



Kōhaka Catchup

Kōhaka is a busy place! While the tamariki are working hard in their literacy groups, the other children are learning through their play.



Phoenix has made a computer out of boxes and paint.



Liam enjoys reading a story to the Kea in Kea!



Ash and Scarlett are busy drawing tiny little pictures.



Tamariki are working hard in their literacy groups with Ms Tait.



Pippa is making a creation using boxes and tape.



Briar and Paige are seeing how far they can squirt the water.

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

Happy Leap Day! It is so exciting to have an extra day and I hope you make the most of it!

I felt extremely grateful to visit Auckland kura last week and see the amazing mahi that they were undertaking. I found this to be very affirming to what we are doing at our school, but also gave me some wonderful ideas and initiatives that we will explore. The 'Welcoming School for Former Refugees' seminar that I attended on Friday was of equal benefit and it gave me an in depth knowledge of how to welcome and support whānau that arrive at our school.

Our kura has had the absolute privilege to have Mr Harris as our Caretaker/Cleaner for the past 24 years, but sadly, for us, he will be retiring at the end of this term. We are all very excited for Steve and his family on this next stage of his life, but equally sad that we will be losing such an amazing person who has given so much to the tamariki, staff and whānau over the years. He will be sorely missed and we will celebrate his time with us in due course. The Board will be looking at his position and exploring a variety of options, and would welcome any expressions of interest in this role. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you, or someone you know, would like to discuss this opportunity further.

Our first Hui Whānau was held on Tuesday this week. I am excited to announce that the school Hāngī will be held on Friday 5 April. This is of course weather dependent and a decision will be made early if required. More information to come in the following weeks.

My thanks to our fabulous PTA for a successful first fundraiser for the year with the selling of juicies, and thank you too to you, our wonderful families, for your support of this. Collection of orders began yesterday afternoon, and the last of these are available for pick up from Room Toroa this afternoon between 4.00-5.30pm.

Work on our new school hall is coming along very well, and it is great to see doors and windows have been installed. The tradies are currently working on lining the walls. We are very hopeful that the hall will be all finished and ready for an early Term 2 official opening.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

Celebrating Te Ao Māori on Our Website

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Again, we wish to extend our warmest gratitude to our school whānau for your contributions to the development of our strategic plan. Your feedback during the community consultation process was very valuable, and we are pleased to announce that we have taken on board your suggestions, and it will shortly be published to our website.

At Grant's Braes School, we are committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and as such, our communications strive to include Māori kupu, (words) peha, (phrases) kīwaha, (idioms) and pūrākau (stories). By embracing these elements, we aim to share mātauraka (knowledge/wisdom) and mana (power/authority) with our hāpori (community) effectively. We are excited to share that the Te Ao Māori space on our website is live and accessible. This significant addition aims to enhance our communication and promote cultural understanding within our school community. Whānau who wish to delve deeper into the meanings behind the te reo used in school communications can now easily access the kuputaka (glossary) section under the "Te Ao Māori" link, found within the "Our Learning" drop-down menu from the top bar of our website or you can follow this link: [Te Ao Māori Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Koau Grant's Braes School](#); and click on the sidebar to find the kuputaka section and/or other elements of Te Ao Māori within our school community; including commonly used karakia and waiata for example.

We sincerely thank you for your patience and support while this space was being developed. It is our hope that this resource will make communication more accessible and easier to interpret for everyone involved and assist us all as we continue to foster a culturally responsive environment within our school.

A special acknowledgement goes to Whaea Logann for her dedication and effort in creating this excellent and valuable addition to our website. The kuputaka pages she has curated can be printed and referenced, allowing whānau to familiarise themselves with commonly used te reo terms. These are an attachment to this newsletter.

To acknowledge/appreciate mana whenua as well as enriching and localising our curriculum kaiako are encouraged to use Kāi Tahu mita (dialect).

In Te Waipounamu - Kāi Tahu Rōhe

- Ng's can be swapped for K's. Throughout this document Ng's have been swapped for K's - unless for explicit sound learning.
- 'Kei' at times can be changed to 'Kai' e.g. Kai te pēhea koe?

