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We celebrated Mr Harris' twenty-fours at Grant's Braes this morning with two farewell assemblies (one for Kōhaka and Te Kahere, and one with Kā Manu) and he was very touched by the wonderful singing by both groups, and the awesome gifts he received.

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

With tomorrow being the final day of term one, I would like to thank you all for your support to our kura. Next term will be exciting with the completion of our hall project, as well as the rich learning that we have planned for our ākoka.

However, tomorrow is also a sad day for our community as Mr Harris concludes his time as our beloved caretaker. Today, the tamariki presented him with the gifts that they made him, and tonight the staff will do the same at a farewell dinner in his honour. It has been lovely to see past staff coming in and spending time with Mr Harris to acknowledge what he has meant for them. I would like to formally thank Mr Harris on behalf of the school community, past and present, for all that he has done, his dedication to the school and tamariki, his knowledge and skills, but mostly for being such an incredible person. We wish him all the best for his retirement and look forward to hearing about all the adventures he plans to take.

School Hāngī

There is nothing like kai to bring people together! What an amazing school event last Friday night was and I feel so privileged to have been a part of the hāngī team throughout the day. All of our ākoka come over at various times throughout the day to learn about the process and to gain knowledge around the tikaka (Māori customary practices) of the hāngī. Sadly, I missed the last stages as I had a small accident and ended up at the Urgent Doctors. From the photos, messages that I received and accounts of the evening, the hāngī was a huge success. Thankfully, I was able to pick up some āngī packs and the food tasted incredible!

I wish to acknowledge our whānau Māori for their planning, organisation, and mahi (work), from making up the individual Hāngī packs the night before, helping to lay the hāngī, to serving the kai. A huge thank you needs to go to our Hāngī master - Ned Wall and his son Ty Wall for sharing their knowledge, skills and tikaka. I would also like to thank Whāea Logann for her organisation and sharing pūrākau, Amie Curtis for her support, Olivia Hills for ordering and organising all of the kai, Nature's Wonders for supplying the hard wood for the fire and Donny Thurston for supplying his digger to dig the Hāngī pit. Kā mihi nui.

EPRO8

Yesterday, two teams containing four engineers in each team competed in the local EPRO8 competition where they put their engineering and co-operative skills to the test to complete some exciting challenges. I would like to congratulate both teams as they did extremely well! The GB Champions team (Kurtis, Ethan, Alec, Nathan) gained second place and the GB Dobie Dudes (Braeden, Iwan, Alistair, Max) team won the competition. Both teams are competing in the regional final today at Dunedin North Intermediate. I would like to thank Mrs McKeever for her organisation and support in running this event, and thank you too to the parents who have helped with supervision and transport.

RADIO STATION VISIT

On Monday, our Tryathlon children were able to take up their prize of visiting 'The Hits' radio station, having a tour and learning more about how a radio station operates. Thank you to Rebecca McKeever for co-ordinating this visit, and to the parents who assisted with transport. I hear the children absolutely loved meeting Callum and 'P' and some also got to record some messages to be on air this week.

Have a wonderful break with your children, and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

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

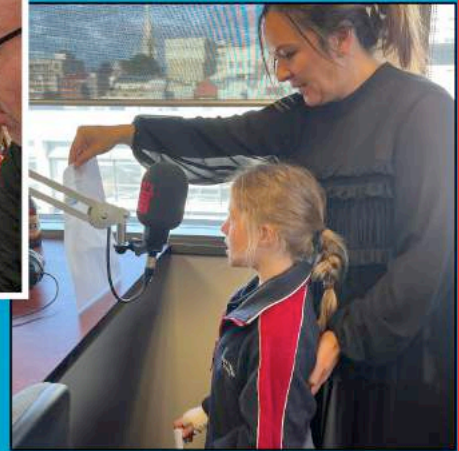
GARETH TAYLOR

EPRO8 SUCCESSES



We are extremely proud of these two teams of boys who attained first and second place in the regional EPRO8 Technology Challenge yesterday. These boys are away today competing at the Grand Final against other Year 5-6 students from around Otago and so we are excited to hear how they go. Thank you to the parents who supported these boys at both events, and a huge thank you to Rebecca McKeever for all her time spent in preparing these children for the competition.

