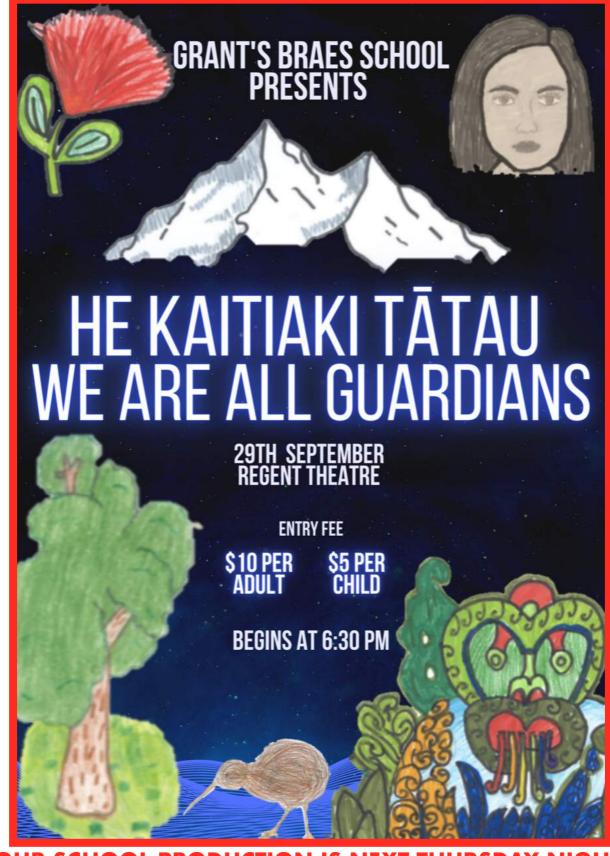
The **BoT elections are now closed as of 4 pm yesterday.** As postal votes are still able to be accepted until Monday 26 September, the vote count will be held on Tuesday 27 September. The school community will be notified shortly after this results are known, with the new Board of Trustees taking office on Wednesday 28 September.

Tomorrow, a group of students will compete in the **Primary Schools Literacy Quiz to** be held at Dunedin North Intermediate. The children have been working hard over recent weeks with their team members with expert guidance from Mrs McKeever, in preparation for this event. On the same day, our wonderful **Ukelele Group** will be joining other schools for the 2022 Ukelele Jam 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.

Covid Update

We currently have one confirmed COVID case in our school. Please remain vigilant in regards to monitoring your children, and having them take a RAT test, even if slightly unwell. We have plenty more boxes of RAT tests here at school, so please just contact the office if you need some sent home.

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



OUR SCHOOL PRODUCTION IS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT!

Our staff and children have been working so hard on this over the past two terms, we so look forward to your support. Performing on the Regent Theatre stage will be an amazing experience for the children. The full school are going to be rehearsing at the theatre for the full school day on Thursday (see further information on the next page). Tickets sales are available by going to the Regent Theatre website or into the Theatre itself. Please note, there is a booking fee from the Theatre which will be additional to the cost per ticket.



IMPORTANT PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Dear whānau,

Your child will be performing at the Regent Theatre as part of our 'He Kaitiaki Tātau' production on **Thursday 29th September**, starting at 6:30pm.

Dress Rehearsal Thursday 29th September

All tamariki will be transported by bus and will spend the day at the Regent Theatre for a final runthrough. Please ensure your child has a **packed lunch** that is easy to eat and will not make a mess as children will be in costume. **NO LUNCH ORDERS. Buses will be leaving school at 9:30am** and will return by 2:30pm.

So that all students can be in costume prior to the event, all costumes will be sent home at the end of the school day after our dress rehearsal at the Regent Theatre.

