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WELCOME TO
Jackson who started in Room 2
this week, and joins his
brother **Eli** at school

Y6 CAMP AT WAIORA



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora

A highlight of my year so far has been the overnight Leadership Camp to Waiora. It was wonderful to see and get to know our Year 6 students in a setting outside of school. They are truly a fantastic bunch and will prove to be amazing leaders for our school. Once again, I would like to thank the teachers and the parents for their incredible contribution to this camp.

Last night I attended the PTA AGM and subsequent meeting afterwards. I would like to congratulate Chris Crooks for being nominated and duly elected, as President of the PTA. I would also like to congratulate Susan Baikie, Vice- President; Sarah Watts, Secretary; and Jane Butterfield, Treasurer. The PTA is an important committee for our school and they raise much needed funds. As this year is a Fair year, and with all of the other regular fundraising activities, I know they will need a lot of support. Please look for ways you can be involved so that we can all benefit from their efforts.

I can see that many of you have already jumped online and booked a time slot to meet with your child's teacher for the 'What's the Buzz?' meetings. This is an important time to have a discussion around your child and let the teacher know a little bit more about them. Please make sure you have filled in the "What's the Buzz?" sheet and bring this along to the meeting. If you haven't made a time yet, follow the instructions listed later in the newsletter.

"Maria and Harold" have arrived in the Life Education Mobile Classroom. Over the next week, each class will have two sessions in the classroom focusing on health topics. This has been linked to our school-wide inquiry topic of 'Safety' with our big question "How can I be responsible for myself?". Be sure to ask your children what they have learnt through the Life Education sessions.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

"WHAT'S THE BUZZ"

Interviews will be held next
Tuesday 21 February



Interviews will be of **10 minutes duration** and these can be booked using the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - School Code : 25av8.

Bookings opened at 9.00am yesterday and close at 4.00pm on Monday 20 February.

If you are unable to book on the website, please contact Gaylene and she will book the times you require.

'What's the Buzz' sheets for you to complete and bring with you to your child's interview have been sent home with your child.



Walk n Wheel to School Week is coming up from **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.

A 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 there are great prizes up for grabs.

SPORTS NEWS

FUTSAL starts next Wednesday February 22nd. Futsal fees for this term are **\$55.00** and it would be appreciated if these could be paid for by Fri 24 February. An invoice will be going out to all families shortly. Our bank account is 03 0905 0914747 00 should you wish to pay prior to receiving the invoice.

TOUCH is beginning next Thursday 23rd Feb. Touch is played at the Oval on Thursdays after school for Y3 - Y6. Touch fees for this term are **\$20.00** and these are due by Fri 24 February.

TEE BALL -

Games for this week are -

GB Slammers V St Clair Curve; Bathgate 2 at 10am

GB Giants V Balaclava Eagles; Bathgate 6 at 9am

Player of the Day - 11 February : Christopher, Body, Slammers

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 etc



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

SCHOLASTIC

The first Scholastic Book Club flyer for 2017 went home in the first week of school. Closing Date for orders is tomorrow, Friday 17 February @ 9am. If you wish to order books as presents, let me know when ordering and the office will contact you when they come in.

PTA EXECUTIVE

We look forward to working together with our great team of office bearers, elected at last night's AGM, as follows:-

President: Chris Crooks

Vice President: Susan Baikie

Secretary: Sarah Watts

Treasurer: Jane Butterfield



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 16 - Wed 22 Feb - Life Ed Bus

Mon 20 Feb - Beach Ed, Y4 students

BOT Meeting, 6pm

Tues 21 Feb - 'What's The Buzz' parent night

Wed 22 Feb - Beach Ed, Y5/6 students

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

Tues 7 March - R1 Art Gallery visit

Wed 8 March - R2 and R3 Art Gallery visits

Fri 10 March - Pukeko Assembly

Fri 17 March - Ruru Assembly

Fri 24 March - Piwakawaka Assembly



Registration Day

For all Boys and Girls aged 4 - 17yrs

Sunday 26th Feb 2017 12-2pm

Wednesday 1st March 6-7pm

Grants Braes AFC Clubrooms

260 Tomahawk Road, Ocean Grove

2017 Junior Subs

Skills 4-5yrs	\$40.00	11 th -12 th Grade	\$75.00
6 th Grade	\$50.00	13 th -14 th Grade	\$85.00
7 th -8 th Grade	\$55.00	15+ Youth Grade	\$95.00
9 th -10 th Grade	\$65.00		

For more information contact the Junior Co-Ordinator:

David Creed: (021) 212-4068

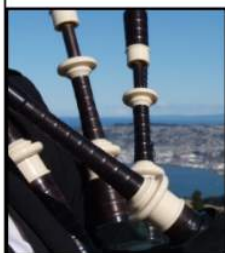
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ENROL FOR 2017!



BAGPIPES

Beginner Classes Start:
Thurs, 16th Feb 2017
4-30pm - 5-30pm

SNARE DRUMMING

Beginner Classes Start:
Wed, 15th Feb 2017
5-30pm - 6-30pm



TENOR DRUMMING

Beginner Classes Start:
Wed, 15th Feb 2017
6pm - 7pm

See www.ospd.org.nz
or contact Mark on
0275 314 875 for details



The Otago School of
Piping and Drumming Inc.



Waverley

Playgroup meets

Thursday mornings,

10-11.15 termtime,

St Nicholas Hall,

Dunrobin Street. All

welcome, enquiries

to Jo, 027 6628233. Gold coin koha.

Music, morning tea and lovely friends.



STADIUMTOSURF

SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2017

Register with your school; the school with the highest percentage of entrants per school roll will win a great prize (2 prizes up for grabs - secondary and intermediate/primary sections)

10km FUN RUN & WALK:

Forsyth Barr Stadium to Hancock Park, 10.00am

5km & 3km FUN RUN & WALK:

Hancock Park, 10.15am

Includes school and business house competitions

ENTRY FEE:

10km \$25 | 5km \$10 | 3km \$5 (Great option for kids)

ENTER ONLINE: www.stadiumtosurf.co.nz

Come and try 8 different sports at The Hits Family Zone at Hancock Park.



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