



## **PALS NEWS**



Last week our PALS (Physical Activity Leaders) went to a training session with Sport Otago facilitators at the Edgar Centre, and learnt new skills and games to teach to our children in the lunch breaks. These photos show the children in training mode, then putting into practice what they learnt with children at our school this week.

# 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**

Ahead of us are two short weeks sandwiched between Public Holidays. Next Monday is our region's Anniversary Day and Easter is the following week. It is not often that Easter falls within the school term and, as a result, this year schools during Easter are closed from Good Friday (30 March) to Easter Tuesday (2 April). I wish you all a lovely couple of weeks and hope that you all enjoy special time with your whānau.

Sara Carr will be on refreshment leave in Term 2 to enjoy some overseas travel with her family and Rebecca Barrow will be leading the Kā Manu team in her absence. Intervention programmes for Kā Manu will cease at the end of Term 1 and will recommence on her return in Term 3. We are pleased to share that Katie Wenborn will be releasing Rebecca Barrow and working in Kākā every Friday and alternate Wednesdays for Term 2. We wish Sara well in her travels and look forward to her return, refreshed from her trip overseas.

Our congratulations to Whaea Erin and Tom who were married last Saturday. We were so pleased that the weather 'held off' for them for their special day, and we look forward to welcoming Erin back next week, and seeing some photos and hearing all about it.

## **Physical Activity Leaders - PALs**

Once again I would like to introduce our PALs; Danielle, Josh, Millie, Max, Coraline, Valentina, Braeden, Iwan and Phoebe. Last Thursday, Mrs Stevenson accompanied our PALs to the Edgar Centre where they received training from Sport Otago facilitators. They were involved in many activities on how to organise and run effective games and activities at lunchtimes for our ākoka. This included the importance of ensuring activities and games are inclusive to all, and explored ways of adapting these so that all students can be successful. As a result, this week the PALs have started successfully running fun activities for the ākoka (students). I would like to thank Mrs Stevenson for her ongoing support and guidance of these leaders.

## **Lit Quiz**

I would like to congratulate our Lit Quiz competitors for working so well together, and being incredible ambassadors for our kura. We are really proud of them all and it is exciting to share that our teams were all placed, with the team of Hector, Fede, Max and Charlotte coming second in the Year 5/6 competition. A huge thank you and sincere appreciation to Sonya Power and Sarah Goudie for taking on the responsibility of the supervision and transportation of our ākoka, and grateful thanks also to Abdallah Hage-Sleiman for transporting students back to school after the event. I know Rebecca McKeever was very proud of the competitors and I would like to thank her again for her organisation of this wonderful opportunity and ensuring that they were all well prepared for the event.

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

**GARETH TAYLOR**



# LIT QUIZ IN ACTION LAST WEEK



Our three Kā Manu teams who competed in the Year 5/6 Lit Quiz held last week all did very well, and we are very proud of them all.

The team with Hector, Fede, Max and Charlotte came 2nd; Cameron, Braeden, Iwan and Victoria came 3rd and Coraline, Gaia, Heba and Sophia finished 5th. Well done to you all!

## 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 on Tuesday, and this same information is attached with this newsletter.



# **\*\*WHĀNAU HĀNGĪ\*\***

We welcome you to join us at **5pm on FRIDAY 5th APRIL**, at the school field (Belford St Park) for our annual whānau hāngī.



A hāngī is a traditional way Māori would prepare and cook a meal and includes delicious (healthy) food and tikaka (customs). Food is steamed underground using hot rocks and the food has a unique, earthy taste. The process will start in the morning with kai ready to eat late afternoon.

Our tamariki will have the opportunity to see the full process. From digging the pits, to watching the fire heat the stones and the food being laid. It would be great for them to enjoy the feast at the end of the day too!

Kai will be laid in pre-packaged parcels, with the option of meat + veges; vegetable-only (vegan) and this time, there will also be a halal option for our whānau.

We have a wonderful, supportive community and we are working with local suppliers to donate or supply discounted food. Koha (a donation) given on the night would be warmly received to cover any costs, but please note this is not a fundraising 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.

To help us cater to numbers, **please use KINDO** to select the quantity/type of parcels you'd like. Please place **your order by 12noon on Tuesday 2nd April** (note, no late orders accepted as we have to get all the food orders in to our suppliers).

If hāngī isn't your thing, we welcome everyone to come with your own kai and still partake in this fun event. You could always order one parcel to try!

Note, this is an alcohol-free event.

## **Quick info:**

- \* School Hāngī - all whānau welcome
- \* Friday 5 April, from 5pm
- \* School field on Belford Street
- \* Order hāngī packs on Kindo
- \* Koha (donation) welcomed
- \* BYO extra or alternative food and water
- \* Bring your own cutlery (to minimise waste)



If the weather is not going to be suitable for this event to go ahead, you will be advised on Wednesday 3 April.