Performance Thursday Evening 29th September 6.30

Your child needs to get changed into their costume before being dropped off at the Regent Theatre. Please ensure your child is dropped off at the back entrance (opposite First Church - see yellow circle on map) to the Regent Theatre on Moray Place between 5:45pm - 6:00pm. A

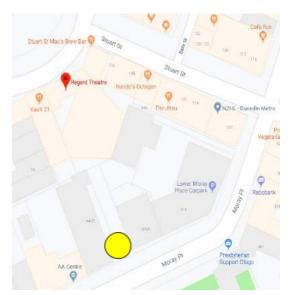
teacher from your child's syndicate (Ms Tait, Miss van Plat, or Mr Howell) will be assigned to wait for children while other staff members shuttle tamariki inside to their assigned seating. When tamariki are dropped off **they give their shoes/socks and any other clothing items to the parent/caregiver so they are only in costume**. Parents/caregivers must then walk to the **front entrance** of the Regent to enter the theatre.

At the conclusion of the Production, you will need to collect your child from their assigned seating downstairs. **Please ensure your child's teacher knows you are taking your child.**

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher.



Hannah, Susan, Rebecca M Production Team

































'OWN CLOTHES' DAY TOMORROW

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Have your child come dressed as their favourite animal, or in their 'own clothes' tomorrow!

Please send them along with a gold coin in support of The Wildlife Hospital and have them give to their class teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last weekend, Alistair and Annabelle competed in The Dunedin Performing Arts **Competitions Society Incorporated Competitions.**

Alistair won 1st place for the contemporary solo (under 12), and also the most promising performer for under 16.

Annabelle gained a first place, and two second places for her piano performances, along with being awarded one cup for 'Own Selection Under 10 years' and the other for the 'Pearl Dent Award - Under 10 years Highest Aggregate'.

We are very proud of them both!







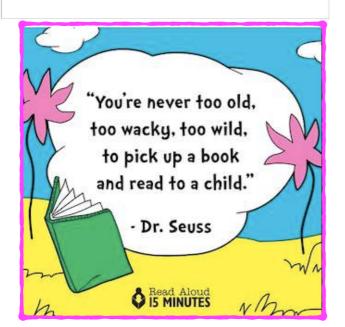




DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 Fri 23 Sept - Pizza Day and 'Own Clothes Day' Mon 26 Sept - Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day holiday 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



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

In term three, the following policies are for whanau to review-

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

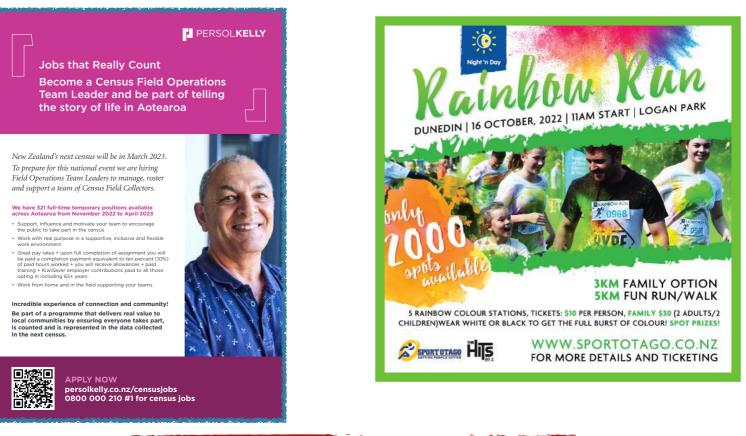
😂 Quote of the Week! 😂

You can have a good morning or you can get your kids to school on time. But you can't have both.

HOW TO KNOW IF YOUR CHILD SHOULD STAY AT HOME

- If a child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID-19, they can
 return to their school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are
 behaving/eating normally.
- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return.
- If a child still has a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, they are unlikely to be infectious and could be considered well enough to attend school.
- In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for a child to go back to their early learning service/education facility after being unwell.
- Any child who has a runny nose after a change in temperature for example, moving from outdoors to indoors – or sneezes due to obvious stimuli (such as the sun or dust) does not need to be sent home.
- Hay fever and other allergies can show similar symptoms to the common cold such as sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose and coughing. If a child has a history of allergic symptoms and shows one or more of these symptoms, or an itchy face (especially around the eyes or throat), consider if hay fever or an allergy could be the cause. You may want to check with the child's caregiver to confirm.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM









CHIROPRACTIC



GIVE US A CALL AT (03) 425 7373 TO SEE HOW WE CAN HELP





Colouring competitions to win prizes at the Brick Show are available from the office if your child wishes to pop in to pick one up.