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WELCOME TO
Maisie
who started in Room 2
this week



THIS PAST WEEK!!!!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

We are nearing the end of the second last week of the school year! It is incredible to think there is only one full week of the term left! Last week was certainly an eventful and exciting one!

On Thursday the Mandarin Enrichment group, supported by Mrs McAuley and five Mandarin Learning Assistants, organised and ran a Chinese Immersion Day. The day was filled with incredible activities from dumpling making to fan dancing. This was a truly memorable day and it was very powerful for the students who were all enriched by this experience. I would like to thank the Mandarin Enrichment Group and Mrs McAuley for all of the organisation, as well as everyone who helped on the day.

Last Friday, our school held a Talent Show organised and hosted by Mr Howell. Auditions were held and twelve acts performed in two different sections. Three judges were given the difficult task of deciding places for the acts and they gave wonderful feedback to all of the students/groups. I would like to thank all of the students who auditioned and performed, and a huge thank you to Mr Howell, the judges and all of the people who helped to organise this Talent Show. Our school certainly has a lot of talent!

Junior and Middle swimming started this week and will continue next week also. This is being held at the Anderson's Bay School Pool. Once again we are indebted to our parents and caregivers who are accompanying the classes and supporting the students.

This week's assembly on Friday is a celebration of the learning that has been undertaken in the various Enrichment and Extension opportunities at our school. This will start at 1:30pm with an unveiling of the Technology Group's winning concept, 'The School Chill-Out Zone', followed by a showcase in the Hall of the other groups. I look forward to seeing you there!

Also, just a reminder, our school is holding a Community Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 12th December @ 3.10pm to thank all of the wonderful people who have supported our school in so many ways over this year. This includes so many of you - with all the help you gave for our hugely successful Fair, on the PTA, in the classrooms, on trips, on road patrol, uniform shop, sports team coaches and managers, in fact the list is endless!!!!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Hei kona mai I roto I ngā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

PIWAKAWAKA AND RURU

YEAR 5 CHILDREN FROM THESE TWO CLASSES ENJOYED THEIR WHITE WATER RAFTING EXPERIENCE ON THE TAIERI RIVER



IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE - SCHOOL REPORTS

Due to the very tight time frame in getting School Reports processed for our Senior Syndicate children, and for the Middle and Junior Syndicate children who are receiving these, School Reports will now be going home with children on Wednesday afternoon, 13 December.

Children in the Junior and Middle Syndicates have already been given letters advising of their new classes and teachers for 2018, and yesterday were given the opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates.

Senior Syndicate children, along with Year 3's moving into this Syndicate next year, will meet their new home-room teacher, and receive their letter next Wednesday.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017

Next Friday 15th December

Our Year 6 Leavers Assembly will be held at Bayfield High School, commencing at 11.30am. All the school children will come down to Bayfield High School by bus.

This will finish at approximately 12.45pm and it would be appreciated if all children could be collected from Bayfield at this time. For any children who are unable to be collected, they will walk back to school, and we would request they be collected by 1.30pm please.

CLASSROOM STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

2018

For 2018, we are introducing a new system of purchasing your children's stationery requirements.

Our teachers have formulated their class' stationery requirements, and these lists have been forwarded to OfficeMax 'MySchool'.



We are just waiting on confirmation from them that our lists have all been processed and once this is received, I will send home a brochure containing further information.

What this means is that we will **no longer be having a Stationery Sales Day** here at school - **all Stationery is to be purchased online through OfficeMax 'MySchool'** with payment direct to them via credit/debit card. It is important to order in plenty of time before school commences next year. There is a **delivery fee for orders under \$46** so we would suggest getting together with a friend to do your ordering, and this will then avoid having to pay this fee. Children will thus have the correct books and items that their teachers want them to have, and they can be covered and named prior to starting back on the 30th January.

I will not be holding any stock for the classrooms here, other than packs for New Entrant children.

All New Entrant children will continue to buy their stationery through school.

All parents and caregivers who have given help and support to our school in any way at all this year are invited to our Afternoon Tea - see details below. As this is primarily intended for our adult helpers, please arrange for your children to play in the playground or alternative care arrangements. Thanks.



wish to say

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

to you for your wonderful support of our school this year

To show our appreciation, we'd love for you to join us for Afternoon Tea in the School Hall at 3.10pm on Tuesday 12th December

UNIFORM SALES - 2018

New uniform sales will be available on **Thursday 25 January from 10.00am - 1.00pm.**

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will have their stock available and will open in the Hall at the same time. Any families leaving our School and who wish to donate or on-sell uniform, please drop this into the school office when open. Bring your bank account details also for payment to be made into when items are sold.

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Aces - Lily Bulmer
Sparks - Max Nation
Tigers - Charlie Maclean and Sophie Megget
Rockets - Addie Te Huna
Dragons - Marlon Scott
Stars - Nick Woodley
Hurricanes - Sam Parker and Alex McKeever
Dolphins - Marshall Rabbette (Game 1) and Adam Baikie (Game 2)
Nuggets - Georgia White

Tee Ball

Slammers - Mia Wall
Giants - Lachlan Sime

Touch Rugby

Keas - Patrick McEwan



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 8 Dec - Enrichment Groups Assembly, 1.30pm

- Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle

Mon 11 Dec - BOT Meeting, 6.30pm

Mon 11 - Thurs 14 Dec - Juniors/Middle Swimming

Fri 8 Dec - Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle

Tues 12 Dec - Community Afternoon Tea, 3.10pm

Wed 13 Dec - Reports home (change of date)

Friday 15 Dec - Leavers Assembly, 11.30am

Bayfield High School

- last day of school, 2017

First Day at school for 2018 - Tuesday, 30 January

SPORTS DRAWS

Touch Rugby - today

Falcons vs Wakari Gold, Oval 5A @ 3.45pm

Keas vs Abbots 2, Oval 7A @ 3.45pm

Hawks vs Waikouaiti 5/6, Oval 13 @ 4.15pm

Please do not park on the grass at the Oval.

Tee Ball - Saturday 9 December

Giants vs BYE

Dodgers vs BYE

Slammers vs Tainui Panthers, Bathgate 1 @ 9.00am

For cancellations, please list to MORE FM in the mornings or phone the cancellation line 471 7555.

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 4, 2017

There are no policies to be reviewed by the community this term. However, if you wanted to read our policies, these can be found by following the instructions below:

Visit the website -

<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).

Follow the link to the relevant Policy as listed.

Read the Policy.

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type "Parent".

Enter your name (optional).

Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, School Office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

MUFTI DAY

**TOMORROW
Friday 8 December**

A gold coin donation is requested from every pupil to be donated to 'Foodshare' to help families who are in need. Please take this to your classroom teacher.

Your support of this very worthy organization is appreciated.

REMINDERS: Please check **Lost Property** before the end of the school year as any clothing left at the end of the year will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

Please make sure all **Library Books and Readers** are returned to your child's classroom teacher ASAP. Thanks.

EASY LUNCHES have now finished for this year.

The first delivery to schools again will be WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY.



REMINDER

A box for donations of food or drink towards Orphans Aid food hampers for families in need is located in the foyer if you wish to contribute.

**LOTS OF HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME INFO
AVAILABLE UP ON FAMILY
NOTICEBOARD.**

**18
sleeps
until
Christmas**