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Library soon to be open again!



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

I hope you all are having a lovely week and that you enjoyed whānau time on Waitangi Day.

What's the Buzz? - Parent/Teacher discussion - Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 February 2024

Bookings are now open to select a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher. This meeting gives you the opportunity to share vital information about your child with their teacher and a **YELLOW** form was sent home last week for you to complete, fill in and send back to your child's teacher for discussion at these meetings. These have been scheduled for Wednesday 14th (3:10 - 7:30 pm) and Thursday 15th (3:10 - 5:30 pm) February. Times can be booked by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use our school's code **sb7pp**; please note bookings close next Tuesday, 13 February at 3.00pm.

Notice of Teacher Only Day

A Teacher Only Day has been organised by the Peninsula Principals Cluster and approved by our Board of Trustees. **This has been organised for Friday 31st May (the Friday before King's Birthday).** I would also like to advise our whānau that the Ministry of Education (MOE) has announced two additional Teacher Only Days that are to be used for the Curriculum Refresh work that schools are required to undertake. There is a specific timeframe for these to be taken in, - an additional one in Term 2 and one in Term 4. As soon as these dates have been set, I will advise you all.

PTA AGM - Monday 19 February, 7 pm

The PTA Annual General Meeting, followed by a regular PTA meeting, is scheduled for Monday evening, 19th February, starting at 7 pm in the Staffroom. The AGM is never a long meeting, as primarily involves the election of officers, and passing of reports. Please come along and support this awesome group who raise an incredible amount of money to support your children at our school. I look forward to seeing you there.

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

GARETH TAYLOR



"WHAT'S THE BUZZ"



Interviews are being held
Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration and will be conducted either in person in your child's classroom, or via ZOOM.

If you choose to have your interview via ZOOM, your child's class teacher will send you the link to use after bookings close next Tuesday 13th February at 3.00pm.

Interviews are to be booked using the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - School Code : **sb7pp** Bookings have now opened and will close on Tuesday 13th February at 3.00pm.

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact your child's class teacher for assistance in booking the times you require.

Please ensure you complete and return the 'What's The Buzz' sheet (YELLOW) to school as this will be used in discussions at your child's interview.


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TRIERI COLLEGE



IS YOUR CHILD ENTERED IN THE TRYATHLON?

If so, could you please help by taking out our school gazebo to be a base for our Grant's Braes families 'to hang out'!!!! It makes it heaps of fun for the parents and kids to have a place to be together.

Please get in touch with Rebecca McKeever if you can help - rebeccam@grantsbraes.school.nz.

Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Koau Grant's Braes School 2024 WHĀNAU LEADERS



BELFORD WHĀNAU
Captain - Braeden
Vice-Captain - Brax



LARNACH WHĀNAU
Captain - Millie
Vice-Captain - Heba



MATHIESON WHĀNAU
Captain - Noah
Vice-Captain - Phoebe



DUNROBIN WHĀNAU
Captain - Max
Vice-Captain - Valentina

Grant's Braes School 2024 Physical Activity Leaders - PALs



Danielle, Josh, Millie, Max
Coroline, Valentina, Braeden, Iwan, Phoebe

Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Koau Grant's Braes School 2024 ICT Helpdesk



Alistair, Brax, Otis, Cameron, Heba
Fede, Ethan, Lucy, Charlotte, Mason, Mohammad

