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WALK'N'WHEELING....



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 certainly has been a couple of weeks of celebrations with The WeetBix Tryathlon athletes not only participating and completing the Weetbix Tryathlon, but also that our school won a significant prize! Twenty five ākoka (students) have the opportunity to have a tour of The Hits Radio Station. What an amazing opportunity this is and Mrs McKeever is currently working through the organisation of this.

Also, a number of our Year 2-3 students entered the I Am Hope Design a Gumboot Competition and Lizzy from Mānuka won second place in this nationwide competition. You can see her design later in the newsletter.

We are very proud of you all!

Spirit Sisters

Congratulations to the girls who participated in the Spirit Sisters Rippa Rugby Tournament on Monday. What a treat to have played at the Forsyth Barr Stadium! Our congratulations to Georgie (Kororā) who was named Player of the Tournament. I wish to thank Jen Stevenson for her co-ordination and organisation of this event, along with Narelle, Scott and Kevin for supporting the girls on the day.

PTA Meeting

Next Monday (18/03/24) is the next PTA meeting in the staffroom at 7pm. This dedicated group of parents and caregivers are always looking for great new ideas for fundraising. This is a wonderful opportunity for our whānau to connect and plan for fun, family orientated activities as well as raising funds for our kura. We look forward to seeing you on Monday night.

Continued Road Safety Issues

Unfortunately, I am still getting reports of parents/caregivers parking illegally to pick up or drop off their children before and after school. This puts our students' safety at risk, breaks road rules and inconveniences local residents. The school has tried a variety of measures to stop this; through the school newsletter, placement of signs in dangerous areas, and requesting Police presence around the school, to name a few. As these measures do not seem to be making a difference to a few parents/caregivers, I have no other option than to provide the registration plate numbers of offending vehicles to the local police for them to follow up on.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



Ben is shown here holding the 'huge' prize poster from the recent Weetbix Triathlon showing that our school were the winners of a studio visit to The Hits Studio. Mrs McKeever is in the process of organising a date and time for this visit for 25 lucky children and supporting adults.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LIZZY (MĀNUKA)

who won 2nd place in a nationwide colouring competition run by the Number 1 Shoe Warehouse to 'Design A Gumboot' supporting the 'I AM HOPE' organisation. All the children in Mataī and Mānuka submitted entries a few weeks back.

Lizzy wins a prize pack, that also includes a signed t-shirt from 'I AM HOPE' Ambassador, Mike King.

Well done Lizzy, we are very proud of you.

MATAI'S AMAZING CATERPILLARS



The children in Matai have been enjoying learning about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Shown here are the amazing caterpillars that they have made!

LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of un-named items in the Lost Property Box - found just inside the door to go through to Mānuka. If your child has come home without an item of uniform, it would be good for you (or them!) to have a look to check. We have found that a lot of items bought from the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop haven't had the 'new' name put on them and often show the name of children who have long left our school. We now have iron-on labels available at the office should you need some.

SPIRIT SISTERS TOURNAMENT



On Monday March 11, a group of our Y5/6 girls were able to participate in a girl's only Rippa Rugby Tournament hosted by Otago Rugby at Forsyth Barr Stadium. There was a huge turnout of 43 teams from across Dunedin and Otago in attendance, and our girls did so well with 2 wins, a draw and a hard fought loss in their group. Most importantly they conducted themselves so well and were an excellent representation of our school and our values; showing excellent manners and sportswomanship over the day. Thank you to parent help Narelle Jakeway, Scott White and Kevin Yap, whose assistance meant the girls were able to go, and Jen Stevenson for her co-ordination and support of this event.

Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Koau - Grant's Braes School Board **Casual vacancy for a parent representative**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Nicola Wall

Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Kaou – Grant's Braes School Board

Email - nicolaw@grantsbraes.school.nz

by: 3pm, Thursday, 11 April 2024.

CARETAKER POSITION AVAILABLE

Our long serving Caretaker/Cleaner is retiring and we are seeking expressions of interest for someone who would like to join our incredible school in this capacity.

We are looking for someone who possesses the following:

- Good problem solving skills
- Eye for detail
- Prepared to go the extra mile
- Knowledge of health and safety, hygiene and security procedures
- Great communication skills and the ability to positively interact with children and adults alike
- Ability to manage own workload
- Basic DIY skills
- Physically fit/active for heavy lifting
- Flexible and reliable

Does this sound like you?