### 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](mailto: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.

## 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!

### 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.





## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1

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  
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

 **SCHOLASTIC**

**ISSUE 2** catalogues went home with the children a couple of weeks back. The closing date for orders to be in is **9am, TOMORROW, Friday, 22 March 2024.**

## **OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

If your child would like to be involved in the Otago Primary School Swimming Championships, please let Jen know (no later than 3pm on Thursday, 28 March). You must check out the information by clicking on this link <https://cutt.ly/MwZRRkXe>

Please note - there are strict qualifying times that must be met in order to enter.

## **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.



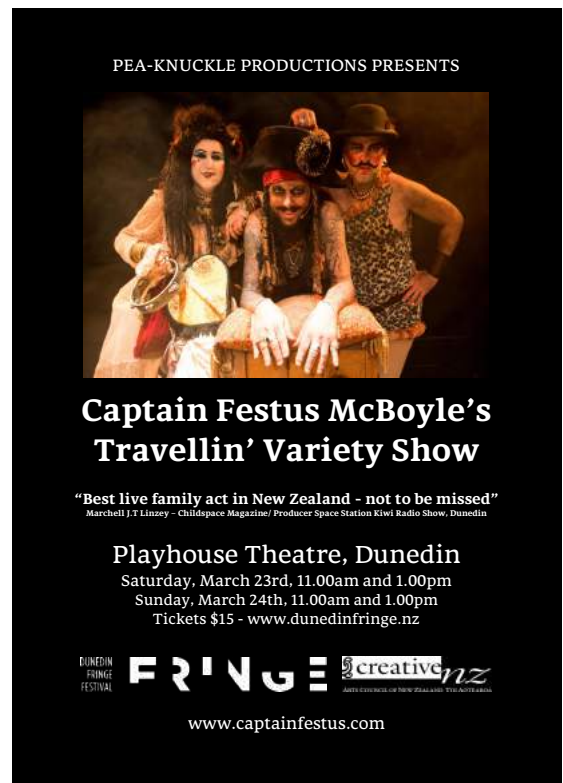
4th - 29th March 2024

## **SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION** **School Docs Access**

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

If you and your family have decided to be part of the Whānau Challenge, please note that the following is the updated link to now use to access the resources <https://bit.ly/3vbGzNm> - no longer use the QR code.





## Are you going overseas for the school holidays?

When you return, you can now complete a digital **New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD)** before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane.

Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the [NZTD website](https://nztd.govt.nz) or by downloading the [NZTD app](https://nztd.govt.nz), and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand.

Download the NZTD app today!



[travellerdeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)







# \*JUNIOR BALLERS\*



## 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](mailto:kath@otagonuggets.com)

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)



### Night 'n Day Otago Nuggets Junior Baller's Clinic

#### Dates:

Monday 22 April, Tuesday 23 April and Wednesday 24 April

#### Time:

12noon -1.30pm: Years 4-6 only  
1.30pm-3.00pm: Years 7-8 only

**Venue:** Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

**Cost:** \$25.00 per child per day

#### Register online:

<https://forms.gle/Lbfzg7MEbBsoZNPM9>

**Contact email:** [kath@otagonuggets.com](mailto:kath@otagonuggets.com)

## CROSS OVER BASKETBALL

# HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SEASON PREPARATION

### School Years 3 - 6

Includes talented Year 2's & Fresh Year 7's  
April 2024

Edgar Centre, Dunedin  
Memorial Park Gym, Mosgiel  
Waitaki Recreation Centre, Oamaru



[Register Today](#)



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TE HIRANGA TANGATA

### South Dunedin Service Centre is Moving

From Wednesday 1 May 2024 the team will be based at  
**Te Kāika Service Centre**  
**25 College Street, Caversham.**

(Pedestrian Entrance on Ranfurly Street, car park entrance on Playfair Street)

We will close the South Dunedin Service Centre at  
2pm on Wednesday 24 April.



If you need help while we are moving please visit  
MyMSD or call 0800 559 009 or 0800 552 002 for  
Seniors

## ANZAC DAY School Holiday Activities in the Golden Centre Poppy Making for Little People

Join us in making felt poppies for huge ANZAC  
Day display in the Golden Centre.\*

When: Wednesday 17th | Thursday 18th | Friday  
19th | Tuesday 23rd | Wednesday 24th April  
Where: Centre Court, near Boost Juice  
What time: 11am – 1pm



The child who makes the best poppy each day, wins a prize! See  
[www.goldencentre.co.nz](http://www.goldencentre.co.nz) for more info.

*\*All materials supplied. Places available on a first come, first served basis. Children must  
be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Competition T's & C's apply.*