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WELCOME TO

Reghan and Mohammed
who both started in Room 2 this
week, joining their older siblings
here at Grant's Braes



FIRST 'HOUSE' SPORTS DAY



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

It is hard to believe it is the last day of November and that Christmas is literally just around the corner! It has been an exciting and busy week at Grant's Braes with the Year 6 Orange Day, Year 5 Rafting trip and Rooms 2&3's assembly all on last Friday. The Grant's Braes Kindergarten participated in a Sports day on Tuesday run by our Physical Activity Leaders. Today is the Chinese Immersion Day and tomorrow is our School Talent Quest. Next week is the start of the Middle and Junior Syndicate's Swimming Block and there is a Junior Trip to Pixie Town at Toitu. All of these amazing opportunities have resulted in a wonderful buzz at school and I would like to thank all of the teachers involved in the organisation and running of these events. Also, a huge thank you to the parents and caregivers who have supported these activities too.

The 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.

Our teachers have been working extremely hard, over and above everything else happening at the moment, to get final data and write end of year reports for our students. These will be coming home on Monday 11 December for Senior Syndicate children, and for those in Junior and Middle Syndicates who are receiving Anniversary/Progress Reports.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

Action Stations

Pukeko and Toroa



Learning woodwork skills by making cars



Fruit art - looking at details and colours



Designing and making things with shells



Planting seeds and growing things



Creating a fairy garden



Designing pot decorations and making 'grass heads'

Taste of China!



ENRICHMENT GROUPS INFORMATION

* Ceramic Art Group- 'James and the Giant Peach Exhibition' Friday 1st December, 6.00pm Macandrew Bay Hall

* Enrichment/Extension Groups Assembly, Friday 8th December - 1.30pm Opening of the Chill Out Zone (Technology Group) with other group items to follow at 2.00pm



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

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Futsal

Sparks - Sammy Kinnaird
Tigers - Mae Lowrey
Rockets - Austin Heggie
Dragons - Levi Simpson
Flames - Eli Campbell
Comets - Max Wells
Dolphins - Max Barker
Nuggets - Claudia Nicholson
Nuggets Luca Nicholson (22/11)

Tee Ball

Slammers - Yash Prasad (18/11)
- McKenzie Wallace (25/11)
Dodgers - Gregor Watts
Giants - Lorna Watts (18/11)
- Logan Wilson (25/11)

Rippa Rugby

Green - Charlie Stevenson
Yellow - Max Stevenson

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.

SPORTS DRAWS

Touch Rugby - today

Falcons vs, St Clair 4, Oval 5A @ 3.45pm
Keas vs Kaikorai Crusaders, Oval 9A @ 3.45pm
Hawks vs SBS Sharks, Oval 1 @ 4.15pm
Please do not park on the grass at the Oval.

Tee Ball - Saturday 2 December

Giants vs Tainui Sluggers, Bathgate 13 @ 9am
Dodgers vs GSN Gold, Bathgate 10 @ 10am
Slammers vs Elmgrove, Bathgate 1 @ 9.00am
For cancellations, please list to MORE FM in the mornings or phone the cancellation line 471 7555.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 1 Dec - Talent Quest Finals, 1.30pm

Mon 4 - Thur 7 Dec - Juniors/Middle Swimming

Fri 8 Dec - Enrichment Groups Assembly, 1.30pm

Mon 11 - Thurs 14 Dec - Juniors/Middle Swimming

Fri 8 Dec - Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle

Mon 11 Dec - Reports home

Tues 12 Dec - Community Afternoon Tea, 3.10pm

Friday 15 Dec - Leavers Assembly, 11.30am

Bayfield High School

- last day of school, 2017

First Day at school for 2018 - Tuesday, 30 January

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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INFORMATION

There are a number of organisations offering Holiday Programmes and these are all shown on our Family Noticeboard in the office area :-

- * Magic Kids Club
- * Kelly Sports
- * Relax Kids Club
- * Playball

Colourful friendship bracelets available for sale - great stocking fillers or Christmas presents for friends

These are now \$2 each and all the money goes to VSA. If you would like one please see Gaylene, or Cam in Piwakawaka.



2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This opens the first Friday each month.

It will be open tomorrow, Friday 1 December between 8.45am - 9.15am only. Other times by appointment.



lunch orders will be available for the last time this year, next **Wednesday 6 December.**

Envelopes are sitting by "Milly the Mailbox". Orders must be placed into 'Milly The Mailbox' by **9.00am** next Wednesday morning please. **Correct change please!** Subway lunch orders will continue to be offered the first Wednesday of each month unless notified otherwise.

There are still a few of these fantastic **Truffle Mix** jars available for sale!

They are **\$8 each, or 3 for \$20** and make great Christmas pressies for teachers, neighbours, grandparents, friends or in fact 'anyone'!!!!

Pop in to the office to buy - **cash only please** as this is a PTA fundraiser.

First In * First Served *
Once they are gone, they're gone!!!



It takes many tails to tell the greatest story ever.