RADIO STATION VISIT



The Weetbix Tryathlon children were able to take advantage of the prize they won and were treated to 'The Hits' station tour on Monday. Callum and P, and other 'Hits' staff gave them all an awesome time, and you may even have heard some of them on the radio throughout the week as their pre-recorded messages are played.

The hāngī held last Friday night was a fabulous school event, and it has been awesome hearing all the positive accolades to come from it. Huge thank you to the wonderful team who were involved in all the planning for this; the group of people who came along and prepped all the food packages on Thursday evening; to the amazing group of parents and grandparents who came and helped on the day with all the work involved in actually putting the hāngī down, and back up again ready for our families to eat. And thank you too to all of you, our school community for coming along and supporting this meaningful cultural event.

HANGI PREP



HANGI ENJOYMENT



UPSTANDERS CREW 2024



This term our Upstanders have been working to recognise inclusion versus exclusion through role play incorporating the arts/drama curriculum components. Next term the U.C will be developing and writing their **own bullying prevention play** to perform. We have a few other extras in store so watch this Upstanders Crew space!! Kapai to all members for all the hard mahi this term! Kia atawhai! Whaea Red.



Sophia and Gabriella represented Grant's Braes School last weekend in the Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships. Sophia won her heat for breaststroke but didn't manage to qualify for a medal. We are very proud of both girls; there were 73 competitors in their section, and Gabriella was the youngest.

KĀ MANU VISIT TOITU



The children in Kā Manu syndicate visited Toitu Museum this week as part of their Inquiry “Who are we and how can we come together?”. This was an awesome Education Outside The Classroom experience for the children with lots of valuable knowledge gained.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING A GOLD COIN
DONATION ALONG TO THEIR TEACHER TOMORROW
(FRIDAY) OR POP THROUGH ON KINDO
(AVAILABLE UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING. 14TH APRIL)**



**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)

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The PTA will, as usual, be organising a Mothers Day Raffle at the start of next term. The PTA always appreciate the donation of items from parents to be used as prizes, so this is an 'advance request' for when you may be shopping over the school holidays!

To make this a success, especially for the children, suitable items to be used as prizes are for example - chocolates, hand-creams, soaps, jewellery, nice coffee mugs, etc etc.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school's PTA.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

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



Anzac Day

**POPPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE OFFICE COUNTER.
A DONATION TO THE R.S.A.
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**



4th - 29th March 2024

If you and your family decided to be part of the Whānau Challenge, please note the date for putting your info through has now been extended to Sunday 14 April.

TOTS TO TEENS CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

Don't miss!

MORENA,

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SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION

School Docs Access

Visit the website -

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

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

Winter sport team information

has been emailed home. **The only spaces we have in teams are for Y5/6 Netball only.** If your Y5/6 child would like to play Netball for our school, please email Jen. If your child's team is without a coach, please consider coaching and let Jen know if you can help out.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS / 22-24 APRIL

CLINIC

Years 4-6 12pm-1.30pm / Years 7-8 1.30pm-3pm
\$25 per day / RSVP 19 April to kath@otagonuggets.com

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)



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Join Pakistan Association of Otago in celebrating

EID MELA CARNIVAL

Attractions

- Food stalls
- Henna stalls
- Face painting
- Kids magic show
- Live music
- Bouncy castle
- Cultural dress stalls

Save the date!

12th April (Friday), 4pm

Venue: South City Mall, 110 King Edward Street, South Dunedin

Free entry!

For booking stalls and other details, please contact
Humera Fiaz (0223503096)
President of Pakistan Association of Otago
CEO of Hums Beauty Clinic

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