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WELCOME TO

Ilai who started in Room Ruru this week,
joining his brother here at Grants Braes



'PLAYHOUSE THEATRE' VISIT

The 'Playhouse Theatre' visited our School last Friday and put on an awesome performance of 'Puss In Boots Pet Detective'. We were very privileged to have this group come back to our school as their shows are always of a very high quality. As you can see, the children all sat enthralled throughout!!!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

We are nearing the end of the fourth week of Term 2 and as predicted it is flying! This week our administration area has been transformed into a bookstore as we have held the annual Scholastic Book Sale. I would like to thank Mrs O'Brien for her organisation and running of this, as well as the students and parents/caregivers who have made purchases throughout the week. Our school benefits greatly from this annual event and runs until the end of today. I would also like to remind you all that Room 6 will be hosting the assembly tomorrow starting at 2:10pm sharp.

One of our school-wide curriculum goals for 2017 is to increase the number of students achieving at or above the National Standards with a special focus on the area of Mathematics. We are lucky to have secured the Ministry of Education contract Accelerated Learning in Maths (ALiM), a 15 week intervention, which started at the beginning of this term. This is benefiting a large number of students within our school but to make it even more effective, the lead teachers, Sara Carr, Desiree Wispinski ran a Pizza evening on Tuesday night, with support from members of their syndicates. This was specifically for the students and their families who are involved in this intervention. The intervention programme was explained and a number of wonderful mathematical games were shared and taught. I would like to thank all involved for making this such an informative event as well as thanking the families who attended for showing commitment to their children and building upon the partnership with the school.

On Monday, next week, Mrs Barrow and I will be taking our House Captains and Vice Captains to the National Young Leaders Seminar. This will be a very beneficial and informative day for these students as they will listen to motivational speakers and reflect on how to develop their own leadership abilities.

I would like to formally welcome Belinda Collins and Shannon Te Huna in their job-share position within Room 3. They have taken over from Mrs Booyens, who is now on maternity leave. We wish Candice and Jarrad Booyens all the best for the imminent arrival of their first baby.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

ROOM 2 CATCH-UP



Room 2 enjoyed the Strike show that came to school. We got to learn how to create a beat using the drums.

We enjoyed watching Playhouse show last week.

For the last two weeks we have had student teachers Miss Miller and Miss Nicholls.



LATENESS TO SCHOOL

The school bell rings at 9am each day and teachers mark the rolls within a couple of minutes of this time.



If your child is later than 9am to school, please bring them to the office entrance to come past Mrs O'Brien so that she knows they are now at school.

Sometimes children have been coming in without going through the office, and often going straight to specialty programmes being run for them outside their own classroom. This has caused stress at times when we have contacted parents to find where their child is, only to find they are actually at school, but we are unaware of this.

The safety of ALL of our children is paramount, so please phone/email if your child is going to be late, or have them check in to the office on their arrival. Thanks.

BOARD UPDATE

Welcome to another board update! Although it may seem like a while ago, on behalf of the board I would like to reiterate Gareth's sentiment and thank everyone who attended and supported the opening of our new classroom at the end of March, and also to everyone who helped make this possible. It was a fantastic event, and this space is proving to be a great addition to our school.

At our board meeting last week, we received and discussed curriculum reports on reading and spelling interventions, as well as the various health inquiry programmes that ran in Term 1 focusing on the topic of "How can I be responsible for myself". Overall, these proved to be very successful and we would like to thank all of the staff involved, as they work exceptionally hard to help our children achieve to the best of their abilities.

Work is continuing on planning the redevelopment of the school playground, and we hope to have some information to you in the near future as to what this will look like. The children have been asked to contribute their opinions, although it is fair to say that perhaps some of their well-thought through ideas may not make it into the final plan! Development of our new school website is well underway, and again, we anticipate that we will be able to share the "live" version with you all within the next few months.

We are progressing with our major charter review with a representative from the New Zealand School Trustees Association. As part of this process we will be holding a hui, followed by community meeting in August which will be held in conjunction with a school disco (for the children!). We will be asking you for your input into various aspects of our charter, and would value all of your contributions - this is an exciting process to be undertaking and one which will shape the direction of our children's learning for the next 3 years. We will provide further information about this over the upcoming weeks.

Until next time.

Nga mihi,
Steph Woodley

SPORTS DRAWS

Miniball - Today, Thursday 25 May

All Stars vs Balaclava Red, Court 1 @ 5.25pm
Hotshots vs Halfway Bush Pacers, Court 3 @ 4.50pm
Warriors vs Sawyers Bay Ball, Court 6B @ 4.50pm
Rockets vs Carisbrook Stars, Court 7A @ 4.50pm

Netball : Monday, 29 May

Steel vs Andy Bay Blue, BHS 3 @ 3.30pm
Swifts vs Tainui Pulse, BHS 1 @ 4.15pm

Netball : Tuesday, 30 May

Mystics vs BGP Diamonds, Court 14 @ 3.45pm
Magic vs Halfway Bush Flyers, Court 12 @ 5.15pm

Year 5/6 Netball Draw not yet available

PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Netball Players of the Day

Mystics : Rebecca Rodger
Swifts : Devon Berry
Steel : Ruby Burgess
Rebels : Holly Lightfoot

Hockey Player of the Day

Will Heggie (FireBalls)
Charli Sinclair (St Joes Gold)

MARK THE DATE NOW

School Ski Weekend to Cardrona - Saturday 16th
and Sunday 17th September

More information to follow later next term.

Any queries, please contact Bridget Dickson - bc.dickson@yahoo.co.nz
or 021 606773



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 26th May - **Room 6 Assembly, 2.10pm**

Mon 29 May - NYLD//17

Fri 2 June - Room Toroa Assembly, 2.10pm

Mon 5 June - Queens Birthday

Wed 7 June - PTA Meeting, 7.00pm

Fri 9 June - Room 1 Assembly, 2.10pm

Fri 16 June - Room 2 Assembly, 2.10pm

- Muffi, Sausage Sizzle & Popcorn

Fri 23 June - Juniors to Fundamental Fun Day

- Room 3 Assembly, 2.10pm

Fri 30 June - Room 7 Assembly, 2.10pm

Fri 7 July - last day of term

Mon 24 July - First day of Term 3

SUPPORT TWO OF OUR ENTERPRISING EX-PUPILS!!!

Elisha & Kealy are selling

Sacks of pine cones to raise money to go to Remuera

Stock up for Winter!!

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Into this....



\$6 a bag or 2 for \$10

to order text Elisha on 022 4699332

or Kealy on 0275550595 or Kathryn 0274516775

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PTA 'FIREWOOD RAFFLE'

The PTA have arranged a great raffle just in time for Winter - 3-4 cubic metres of almost dry Pine Firewood, delivered!! Plus an Entertainment Book 2017/18 and Wine and Choccy prizes.

Each family were sent home one card to sell with 10 tickets @ \$2 each. **Cards are due back to Milly the Mailbox, TOMORROW, Friday 26 May.** The winner will be drawn 1 June.



Our Year 5 students are fundraising for their Activity Week in November. They are putting on another Bake Sale from 3pm this Friday - come and get some delicious treats and support them under the verandah in front of Room Ruru.



KIDS CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

Sunday 28 May
Logan Park

Sunday 2 July
Chingford Park

Sunday 18 June
Corstorphine Park

Sunday 6 August
Memorial Park, Mosgiel

Sunday 27 August
Rotary Park

Time: 9.30am (pick up race numbers)

Cost: \$7.50 (per race)
or \$30.00 for all five.

To register and for further information, visit:

www.athleticsotago.co.nz



St John Youth



We're currently recruiting in your area!

Penguins: 6-8 year olds

Cadets: 8-18 year olds

Leaders: 18+



Anderson Bay Division

Email: sashase@stjohn.org.nz

Visit: youth.stjohn.org.nz

Teddy Bear Hospital

Community Day

10.30am, May 27th



Bring your kids and their sick teddies to see our teddy doctors and dentists who will make them feel better.

An event held by students of the University of Otago to show kids that hospitals and healthcare can be lots of fun!

To book an appointment and for more info, please visit:

www.tbhdunedin.com