There are other differences also, though these are the most noticeable changes, any additional changes will be noted as they are mentioned.

Once again, we express our heartfelt appreciation to our school whānau for your ongoing support and collaboration in enriching our school community.

Nāku iti nei, nā,

Nicola Wall,

On behalf of the BOT, Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Koau Grant's Braes School



'PIZZA AND ICE-BLOCK DAY'

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

The PTA are organising this first Pizza & Ice Block Day for the year and orders, as usual, are to be made on KINDO only.

Flavours available @ \$2 per slice, are -

* Cheese * Ham & Cheese * Pepperoni * GF Ham & Cheese * Vegan Cheese

Ice-blocks @ \$1 each

ORDERS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED VIA KINDO, AND THESE WILL **CLOSE AT 9.00am**
ON WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED).



Friday 8th March. Whānau Colour Own Clothes and Pizza Day.

On Friday 8th March we will be supporting the Ōtepoti-Dunedin Whānau Refuge. This group advocates for women, whānau, tamariki (children) and rangatahi (youth) supporting a pathway to safety, regardless of ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socio-economic circumstances. Their aim is to eliminate family violence in our community by providing support, advocacy, education, and awareness.

To help support this fantastic group please bring along a small item that can be used by the whānau refuge to support Dunedin's community. They are always in need of toiletries for their women and children (Toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, roll-on deodorant, shampoo, conditioner etc.) but anything you can supply will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people!

Belford House Colour - Green

Dunrobin House Colour - Red

Larnach House Colour - Blue

Mathieson House Colour - Orange



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

Tues 5 & Wed 6 March - EPRO8
 Fri 8 March - Pizza/Own Clothes Day
 Tues 12 March - WalknWheel Day
 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
PLEASE NOTE - Tues 2nd is a holiday also
 Fri 5 April - Hangi
 Wed 10 April - EPRO8, DNI, 10-2.30pm
 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 -

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School Docs Access

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

MOVE IT MARCH!

Keep your eyes peeled for more info coming out next week to each child



SUMMER SPORTS PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Sparks - Max (Pūkeko)
 Hurricanes - Braeden (Kororā)
 Aces - Mason (Kororā) - 21/2

Touch

Kōwhai - Zach (Mānuka)
 Kakariki - Neve (Kororā)
 Waiporoporo - Scarlett (Mataī) - 15/2
 Waiporoporo - Jack (Kōwhai)

GirlGuiding NZ ...

Is a non-profit organisation where girls can be girls, where they will discover their passions, contribute to their communities and form friendships in a safe and positive environment. We offer a huge range of activities from science, music, drama, camping, outdoor skills, cooking and so much more! It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders.

In Waverley we have:

- **Pippins** for 5-6 year olds meeting Mondays from 4:30-5:30pm.
- **Brownies** for 7-9.5 year olds meeting Mondays from 6-7:30pm
- **Guides** for 9.5-12.5 year olds meeting Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm
- **Rangers** for 12.5-17 year olds meeting on Tuesdays in the central city from 6:30-8:30pm

If this sounds like your girl then please make an enquiry at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/find-a-unit/#girlenquiryform> or find more information at www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

Your
 adventure
 is just
 beginning!

Good Luck !!!!!

To all the students who are doing the **Weetbix Tryathlon** this weekend! If you are heading to the tryathlon, look for our Grant's Braes School signs and gazebo. Olivia Hills is going to be the contact person so have a look for her too. (Please send any good photos to office@grantsbraes.school.nz) for next week's newsletter!)



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.

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"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

PLAY AT THE SHARKS IN 2024!

ALL EXISTING & NEW PLAYERS & FAMILIES WELCOME

REGISTRATION & FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 12 MIDDAY



DUNEDIN CLUBROOMS
KETTLE PARK
12 MOANA RUA ROAD



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JOIN OUR CLUB



CLUB OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 10th MARCH 2023

12.00pm till 2.00pm

Culling Park Clubrooms, 35 Royal Crescent,
Dunedin.



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN ONLINE
SPACES AVAILABLE AT ALL AGE LEVELS FROM 3 to 17
YEARS OLD, BOYS and GIRLS.

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