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Great progress on new Hall



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

I hope you all had a lovely Easter Break! As this is another short week, just a quick message from me.

School Hāngī

Tomorrow (Friday 5 April) we will be holding our second school Hāngī organised by our Whānau Māori. This is going to be a wonderful whānau event with approximately 280 Hāngī meals pre-ordered. The Hāngī pit will be dug early on Friday morning at the far end of the Grant's Braes soccer field (diagonally opposite our school) and the fire lit at 9am. The food baskets will be put into the pit around 11am and food removed ready to serve at 5pm. Throughout tomorrow our tamariki will be wandering over to learn about the process at it's different stages and we welcome you to come and see this throughout the day also. We are hoping for a lovely autumn evening where whānau can set up a picnic area, but due to the rain today, it might be a good idea to bring a tarp. I am so looking forward to everyone collectively enjoying the kai and time together as a school whānau. Please join us, even if you have not ordered a Hāngī pack.

It is really important that we are kaitiaki (guardians) of the park and we need to make sure that this space is looked after and respected. Please ensure that you talk with your tamariki about respecting the grounds, trees and all areas of the park. Also, it is important that we are all in the same area and no one should be going into the Grant's Braes Kindergarten.

Just a reminder that we will be accepting a Koha (donation) on the night and, as this is a school event it is alcohol-free. Also, the Te Kahere toilets will be left open at school if these are required on the night.

New School Hall

As you will see by the photos on the front page, the school hall is coming along really well. Over the holiday period the kitchenette will be installed, ceiling tiles will be put up and the outside walls fully clad and painted. We are really looking forward to the hall being completed and ready for us to begin using part-way through next term.

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

GARETH TAYLOR

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

It's that time of the year again to consider if your children are going to play any of the three winter sports offered by our school.

Hockey, basketball and netball are offered for **ALL** age groups.

If your child wishes to play in a school team this winter season, you must fill in the registration on **KINDO** by **3pm on Monday 8th April** - with the exception of Y1/2 Hockey where you register your child directly. Late entries will not be accepted after this date. Entries are only accepted through the KINDO system.

Information went home to all families via email a couple of weeks back, and this same information is attached with this newsletter.



WHĀNAU HĀNGĪ

Important Things to Remember

- * We are looking forward to you joining us at 5.00pm tomorrow evening at the school field (Belford St Park).
- * BYO extra or alternative food and water
- * Bring your own cutlery (to minimise waste)
- * This is an alcohol-free event
- * We ask that you keep an eye on your own tamariki, to ensure that we leave the field as we found it. We are all kaitiaki (guardians) to this space.
- * A Koha (donation) given on the night or deposited into our school bank account 03 0905 0914747 00 with your surname and reference 'Koha' would be warmly received to cover our costs; however, please note this is not a fundraising event.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND 'OWN CLOTHES' DAY



****FRIDAY 12 APRIL***

Sausages in bread with tomato sauce @ \$2.50 each
Halal sausages in bread with tomato sauce @ \$2.50 each
Lemonade ice blocks @ \$1.00 each

Orders are to be made using KINDO only, and these will close at 9.00am on Wednesday 10 April (no late orders).

The PTA need a minimum of six helpers to assist with cooking and handing out of food on Friday 12th; please text Olivia on 027 3842531 ASAP to offer your help.

Friday 12 April will also be an 'Own Clothes Day' and funds raised will be supporting the SPCA.

Children are asked to bring along a gold coin donation on the day and give this to their class teacher OR should you wish to make your donation at the same time as ordering sausages & ice blocks, there is now the ability to do this via KINDO.



Friday 12th April sausage sizzle & dress as your favourite Animal. (or own clothes)

This own clothes day the Whānau leaders have chosen to raise money to support our local SPCA.

The SPCA believes that engaging, educating and building relationships with our communities and government is key to improving animal welfare in New Zealand and the Whānau leaders have chosen to support this.

Please help us support the great work of this organisation by bringing along a gold coin donation or making a deposit onto Kindo.

We look forward to seeing you as your favourite animal. (own clothes are also allowed)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GB SLAMMERS

This team finished 3rd in the post-Christmas season in the U11 grade!!!!

Their coaches, Ty and Nic, were stoked watching their development over the season and their evolution into a team to be reckoned with. Both their fielding and batting improved dramatically! This was a fabulous achievement as the Slammers were only one of two school teams in the grade (the rest were clubs) and they were probably the youngest team overall, Thank you so much Ty and Nic for your commitment and dedication to coaching these children; it was very much appreciated.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL.....



Already there have been some

tummy bugs, sore throats and other viruses (including Covid) about!

Please keep your child at home when they are unwell for two reasons - firstly, they do not learn or focus well when they are feeling 'under par', and secondly, to avoid bugs being spread to both our staff and other class members.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhea, it is important that they are kept away from school for **at least 48 hours from the last event!**

Our school has a 24 hour answer phone so please ring and leave a message to let us know if your child is not coming to school, or send an email to the office (office@grantsbraes.school.nz) and to the class teacher.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

Fri 5 April - Hāngī, 5.00pm

Mon 8 April - Radio Station visit, 8.55am

Wed 10 April - EPRO8, DNI, 10-2.30pm

Thurs 11 April - School Farewell to
Steve Harris

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

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

Visit the website -

[http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.html)

1893.html Enter the username (grantsbraes)
and p/wd (gbparents).

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.

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 before the holidays to check. Any un-named items still left in the Lost Property Box at the end of the term will be donated to our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop.



WIN a \$50 voucher of your choice- 4 available!

