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WELCOME TO
Seb, Ava, Anabelle and Chloe
who join their siblings at
Grant's Braes, all starting in
Room 3 this week



SENIORS ENJOY BEACH ED AT BRIGHTON BEACH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

Another wonderful week at Grant's Braes School! The senior school enjoyed their Beach Education days (Monday – Pukeko/Toroa and Wednesday – Piwakawaka/Ruru) at the Brighton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who came and supported our students. I would also like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who took the opportunity to discuss their children at the 'What's the Buzz' meetings on Tuesday afternoon/evening. The insight and additional information you provided to teachers is vital knowledge and will be used to ensure their success.

I look forward to seeing you all at the **Family Picnic at school on Sunday**. Bring a packed lunch, but also remember the BoT are putting on a sausage sizzle to enjoy.

Next week, it is the annual Walk 'n' Wheels Week. Please refer to the information sent out today and the notice also in this newsletter. Every day throughout next week, the students will be surveyed on how they arrive at school, and on Wednesday, students will walk with teachers to school from the five designated meeting places in Waverley.

On a sad note, at the start of this term, Denise Laney, one of our Teacher Aides resigned to take another position outside of the education sector. Cheryl Sanderson is also leaving our Teacher Aide team to extend her hours at another local school. Both of these Teacher Aides have shown such dedication to the care of their assigned students as well as to all of the other students, teachers and whānau. They will both be sorely missed. As a result, I would like to welcome Liz Stoddart and Erin Corry to our Teacher Aide team.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

VISIT BY LIFE EDUCATION BUS



SPORTS NEWS

FUTSAL began yesterday and below are the Players of the Day. There are quite a number of futsal fees (**\$55.00**) still outstanding. These are due for payment **by tomorrow, Fri 24 February** so if you wish to pay via internet banking today, our bank account is 03 0905 0914747 00.

Aces : Nick Coombe; Thunder : Josh Lightfoot; Sparks : Austin Heggie; Flames : Sophia Body
Warriors : Holly Lightfoot; Pirates : Paige Hughes; Diamonds : Ethan Then; Dragons : Marlon Scott

TOUCH is beginning tonight, Thursday 23rd Feb. There are still some **touch fees (\$20.00)** outstanding - please pay ASAP as these are due by **tomorrow, Fri 24 February**.

The draw is - GB Hawks vs MHS Amigos, Oval 9 @ 4.45pm
GB Keas vs Abbots 1, Oval 2A @ 3.45pm

TEE BALL -

Games for this week are -

GB Slammers - Bye GB Giants Vs Cardinal Tuis; Bathgate 6 at 9am

Walk n Wheel to School Week is next week, **Monday 27 February to Friday 3 March**. Walk n Wheel Week is an initiative run by Sport Otago in conjunction with the Dunedin City Council to promote and encourage active transport to school and is offered to all Otago Primary Schools. Students are encouraged to walk or wheel (cycle, skate, or scoot) to school.



Our Walk n Wheel Day will be held on **Wednesday 1 March**. Walk n Wheel Week is used to 'kick-off' the year for active transport and to keep students aware of the importance of using active transport. So help spread the word and provide a safe walking/ wheeling environment for our children to get to school. Please help encourage your child/children to walk/bike/scooter to school as there are great prizes up for grabs.

A separate letter from Jen Stevenson is coming home today with the eldest/only child in each family and this explains further next week's Walk'n'Wheel Day. On the reverse of the letter is a copy of a map of the Waverley streets and on it are marked the five meeting points for the children to meet and walk with our staff to school that day.

SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

Grant's Braes School Grounds

Sunday 26th February
(postponement date - Sunday 5 March)

From 11.30am

BBQ - Sausages in Bread with Sauce provided
BYO Salads, drinks, picnic rugs,
deck chairs, scooters etc



'We look forward to our families coming along for this fun day together'

PTA NEWS

* **Sausage Sizzle** forms went home yesterday for Fri 3 March. These need to be in by 9am, Tuesday 28 Feb. **Pyjama Mufti Day** also next Friday, gold coin donation going to support families affected by Canterbury fires.

* **'So Sweet by Southern Cross Produce'** - \$15 vegetable box. Orders to be in by Tues 7 March. Order forms went home on Tuesday.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 24 Feb - R4 Assembly

Sun 26 Feb - School Picnic from 11.30am

Mon 27 Feb - Fri 3 March - Walk'n'Wheel Week

Tues 28 Feb - Bush Walk, Y2/3 students

Fri 3 March - Sausage Sizzle and PJ Muffin Day

Tues 7 March - R1 Art Gallery visit

Wed 8 March - R2 and R3 Art Gallery visits

Fri 10 March - Pukeko Assembly

Tues 14 March - PTA Meeting

Fri 17 March - Ruru Assembly

Mon 20 March - Otago Anniversary Day

Fri 24 March - Piwakawaka Assembly

Mon 27 March - BOT Mtg, 6.30pm

OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPS

to be held Saturday, 25 March.

For further info, contact Jen Stevenson, email jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz



Please save your scoops that come inside the washing powder boxes and send them along to Jen in R5 :) Thanks



WANTED - Dark Red Geranium cuttings please. If you have some, that would be great - please drop these into Mrs Day in Room 1.



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

WHAT

We are a Royal School of Church Music affiliated choir and provide a good opportunity for children to gain a good grounding in singing technique, musicality and music theory. Due to the location there is a religious aspect, but this is not a requirement.

- 🎵 Music Theory Instruction
- 🎵 Singing Technique
- 🎵 Afternoon Tea provided
- 🎵 Friendship
- 🎵 RSCM Medals can be earned

CONTACT

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WHO

Ages 7-18.

WHEN

Practice is from 1530-1630 on Thursday afternoons, and around four services a term.

HOW MUCH?

Free!

WHERE

St Paul's Cathedral in the Octagon.



DUNEDIN RUGBY CLUB Junior Registration

2017

All new and existing players & families welcome!



Family Fun Day

Sunday, 26th February, 1-3pm

Registration Days

Sat 4th & Sun 5th of March, 11am-1pm

Dunedin Clubrooms 12 Moana Rua Rd



Dunedin Junior Rugby Club

For more info contact Chris on 453 5828 or 0274 166385 or email dunedinjuniorrugby@gmail.com

GET FIT FOR NETBALL!

NetFit with Gina Crampton is a fun new fitness programme specifically developed for netballers. She will deliver pre-season NetFit sessions through Dunedin Netball that are all about fun, achievement and challenges. A good way to kick start the 2017 season and learn some new skills. Aimed at all ages and levels of ability.

Mondays 6, 13, 20 & 27 March. Follow this link to register:

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/50382>.



Fun Sticks

A fun 10-week hockey and fundamental movement skills program for Yr 1 & 2 players!

2 intakes:

Term 2: Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm or Saturdays 9-10am
Term 3: Mondays 3:30-4:30 or Saturdays 9-10am

Where:

Logan Park High School Gymnasium

\$50 per person (includes a tee shirt)

Register at: www.oha.org.nz/2017funstick

For more information see our website: www.oha.org.nz or see the registration link above



Girl Guide biscuits

on sale, outside Musselburgh Rise Park, Bayfield High School on Saturday, 25th February and at the Sth Dn Warehouse on Sunday 26th February.

Any enquires for joining Girl Guides, call Danette Little, cell 021 217 4232