If so, please register interest by sending a cover letter and cv to office@grantsbraes.school.nz by 27th March 2024

Te Kura o Tuatahi o te Koau Grant's Braes School
Board of Trustees

Sadly Steve Harris is retiring and will be leaving Grant's Braes at the end of this term. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in the Caretaker role at our school, please read or forward the above advertisement on to them.



THANK YOU to all our fabulous families for the wonderful collection of items donated last Friday for the Ōtepoti-Dunedin Whānau Refuge.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

Fri 15 March - Lit Quiz, DNI, 11-2.30pm
 Mon 18 March - PTA Meeting, 7.00pm
 Tues 19 March - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm
 Mon 25 March - Otago Anniversary Day
 Fri 29 March-Tues 2 April - Easter
PLEASE NOTE - Tues 2nd is a holiday also
 Fri 5 April - Hāngī
 Wed 10 April - EPRO8, DNI, 10-2.30pm
 Fri 12 April - Saus Sizzle/Own Clothes Day
 - last day of Term 1

TERM 2 2024

Mon 29 April- First day of Term 2
Fri 31 May - Teacher Only Day
 Mon 3 June - King's Birthday

Last day of school year 2024 -
 Wed 18 December

SUMMER SPORTS PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Touch

Waiporoporo - Sam (Rātā)
 Kakariki - Ella (Pūkeko)

Futsal

Comets - Ash (Kōhaka)

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

KINDO - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TAX REBATE IN REGARDS TO SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

With the end of the tax year rapidly approaching, this is a reminder that if your School Contribution is paid by 31st March, you are able to claim 33% rebate (\$66.00) on that after 1 April. Kindo automatically issues you with a receipt if paid via this method.

When you make your donation through 'myKindo', keep an eye out for the option to "amplify your donation" where you can choose to gift this tax rebate back to our school. Even if you don't typically claim rebates, please consider selecting YES. It's a win-win situation. More funding means more resources for our students

How to...

1. Login to your myKindo account.
2. Pay your donation.
3. Follow the 5 easy steps to start gifting your tax rebate back to school.

By doing so your donations will work twice as hard to supply resources and support your student's education. EASY...

Make your school donation go further.

Pay your school funds in myKindo.
 Opt in to Supergenous.
 Regift your 33% donation tax rebate.
 Increase your school donation.

SUPERGENEROUS x kindo.

ONLINE EFTPOS PAYMENT OPTION

Currently, KINDO are unable to accept Online Eftpos transactions over \$250. This is due to their organisation having received an increase in costs associated with processing higher-value transactions, and KINDO have made the decision not to pass this on to you, their customers. They are actively working with the Online Eftpos business to address this issue and hope this option will be available again soon. Meanwhile, if you do for example wish to pay an amount for your family which is over \$250, please do this in separate transactions, ie for each child individually - top up and then apply the payment. Thank you for your understanding and patience around this.

SCHOLASTIC

ISSUE 2 catalogues went home with the children last week. The closing date for orders to be in is **9am, NEXT Friday, 22 March 2024.**

INSPIRED 2DANCE



BEGINNER'S BALLROOM DANCE CLASS (TASTER CLASS)

Monday 15th April, 7.00-8.00pm
Green Island Civic Hall • 5 Howden Street

Gold Coin Entry

Come along to try our **NEW** Beginner's Class to learn the basics of Rock n' Roll and Rhythm Foxtrot.

We will follow a lead and follow format so you can dance with a partner, friend, try yourself, or we can match you up with someone on the night.

There will be a 9 week course to follow which you will be able to sign up to on the night.

For more information follow Inspired2Dance on Facebook
or contact Mike Birnie on 027 485 3201

MACANDREW BAY SCHOOL FAIR

Come along!
**11am, Sunday
17th March**



Enjoy gourmet
food and coffee
while being
entertained
by some
fantastic acts!

FOOD

Lentil Burgers • Beef Burgers
Sausage Sizzle
Coffee • Cake

ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music • Sack Races
Face Painting
Dino Soccer

STALLS

Clothes • Books • Plants
White Elephant • Cakes/Sweets
Lucky Dip • Chocolate Wheel
+ loads of games!