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION 2024

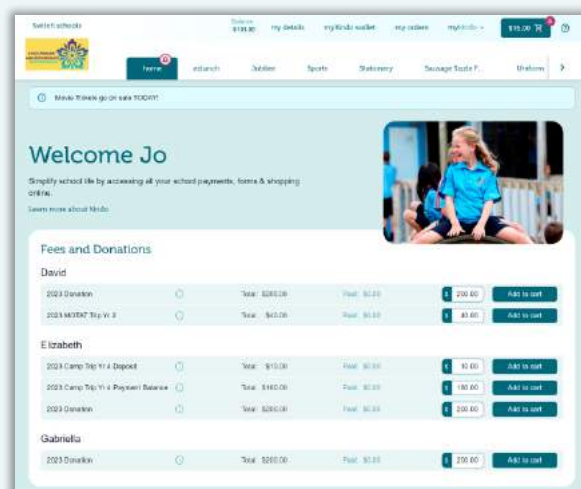
The School Contribution amount for 2024 will continue @ **\$200 per annum (1st child), \$190 per annum (2nd child) and \$180 per annum** for additional children. Payment of this contribution is really appreciated by our Board as this assists in providing all the wonderful EOTC activities, museum and art gallery visits, bus trips, visiting performers and swimming that your children participate in. Without these funds, we would be unable to provide the majority of these experiences for your children.

Payment of this School Contribution does not need to be made in full at one time as we totally understand the many outlays parents have.

*We have changed our invoicing and payments system to now be all through KINDO. It is very simple - it operates just the same as when you order pizzas on Pizza Day etc - you just top up your account with the amount you wish to pay and then allocate the funds accordingly. You are welcome to make regular payments this way, or alternatively, if it suits you to pop into the **office and pay with cash or via EFTPOS**, you are also very welcome to do so, and a full receipt will then be emailed to you. See the info on the next page in regards to upgrades etc to the KINDO system.*

A receipt will be issued to you from the **KINDO system**, and you are able to use this to be able to **claim 33% of this back** in your income tax return (this equates to \$66 for a \$200 payment). Payment of this year's School Contribution before 31 March will enable you to claim in this year's Income Tax Return.

Please give your consideration to payment of this School Contribution and how best your family can financially accommodate this. Any questions at all regarding this, please contact Gareth Taylor in person or via email (principal@grantsbraes.school.nz) or alternatively, email Gaylene - accounts@grantsbraes.school.nz.



Great news! We have been making some upgrades behind the scenes with your Personalised accounts on Kindo. While it will still look the same for you, the administration that happens behind the scenes now has added functionality and efficiency, so we are very excited from an admin point of view.

For personalised payments you can choose to make a part payment or pay for the item in full.

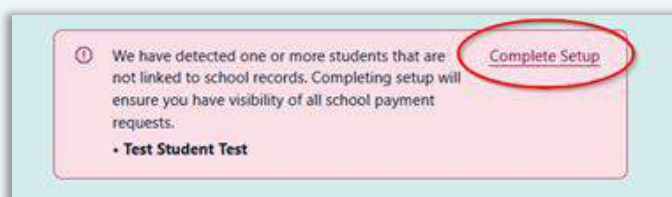
You can order and pay for school items anywhere, anytime.

It's easy, convenient, and open 24/7, and you can order in advance!

Simply enter in the same email address your school has on file.

- **New to myKindo?** Use the **QR Code** below or go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz> to set up your **myKindo** account.
- **Already have an ezlunch or myKindo account?** Use the **QR Code** below or go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz>. Go to the 'my details' page to update your information and your child(ren)'s details.

Choose complete setup (if needed) to access your personalised account.



Need assistance?

Our helpdesk is open 8am - 4pm weekdays
hello@mykindo.co.nz or 0508 454 636
Knowledge base online: support.mykindo.co.nz





DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

- Wed 14 Feb - 'What's the Buzz'
3.10pm - 7.30pm
- Thurs 15 Feb - 'What's the Buzz'
3.10pm - 5.30pm
- Mon 19 Feb - PTA AGM, 7.00pm
- Wed 28 Feb - BOT Meeting, 7.00pm
- Mon 11 & Tues 12 March - EPRO8
- Fri 15 March - Lit Quiz, DNI, 11-2.30pm
- 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 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

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 - commencing next Tuesday 13 February.

Wednesdays - Subway - Go to Subway website.

Thursdays - Sushi - order via KINDO

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

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



ISSUE 1 catalogues went home with the children last week. The closing date for orders to be in is **9am, NEXT Friday, 16 February 2024.**

JUICIE FUNDRAISER



Juicies
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- Juicies are made from freshly pressed Nelson Tasman apples, blended with delicious fruits and berries
- No added sugar • 100% natural • No artificial colours or preservatives
- Reusable Juicies Holder in each pack
- Exclusive fundraising mix not available in supermarkets

See the information that went home last week with your eldest child for the ordering of these yummy juicies!