As we gear up for another school holiday break, we're thrilled to announce our giveaway of four \$50 school holiday vouchers! Four lucky winners will have the chance to choose a voucher for a fun-filled family activity during the upcoming school holidays. So, whether you're dreaming of a day at the zoo, an adventure at a theme park, or a cozy movie night in, we've got you covered. Or.... we can top up your mykindo account if you would prefer to put the money towards term two lunches.



T&C's apply. Every order goes in the draw. Four chances to win per order. Competition open to all New Zealand myKindo account holders. Competition closes and winners will be drawn at 11am on Friday 12 April 2024. No adult only gift vouchers permitted. No correspondence will be entered into.

HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS?

OR

HAVE YOU GOT A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

We need to have your most up-to-date details on your child's record here at school, especially in case of emergency.

Please send an email to office@grantsbraes.school.nz as soon as possible to advise of any change in details.

The Artists' Corner

65 Dunrobin Street, Waverley

ph: 0272745021

- Term 2 After School art programmes -

Our Term 2 after School Art programmes are now open for registration. Primary Art Discovery programmes are held on a Tuesday or Wednesday after school from 3.15pm - 5pm. Dates and details are on the website www.theartistscorner.co.nz



DUNEDIN NETFIT CLINIC

17th April 9am to 3pm Ages 6 - 12

Edgar Centre

Match Play, Skills, Nutrition, Fitness & More

\$75 includes t-shirt

+ NEW GOODIE BAGS

OPEN DAY

Small Sided Games, Registrations, FootTennis, BBQ, Boot Library, and a Fletcher Cup

Match 12:30 Kick off

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

Grantsbraesafc@gmail.com

LOOPY TUNES ON TOUR

*Concert for kids**

DUNEDIN

BRIGHTON

Sun, 28 April
10:30am & 1pm
Brighton Community Hall

MUSSELBURGH

Wed, 1 May
9:30 & 11am
Musselburgh Baptist Church

Bring your tamariki along for a fun interactive bilingual concert.

Grab your tickets here:
<http://tiny.cc/LoopyDunedin>

*This concert is aimed towards preschoolers to around 8yr olds, but ALL are welcome!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Enjoy a BBQ/salads and a chat with your neighbours. Stay as long or short as you like. Just bring yourself. Food and some drinks provided.

March is Neighbour Aotearoa Month, a special opportunity for people to come together. We are running one week late but that doesn't mean we can't get together in the neighbourhood.

We invite you to join with neighbours and the folk from the exercise classes, indoor bowls, karate club, young mums groups and others who meet at our community's facilities:

Friday 5th April * 6.00pm
St Philips Presbyterian community -
121 Belford Street.

Please RSVP by 1st April so we can organise catering
(stphilipsgb@gmail.com) or just come along and get to know your neighbours.



LEARN TO PLAY ICE HOCKEY

KIDS EDITION - AGE 4-13YRS
\$150 PER TERM

TUES AND/OR THURS
5.00-6.00PM

FIRST NIGHT GIVE-IT-A-GO FOR FREE
TUES 30TH APR / THUR 2ND MAY
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

LTP TERM STARTS MAY 7TH OR THU 9TH MAY (FOR 9 WEEKS)
 GEAR HIRE IS \$25 PER TERM (PLUS \$50 BOND - REFUNDABLE)

2024 LTP HEAD COACH
 Rebecca Lilly
 NZ Ice Fernz player
 Assisted by local experienced coaches



SCAN OR CODE
TO SIGN UP TODAY

LOCATION: DUNEDIN ICE STADIUM - 101 VICTORIA RD, ST KILDA

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER
 Email: secretary@dunedinicehockey.co.nz
 Payment can be made by eftpos, cash or bank transfer.
<https://forms.gle/VFHhbX5nEeSuQsha9>



FREE HOT SHOTS TENNIS COACHING!

THURSDAY 11th April @ THE EDGAR CENTRE 4pm & 5pm

NO COST & FREE ENTRY!

[Google Form Link](#)



mat@mattenniscoaching.co.nz
 027 3261816



School Holiday Program

MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY
4:00-5:00PM

FORGE THEIR POTENTIAL:
 BUILD CONFIDENCE,
 BODY AWARENESS &
 DISCIPLINE,
 IN A FUN, SUPPORTIVE
 ENVIRONMENT

WEEK 1:
 15th, 16th,
 19th APRIL
WEEK 2:
 22nd, 23rd,
 26th APRIL



THE FORGE GRAPPLING

Level 1
 72 Bond Street
 Dunedin

CONTACT US
admin@theforgegrappling.com
 Sarah - 0273084456

MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Otago Hockey and Otago Cricket join together for multisport days containing a variety of sports featuring the cricket inflatable!

Ages: 4-12
Dates: Thursday 18th, Friday 19th April
Time: 9am - 3pm
Location: McMillan Hockey Turf
Price: \$30 per child




SMASH PLAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Fun skills and games to develop your motor skills!
 Featured Activities: Bouncy Castle, Smash Play games, Paper Planes and more!

Ages: 4-10
Dates: Monday 15th & Monday 22nd April
Time: 9am - 2pm
Location: Edgar Centre
Price: \$30 per child



U13/15 ACADEMY PROGRAMME

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS APRIL 2024



TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

MCMILLAN HOCKEY CENTRE
 WITH SPECIALIST OTAGO COACHES

YEARS 5-8: 9am-12:30pm
YEARS 9-11: 1pm-4:30pm

COST - \$45 PER CHILD
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 JAIDEN CHAIKA - jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz

