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This past week.....



Four teams of our Senior Students participated in the **Extra Spelling Quiz** held at Tahuna Intermediate last night. Our teams all competed well, with one team - Grants Braes 4 comprising of Kaitlin, Ethan and Nick coming 4th = with 96/100.



Ethan, Skylar, Daniel and Christopher competed in the **Otago/Southland Chess Champs** last weekend, held at Kavanagh College. The boys had a great day, playing for over 5 hours!!! They came a very credible 9th place in the tournament.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

We are now one day past the shortest day of the year and I have been told we have an extra 3 seconds more sunlight than yesterday! How will you spend those extra rays? Whilst we are nearing the end of the school term, the last two weeks will be action packed! I would like to thank Room 2 for hosting such a wonderful assembly last Friday and remind you that Room 3 will be hosting tomorrow's assembly starting at 2:10pm sharp.

Next Wednesday evening the BoT will be hosting a Maori Consultation hui with the Maori families invited to share their thoughts on the education we are providing for their tamariki.

On Friday 30 June, reports will be going home to all of the Year 4-6 students and those students from the junior and middle syndicates who are scheduled to receive them. On Thursday 29 June, parents and caregivers, who are receiving a report this term, will be able to book interview times (more information in this newsletter). Please ensure you make a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their report and progress this year so far.

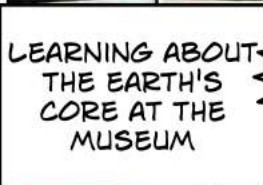
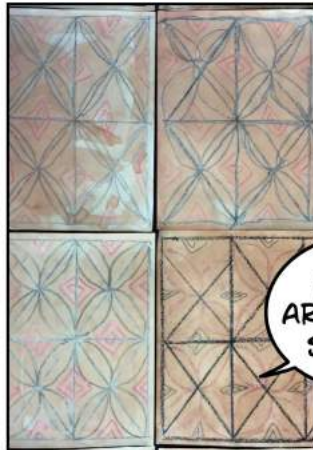
Unfortunately, I am having to remind parents to abide by the road crossing rules and use the patrolled crossings. These are there to ensure all pedestrians cross our busy intersections safely. It is also very important for parents to role model appropriate behaviour to their children.

I would like to thank you all for support the Mufti day last week! These is another large amount of grocery items that will be used for raffle prizes for the Grant's Braes School Fair, which will be held Sunday 29 October. I would also like to thank the members of the PTA who cooked the sausages and popcorn for the students. They certainly appreciate having this treat twice a term!

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

ROOM 7



BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora. It is difficult to believe that the end of term 2 is nearly upon us! On behalf of the board I would like to thank Gareth and all of our staff for their hard work over the first half of the year. I am sure you will agree that they do a great job, and we appreciate everyone's input and dedication, particularly at this time of year as our teachers write mid-year reports (mostly for the year 4 to 6 children) and prepare for parent interviews.

At our board meeting this week, we discussed progress with our school playground and website development. These projects are continuing to tick-over, and everyone is committed to getting these completed as soon as possible.

We are excited to be approaching the first of our community consultations for our charter review. We welcome our Māori parents, whanau, and representatives to a hui next Wednesday evening and look forward to their valuable input that will contribute to enhancing the future of our tamariki and school. Over the next two terms we will also be consulting with other groups within the school, and will hold a community meeting on Friday 11 August (in conjunction with a school disco for the children). More details about this will follow soon, but please set aside the date now as we would appreciate input from all parents, whanau and caregivers. This is an important process that will shape our children's learning over the next 3 years, and everyone's thoughts are valued and welcomed.

Wishing you (a slightly early) warm and fun school holiday break.

Nga mihi,

Steph Woodley

Chair, Board of Trustees

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

For all Year 4-6 Students, and Junior Students who receive progress or anniversary reports only

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of July for Year 4-6 Students.**

Interviews for the **Year 1-3** students will only be conducted on the **Wednesday** only, due to the smaller number involved.

Information about the interviews will go home in hard copy early next week, with the access code for the School Interviews website included.

Please note that school will be finishing at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5th July to enable teachers to get through all their interviews.

SPORTS DRAWS

Miniball - Today, Thursday 22 June

No Games due to court unavailability

Netball : Monday, 26 June

GB Steel vs St Clair Vixens, Bayfield 3 @ 4.15pm

GB Swift vs Mac Bay Seals, Bayfield 1 @ 4.15pm

Netball : Tuesday, 27 June

Mystics vs Mornington Hoops, EC7 @ 3.45pm

Magic vs St Clair Mystics, EC13 @ 5.15pm

Rebels vs BGP Pandas, EC 17 @ 5.15pm

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball Player of the Day

Rebels - Grace Mitchell

Swifts - Amelia McKeever

Magic - Jack Power

Steel - Ruby Burgess

Mystics - Brooke Moses

Hockey Player of the Day

Fireballs - Max Nation

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 23 June - Juniors to Fundamental Fun Day
Room 3 Assembly, 2.10pm

Last day for Scholastic Book orders

Sat 24 June - Robocup

Fri 30 June - Room 7 Assembly, 2.10pm
Reports home

Wed 5 July - School Interviews, comm 2.00pm

Thurs 6 July - Enrichment Groups Assembly, 1.30pm
- School Interviews

Fri 7 July - Muffi, Sausage Sizzle & Popcorn
- last day of term

Mon 24 July - First day of Term 3

Thursday 6th July

Enrichment Groups Assembly

1.30pm start

Groups involved:

Middle School Robotics

Senior School Robotics

Senior Dance

Senior Science

Ukulele

Senior Technology

Mandarin

Italian

Senior Art

SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 - Closing
Date for orders is tomorrow, Friday 23
June @ 9.00am

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

Yummy Whittakers Chocolate Bars

\$2.00 Each

The Year 6 children have two
boxes left to sell - 72 bars.
They are going to be set up
outside Room Piwakawaka
tomorrow (Friday 23rd) from
3.00pm to sell these.



First In - First Served

The Year 6's thank you for your support.

PROFESSIONAL, CERTIFIED AND ACCREDITED CARPET SPOT REMOVER

The PTA wish to thank all
those families who
supported this recent
fundraiser.

The winner of the draw for
\$150 worth of services
from ChemDry or Pure
Services was Avril Enslow
(a relative of the Wells
family). Congratulations Avril!!!



Phone 020 41081994



Babysitting

Megan Meltzer

Year 11 at St Hildas school

Great with kids.

Can cook if needed!

Call Me Today!

Available every evening
and everyday during
weekends!

WANTED

Plastic milk
bottle tops
to be used
for maths
games.

Please put
in a bag
marked
'Sandra'
and drop
into the
office .

THE DUNEDIN MIDWINTER CELEBRATIONS TRUST PRESENTS **2017 Dunedin Midwinter Carnival**



"Nocturnal Nature"

SATURDAY
24 JUNE 5:30PM
THE OCTAGON
ENTRY BY DONATION

CARNIVAL PROCESSION,
GIANT LANTERNS, SPECTACULAR
PERFORMANCE, FOOD STALLS,
O-TAIKO DRUMMERS AND FEATURING
THE MENTALIST COLLECTIVE.

POSTPONEMENT DATE 25 JUNE, ANNOUNCED ON THE BREEZE

