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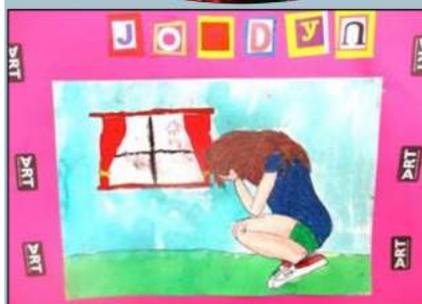
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WELCOME TO Emil who joined Room 2 this week



In two groups, our Senior Syndicate children visited the Art Gallery and Civil Defence Bunker this week, and this was a fabulous completion to their Inquiry Topic on "Natural Disasters".



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

Officially today is the last day of winter! The lovely glimpse of spring weather was felt over the weekend and so uplifting to see daffodils in the gardens, blossom on the trees and new lambs in the paddocks!

I would like to congratulate Room 1 for hosting such an entertaining assembly last Friday. The children certainly showcased all of the wonderful learning they have been undertaking in their class! The next parent assembly will be host by Room 5 on Friday 8 September, starting at 2:10 sharp and I look forward to seeing you there.

I attended the Fair meeting on Monday evening and PTA meeting last night, and I would like to acknowledge the hard work of everyone involved in these committees. The dedication to the school is amazing and I really appreciate the realistic ways they are looking to raise much needed funds for the school. There is now two months to the fair and everything is progressing really well with items coming in and being sorted. It will be a wonderful family event so be sure to look for ways you can support this. Thank you for your support of the Father's Day raffle; I'm sure there will be some very happy Dads on Sunday!!

The Senior Syndicate children have been very well prepped by Mr Howell and the other teachers in the senior school for their 'Stars on Stage' performance at the Regent Theatre this coming Monday night, and we are all very excited to see their hard work over this term come to fruition on the 'big stage'.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

ROOM 4 CLASS CATCHUP



In Room 4 we have the most fun learning together! Here we are doing Cosmic Kids Yoga, sharing news, brainstorming in Inquiry, talking about Math problems and reading a great story. By interacting and cooperating with one another we achieve success as a team!

Board Update

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We would like to thank you once again for contributing to our community consultation process, whether in person or via questionnaire. During this process it has come to the Board's attention that perhaps we did not provide enough information around our religious-based programme questions (Bible in Schools/Christian Religious Education, including Champions for the senior children) and the following information seeks to clarify this.

The reason why we have requested feedback on our religious-based programme is that it relates to our school's character (alongside other factors), and we need to determine whether our community values having religious instruction or not.

- To help us make this decision, we therefore asked parents and caregivers whether they value the current Christian-based programme offered by our school
- If our community wishes to continue with religious instruction we would need to decide when to run this programme. We therefore explored whether parents would be comfortable with considering delivery of this programme over a lunchtime (an option adopted by many other schools)

The current Education Act 1964 (Section 78) allows Boards to permit religious instruction or observance during periods when a school is closed for instruction (up to a maximum of 20 hours in any school year). Our policy on religious instruction can be found on School Docs (<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/> username: grantsbraes, password: gbparents - search for 'Religious Instruction'). In brief, our School has adopted an 'opt out' option for the junior school, and an 'opt in' option for the middle and senior children. During this time the school is closed for instruction.

We appreciate there are various viewpoints on this topic, and there are a number of resources and websites that provide further information that may help inform decision-making. Two examples include the Churches Education Commission (<http://cec.org.nz/Our-Programmes/CRE>) and the Human Rights Commission (<https://www.hrc.co.nz/files/9414/2387/8011/HRC-Religion-in-NZ-Schools-for-web.pdf>).

If you would like to change your vote on religious instruction, please can you let us know, or alternatively we invite you to fill out another form (available from the School office) indicating the changes you have decided upon.

We are currently working through the responses from our consultation evening and questionnaires, and will update you of our progress over the next few months.