This is the PTA's first fundraising initiative for 2024 and it would be great for all of our families to all get behind this. Your families and friends will also be very grateful too I'm sure as these are awesome to eat on these hot, sunny, summer days!

Please collate all your orders on the form, and put your total order and payment through via KINDO.

Last day for orders on KINDO is **NEXT Friday 16 February @ 3.00pm**. Delivery will likely be at the end of February (tbc) and you will be sent a text/email when they are ready for collection.

NEW STAGE PRODUCTIONS
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Lyrics by Tim Rice

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Dreaming of singing your heart out on stage? 🎵 Now's your chance to shine like never before with the Dunedin Children's Choir! ✨ Join us for an exhilarating journey as we become part of the spectacular New Zealand Tour of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! 🌈 Imagine the thrill of being part of a touring production, where every performance is a new adventure! From Auckland to Wellington, Christchurch to Dunedin, you'll captivate audiences with your talent and energy. 🎭

But wait, there's more! Our performances have been receiving rave reviews, with audience members returning not once, but two or three times to experience the magic again.

TO SIGN UP PLEASE REGISTER

AT: <https://forms.gle/tZ3fNMmJwWHgnyV6>

AND EMAIL us at new.stagesvmproductions@gmail.com to confirm your spot

☀️ Ready to take the spotlight? Join us for one week of intensive rehearsals to prepare for this incredible opportunity. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

📅 Dunedin Rehearsal Dates:

Brighten Community Hall

Monday, 12th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 13th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 14th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday, 15th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Friday, 16th February: Mayfair Theatre (Call Time Likely to be 4 pm but TBC with a finish time of Apron 9.45 pm)

Saturday, 17th February: Likely 9 am Rehearsal (TBC with details regarding lunch etc.)

Please note: If you cannot commit to these rehearsal times, participation may not be possible. This is a professional production with limited time, and the rehearsals are non-negotiable. Your dedication is vital to the success of our performance.


Don't miss out on this chance of a lifetime to be part of something truly extraordinary! Sign up now and let your dreams take flight with the Dunedin Children's Choir! 🎭

✨ #DreamcoatTour #YoungStars #JoinTheChoir

Plus, here are the rehearsal details to prepare you for this incredible journey! 🎵☀️

NZHL X RACE
Dunedin

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This is an adventure race for families of children aged 6-14 years. If you know anything about the TV series The Amazing Race, it's a child-friendly version of this. The sponsors for this event have a discount code that enables any Dunedin entrants to get 50% off the entry fee - Discount code: **HOT50**

PARENTING COURSES TERM 1 2024

Find new tools to help develop your parenting skills with practical ideas and great support through the following courses:

❖ **Toolbox Younger Years: Preschool / Primary** - 6-week course
Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am (Starts 21st Feb)

❖ **Toolbox Older Years: Primary / Tween/ Teen Years** - 6-week course
Wednesday 7-9pm (Starts 21st Feb)

Cost: \$85 Individual/ \$120 Couple, Subsidised rates available
Topics include: • The importance of love and connection • Different parenting styles • Discipline and boundaries • Understanding your child's big emotions / The teenage brain and risk-taking

Toolbox Enquiries to Michelle Morris, 027 2767833 michelle@catholicsocialservices.org.nz

❖ **Game on (for Dads)** - 6-week course
Wednesday 7-9pm (Starts 21st Feb) 6-week course.
Cost: \$85, Subsidised rates available

This group is run for Dads by Dads, to be the best Dad they can be for their kids. We will explore what we want for our kids and what we have to do to make a positive difference.
<https://www.gameonline.org.nz>

Game On Enquiries to Callum Hartstonge, 021 072 4952, callum@catholicsocialservices.org.nz

❖ **Incredible Years** - 14-week course.
Friday Morning course 9:30am-12pm in **Term 1 2024**, (Starts 23rd Feb)
Cost: FREE, participants need to be prepared to attend all sessions.