Games and stalls with bargains galore
Prizes for the best St Patrick's day costume!

The Artists' Corner



April School Holiday Art Programmes.

The Artists' Corner offers a fun filled 2 day school holiday art programme between each term. Suited for 7-11 year old students. There is a strong focus on drawing, printing, and painting throughout the 2 days. We ensure both foundational skills & knowledge are a priority for all who attend. Each day runs from 9am-5pm and this allows for greater individual development.

April 15th & 16th or April 18th & 19th. Registrations are through the website:
www.theartistscorner.co.nz

65 Dunrobin Street, Waverley Dunedin
www.theartistscorner.co.nz



23rd of March
10:30am-4:30pm

Forsyth Barr Stadium
Ōtepoti, Dunedin

Brought to you by
Pacific Trust Otago

The Moana Nui Festival is an annual celebration of Pacific Island cultures and traditions, showcasing the vibrant diversity of the Pacific Islands through music, dance, food, arts, and crafts. Held on the 23rd of March at the Forsyth Barr stadium, the festival offers attendees an immersive experience where they can explore the sights, sounds, and flavors of the Pacific Islands while fostering cultural appreciation and understanding. From traditional performances to delicious cuisines, the Moana Nui Festival provides a platform for communities to come together, celebrate their heritage, and share their unique cultural traditions with the wider community.

All are welcome there will be food for sale all over the Pacific and it is a donation entry. There will be performances from all over the Pacific so please enjoy as we bring the Pacific to you.

Join in & add your visual voice to
the story of the New South Dunedin
Library and Community Centre!



Nau mai tauti mai!

Renowned artists Simon Kaan
& Michel Tuffery will be
running free art workshops
at Moana Nui Festival



Find us at the
Moana Nui Festival
23 March
10.30 - 4pm

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GRANTS BRAES AFC 4 & 5 YEAR OLD BOYS SKILLS PROGRAM



- FUN ENVIRONMENT
- PLENTY OF TIME ON THE BALL
- AGE APPROPRIATE GAMES
- FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB
- FUN !!
- FREE !!
- BOOTS AND SHINPADS ARE REQUIRED FOR SAFETY REASONS



SUNDAYS 11AM TO MIDDAY OCEAN GROVE
START DATE TBC



OPEN DAY

Small Sided Games, Crossbar Challenge, Registrations, FootTennis, Meet the People, Pay Your 2024 Fees, BBQ, Boot Library

**Saturday 6th April
12pm Till 3pm
Ocean Grove
1 Domain Ave**

A Small Club with a Big Community

Grantsbraesafc@gmail.com

Grants Braes AFC 4 and 5 Y/O Girls Only Skills Program



- Girls Only
- Age Appropriate Games
- Relaxed Environment
- Plenty of time on the Ball
- No Pressure
- Loads of Fun
- Family Oriented Club
- Free !!!!!
- Boots and shinpads required



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START DATE TBC

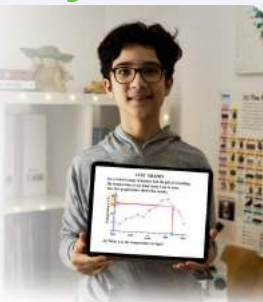


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PEA-KNUCKLE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS



Captain Festus McBoyle's Travellin' Variety Show

"Best live family act in New Zealand - not to be missed"
Marchell J. T. Linzey - Childspace Magazine/ Producer Space Station Kiwi Radio Show, Dunedin

Playhouse Theatre, Dunedin

Saturday, March 23rd, 11.00am and 1.00pm

Sunday, March 24th, 11.00am and 1.00pm

Tickets \$15 - www.dunedinfringe.nz

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www.captainfestus.com

Free Learn to Skate

Rollerskating and Inline skating every Sunday at the Edgar Centre. All abilities and ages welcome. Free instruction to get you rolling quickly. This is a Dunedin based community group of skaters bringing back the days of the music filled roller rinks. We also have seasonal parties with games and prizes. We can provide skates but they are first come first serve in limited numbers.

Sunday Social Skate

4-4:30 pm - free learn to skate session

4:30-6 pm - Anybody can skate

\$5 (adults), \$2.50 (kids) entry to the Edgar Centre

Come early if you want to borrow skates- limited amount