Nga mihi,
Steph Woodley
Chair, Board of Trustees

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STARS ON STAGE

(Senior Syndicate)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is taking place for our Senior Students at the Regent Theatre this Monday, 4 September.

Important information has already been sent home via email, and hard copy, this week in regards to transport to the Regent Theatre. So that all students can be in costume prior to the event, they must be at school **between 5:35 - 5:45pm** on the night so they can get changed. Teachers will then accompany them to the Regent Theatre by bus. Please ensure that your children have had a **big dinner beforehand** as this will need to sustain them through to the end of the show.

This show will finish at approximately 9.00pm, and at this time you may meet your child at the back entrance on Moray Place. We will **NOT be bringing children back to school** so children must be picked up.

We had been advised that tickets had sold out for this show. However, we have just received notification that some have been returned to the Regent Theatre, so, if you didn't manage to get one earlier, try giving the Regent a call to see if you are able to source one now. Their phone number is 0800 224 224 or 477 8597. If for any reason you have a spare ticket (ie through sickness or work commitments), we have a number of families who did miss out and would like to go, so please contact the school office by 3.00pm on Monday so as we can maybe 'match you up' and this ticket can then be utilised.

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 3, 2017

This term the policy for review is 'Students with Special Needs'. Please follow the instruction below to place feedback on the policy:-

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).

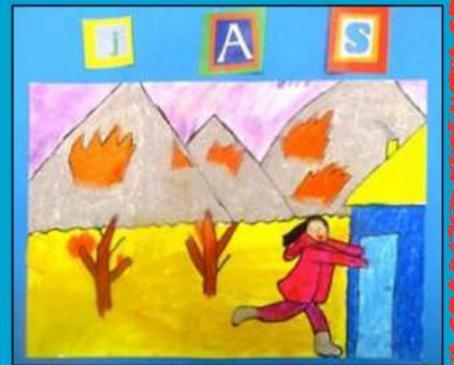
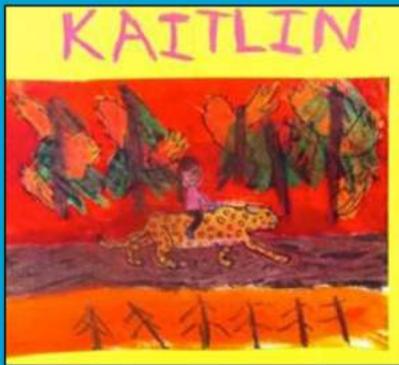
Submit your ratings and comments.

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

MR TAYLOR AND COLE DOING A MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE SENIORS RECENT TRIP



PRE-SCHOOL BEARS



SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY)



FUTSAL



Our new online registering programme 'Kindo' will be available **TOMORROW** for you to register your children for the following summer sports:

Futsal - all ages on Wednesday afternoons

Touch - Yrs 3-6 on Thursday afternoons

Teeball - all ages on Saturday mornings

Rippa - this is yet to be confirmed (Yrs 4-6)

Watch out for **an email coming home tomorrow with a link to 'Kindo'** to enable quick and speedy registration for the above sports. Please note that for registering purposes, the **parent email** you have provided for our school records is the **email address to use in your initial set-up** and you then just create your own password to associate with it.

Please don't delay registering your children for the sports - CUT OFF for ALL SPORTS is definitely next Friday 8th September, 3.00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS



To Blake who won Most Valuable Player, and to Will who won Most Improved Player for the Fireballs Team this hockey season. Well done boys!!!

CONGRATULATIONS



To Charli, who was awarded Most Valuable Player for her hockey team (St Joseph's Gold) and was also named in the Otago Year 5/6 Development Team to compete in tournaments in Gore and Dunedin. Awesome work Charli!!!

GOOD LUCK TO ABBY SIMPSON
who is representing our school in the Otago
Cross Country Champs being held
tomorrow.



lunch orders will be available again next **Wednesday 6 September.** 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!** Please note, the cookies are now \$1.00 each.
Subway lunch orders will continue to be offered

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This opens the first Friday each month.

