



WELCOME TO

ROSIE AND LIAM

WHO BOTH STARTED IN THE
KOHAKA NEST THIS WEEK



**Happy Chinese
New Year**
Gōng xǐ fā cái

RĀTĀ UPDATE

Rātā have been learning about Chinese New Year. We learnt that red means good luck, that it was the year of the dragon, and that people give red envelopes with money inside which is called Hong bao. We also had a go at doing some Chinese writing and made banners which we hung above the door way to keep the good luck in. Rātā also made some chinese drums and then had a mini Chinese parade outside playing our drums.



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 from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

Just a quick message from me this week. Yesterday I spent an inspiring morning at Sylvia Park School hearing about, and seeing their curriculum in action, as well as their journey around bilingual education. Today I am looking forward to travelling by ferry to Beach Haven School to learn about their environmental rejuvenation project that their kura and community have been working on. On Friday, I am attending a seminar on how we can make our school welcoming for Former Refugee whānau. I am feeling very grateful to have this rich opportunity and know this will have lots of positive impact on our kura.

On Monday night I attended the PTA Annual General Meeting and subsequent meeting afterwards. I would like to thank those who were able to attend these meetings. Congratulations to the following on their appointment: President - Olivia Hills, Vice-president - Sumanth Surenden, Treasurer - Sarah Goudie, and Secretary - Jenna Slade. It is wonderful to have these four dedicated people in their roles again this year. Thank you also to those who have agreed to join the PTA Executive. I know they will work extremely hard to raise much-needed funds for our school.

Our first Hui Whānau will be held on Tuesday next week. This is a valuable opportunity to bring whānau members together, strengthen whanaukataka (relationships), and make important decisions that affect our tamariki.

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

GARETH TAYLOR





Be Heard Children's Counselling Trust is a charity that offers free one to one counselling to children in selected Dunedin primary and intermediate schools.

Chelsea will be coming to Grants Braes on Thursdays to provide a safe space for children with low to moderate difficulties to talk about their thoughts and feelings, and develop some frontline coping strategies. A referral form can be completed by the student, parent/caregiver or teacher, and after an initial meeting, if the child is accepted into the service, they will be offered several 30-45 minute sessions depending on their need. Be Heard's scope is to provide a safe space to talk, so if a child requires more significant support, they will be referred on to a more appropriate service.

All sessions are confidential and held in a dedicated room on school grounds. Any information that Be Heard receives is stored securely in Cliniko, a patient management system. The sessions are confidential between the child and counsellor but children will generally be given resources to take home to share with parents/caregivers so they can also receive support in their home environment. If there is any concern the child is in danger of harm, parents/caregivers and the school will be immediately notified.

The referral form is attached with this newsletter and parents can email these to chelsea@beheard.org.nz or give it to the class teacher to pass on.

If you would like, there are paper copies of the referral form in the office.

LUNCH REMINDERS

Mondays (Kōhaka Nest and Te Kahere) and Fridays (Kā Manu) - Heat'n'Eats (please put in tub in the office reception area)

Tuesdays - Txt My Lunch - order via text 020 40256004 and internet bank payment

Wednesdays - Subway - Go to Subway website.

Thursdays - Sushi - order via KINDO

SUMMER SPORTS PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Sparks - Lucy (Mānuka)
Hurricanes - Heba (Kororā)
Comets- George (Kōhaka)
Comets - Keira (Rātā) -13th Feb
Aces - Josh (Tūī) - 14th Feb
Aces - (Kororā) - 21st Feb

Touch

Kōwhai - Chloe (Kōwhai)
Kakariki - Abby (Kororā)



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

Tues 27 Feb - Hui Whānau Meeting, 7.00pm
 Wed 28 Feb - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm
 Fri 8 March - Pizza/Own Clothes Day
 Mon 11 & Tues 12 March - EPRO8
 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
 Wed 10 April - EPRO8, DNI, 10-2.30pm
 Fri 5 April - Saus Sizzle/Own Clothes Day
 Fri 12 April - 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

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

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

HEAD LICE

Head lice are out and about again around the school!

Please regularly check your children's heads for eggs or 'live' head lice. If eggs/live are found, please **treat before sending your child back to school.**

The key is also to **COMB, COMB, COMB** through the hair and extract the lice and eggs -



Doing this for at least 1/2 hour at a time usually ensures they disappear.

Please also remember to regularly wash all the bedding, particularly when there is evidence of head lice.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM

Over recent weeks, our Second Hand Uniform Shop ladies have processed a lot of uniform items that came in during, and after the holiday period so there is great stock available at the moment.

If you have a New Entrant or younger child, they have a good supply of Size 4 skorts, along with polo shirts, polar fleeces and sports tops in at the moment.

There are also a number of items, including skorts, available in bigger girls sizes.

If you are interested in viewing or purchasing any secondhand items, please get in touch with Sally, 027 7376649 to arrange a time to meet up with her at school.

Payment for items is at the office by cash or EFTPOS.

SPORTING CHANCE

ALL-STAR SHOWDOWN

Sunday 25 February

GET YOUR
TICKETS
NOW!





GIVE IT A TRY!

ENTER WITH YOUR CLASSMATES AND BE IN TO **WIN!***

DUNEDIN
SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024
TAIERI COLLEGE



ENTER NOW AT [TRY.WEETBIX.CO.NZ](https://try.weetbix.co.nz)

Our school has registered as a school group for the Dunedin Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon to be held on

Sun 3 Mar 2024	9:00am	Taieri College, Mosgiel
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The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 6 and 15yrs. Children can enter as individuals and do all three legs of the TRYathlon (swim, bike and run) by themselves or in a team of two and do either the swim/run or bike/run with a friend. There is a 'Splash and Dash' section for 6 year olds where they swim and run.

When you go to register your child, there is the option to 'link to your school group'. Make sure you tick this box and find **Grant's Braes School** on the drop down menu and help the school qualify for prizes on the day.

If you have any questions please email rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz

Kind regards

Rebecca McKeever

GRANTS BRAES AFC

KIDS FOOTBALL

Special Offer

Oval Grades 2024

Grants Braes AFC have a amazing offer for young Football Enthusiasts and their Families In Our Amazing Community! A opportunity to play Oval Grades football at a special price.

Boys	Girls Leagues
> 6 Year Olds Free	> 6 Year Olds Free
> 7 Year Olds \$42.50	> 7 Year Olds \$42.50
> 8 Year Olds \$63.75	> 8 Year Olds \$63.75

For More Info

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Ocean Grove






Still hyped up from the Womens FIFA world cup

Get Ready for the 2024 Football Season

Look no further than Grants Braes AFC

We have you covered!

- Girls Only Leagues
- Female Coaches
- Girls Skills Sessions
- Teamwork
- FUN environment
- Supportive Club
- Friends for life

GRANTS BRAES AFC





NEW STAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR OF

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICAL DREAMCOAT

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Tim Rice

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CHILDREN NEEDED

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New Entrant to Year 11

"3 years ago my daughter was just trying to keep her head above water. Now she is doing extension work and is a completely different person."
- KAREN I

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NIA A MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND TUTORING ASSOCIATION



KIDS COME FREE!*

HIGHLANDERS VS MOANA PASIFIKA

SAT 24TH FEB 7:05PM

BUY NOW

TICKETEK



*With a paying adult thanks to Jones Family Farm