The Incredible Years Parent Programme for parents (or caregivers) who have young children aged from 3 to 8 years with challenging behaviours. The programme provides practical suggestions in every-day situations with a focus on you and your child's wellbeing.

Incredible Years Enquiries to CSS office 4553838, office@catholicsocialservices.org.nz

All courses run at Catholic Social Services (unless specified)
42 Macandrew Rd, South Dunedin

To register: CSS office: 4553838, www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/courses-events/



Dunedin Orienteering School Series 2024: (includes public courses)

School Series — Best three of four events count for school totals:

- Sunday 18th February - Kaikorai Valley College
- Sunday 25th February - Ross Creek — Craigieburn Reserve, Tanner Rd.
- Sunday 3rd March — Ocean Grove — Grant Braes AFC grounds
- Sunday 10th March — Waiora Scout Camp

(Courses open 10:30am- Noon with an introductory session starting prior at 10am).
All events open to the public, adults, beginners, and families welcome.
\$5 per student, \$10 per adult, and \$2 for Sportident Hire (timing chip) per event

Otago School Champs — Sunday 24th March:

- Mt Ross and Little Mt Ross, Sutton.

Further details to follow on the Dunedin Orienteering Website

Registration and further details on the Dunedin Orienteering Website: www.dunedinorienteering.org





Dunedin Institute of Traditional Karate

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- Fitness
- Self Defence

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Senior Instructors - Sensei John Marrable - 7th Dan - 021 231 3887
- Sensei Lee Hart - 4th Dan - 0277 386 012

www.dunedinkarate.co.nz



It's an ideal opportunity for parents to share in a life journey with their children!

Nothing is impossible - the word itself says ... "I'm possible"

TIM GILLAN
FOUNDER & DEVELOPMENT COACH
022 319 4055

**CROSS
OVER**
BASKETBALL

ATTN: BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Elevating game decision-making abilities, allowing players to strategically create or exploit advantages for their team. We prioritise values such as respect, leadership, and communication, fostering a positive and social environment. With engaging sessions focused on game scenarios, participants gain valuable experience to enhance their game."

If there are students eager to refine their skills for the 3X3 competition or prepare for the 5V5 season, this may be the solution. Parents can directly enrol their children using the following link: <https://shorturl.at/vCHK8>

South Dunedin STREET FESTIVAL



10am - 3pm

Saturday 16 March 2024

King Edward Street

Bring your own cups, drink bottles, shopper bags and food containers

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Adult Volunteers Needed as Ushers

Our local Professional Mens Basketball team, the Otago Nuggets, have 10 home games at the Edgar Centre this year from March through to July. We are offering **up to 4 FREE tickets** (conditions apply) & other benefits to everyone who volunteers. Parents, this is a very easy way for you to receive **FREE tickets** for your family to come along to an event that is held inside, is very entertaining and family friendly. Go to <https://forms.gle/bTSivmQnvs1oC2Ra9> to register or email Kath Richards at kath@otagonuggets.com.

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LESSONS FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

Learn how to skate in a safe, fun, and challenging environment!

Single-Day Memberships. This membership provides exclusive access to your chosen day every week. Term memberships are also available.

Lessons every Monday & Wednesday 4 PM - 4:45 PM and Saturdays 9:15 AM - 10 AM

No previous experience required

TO SIGN UP SCAN ME!

FREE TRIAL FOR KIDS ICE SKATING

Ice Skating is a fantastic way for kids to grow their confidence, coordination, and balance!

No experience or equipment is required.

START YOUR ICE SKATING JOURNEY HERE!!!

**SUNDAY 3RD MARCH
9:30AM - 10:15AM**

Our coaches will look after you on arrival to make sure you have the right equipment before you head onto the ice.

Come and try out our amazing sport!!!!

**TO SIGN UP
SCAN
ME!**



Or head to our website:
<https://www.dunedinicestadium.co.nz/>