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

TAKE A KID FISHING DAY

Stop texting – let's go fishing

Otago Fish & Game Council is running two **FREE Take-a-kid-fishing days** at the **Southern Reservoir** (located off Reservoir Road) on **Sun 24th and Sat 30th September 2017.**

Registrations for the event start on Monday 28th August and are **essential.** To register, visit <https://fishandgame.org.nz/otago/events/> and click on register. Alternatively, come into the Fish & Game office on the corner of Hanover & Harrow St, Dunedin.

Registrations are limited to 80 kids per session. Spare fishing rods will be available along with experts to help kids get started. Parents or care givers must be present to supervise children.



SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 brochures went home with the children yesterday . Closing Date for orders is Friday 15 September.

EASY LUNCHES

These continue to be available for ordering on Wednesdays. Prices for these (as follows) -

\$6.00 - large lunch

\$5.00 - small lunch

These lunches have a spaghetti and cheese toast bun, muffin, popcorn, small dessert and a piece of fruit. Large lunches have two buns.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Father's Day is Sunday 3 September, and the PTA have been running their "Father's Day Raffle" again.

The raffle has now closed and the PTA Committee are allocating numbers on a numerical basis. The raffle is to be drawn at tomorrow's assembly, Friday 1st September @ 2.10pm.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 4/9 - Stars of Stage

Wed 6/9 - Snr Swimming

Fri 8/9 - Room 5 Assembly, 2.10pm

13/9 - No Snr Swimming

Fri 15/9 - PolyFest Performances for Junior, Middle and Senior Syndicates

20/9 - Snr Swimming

22/9 - Student Teachers Assembly, 2.10pm

27/9 - Snr Swimming

29/9 - Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle

- Last day of Term

16/10 - First Day of Term 4

Cam's (from Room Piwakawaka) sister, Sam is living in Timor-Leste (small country in South East Asia) and is spending 10 months volunteering through



Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA). She is volunteering at the Xanana Gusmão Reading Room which is a library and community space with the aim of creating a generation of readers in Timor-Leste. To help VSA continue their amazing work in Timor-Leste and other countries alike in the Pacific, Sam is **selling colourful friendship bracelets**, these are **\$3 each** and all the money goes to VSA. If you would like one please see Gaylene, or Cam in Piwakawaka.

If you are interested in just making a donation you can go to <https://give.everydayhero.com/nz/sam-for-vsa> You can read about Sam's adventures here <https://lifewithoutluxuryblog.wordpress.com/>.

CORALEE - MAKE-UP ARTIST AND ARBONNE CONSULTANT

Facials and make-up demonstrations on how to apply and use the products with a group of friends for a fun, hands-on evening.

Offering free pampering evenings to try the products out which are botanically plant based, vegan certified, no animal testing, no parabens, no chemicals, no dyes, no waxes.

One on one consultations.

Other services include wedding make-up, formals, graduations and functions.

Contact Coralee on 027 3541218 or like her Facebook Page - Coralee Freelance Make-Up Artist and Arbonne Consultant. Free sample packs available also.

BEYOND BELIEF CHARITY MAGIC SHOW

23 SEPTEMBER
3.00PM
KING'S HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS
CENTRE

\$15/\$20/\$50
Child Adult Family

For the first time EVER three of NZ's most awarded magicians are coming together on-stage for a Dunedin exclusive.

100% of ticket sales will go to local charity ChatBus, who provide a 'beyond belief' counselling service for our local primary schools.

Bookings:

Don't delay, show will sell out!
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TAIERI HOCKEY CLUB PRESENT

SUPERHEROES VS MONSTERS DISCO

SUPPER SUPPLIED BOOM! PRIZES

SAT 2 SEPTEMBER : 6PM-8PM

**McMillan Centre,
taierihockey@gmail.com**

DJ WOODY **GAMES**

Tickets \$10

glow goodie bag included

KABOOM!

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