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Waverley Community Newsletter



Throughout this term our Middle and Senior Syndicate children have been learning about the effects of natural disasters on our land. Classes visited the Otago Museum and were involved in various 'hands on' experiments relating to flooding, volcanoes, earthquakes and landslides and this was an awesome education outside the classroom experience for extending their learning.



A group of Middle and Senior Syndicate children were involved in a ROBOTICS ENRICHMENT GROUP this term and participated in a recent Primary Schools Event.



SPORTS EXCHANGE with Palmerston was a fun day for Senior children.



'STRIKE' performed and also ran class teaching sessions for all the children.



Parents and their children enjoyed a night of Pizza and Maths this term as part of a Ministry of Education Intervention Programme.



An innovative new reading assistance programme was started this term. Children loved reading to two special little dogs - 'Meg' and 'Maggie', who have been specifically trained for this.



Junior children had fun learning gymnastics.



Otago Hockey coaches have run skills sessions for our children.



Our House Leaders were privileged to attend National Young Leaders' Day.



Italian Enrichment Group



Chess players competed at the recent Otago Primary School Champs.



Mandarin Enrichment Group



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We hope you have enjoyed reading about our students activities and achievements this term.

If you are looking at schools or would simply like to know more about our school please take the time to come and look around at Grant's Braes. We would be delighted to talk with you about your child's needs and share the things we have in store. It may be the best decision you will ever make because here at Grant's Braes School every child matters.

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Scholastic Book Fair returned in May.



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Kia ora koutou

Term 2 has absolutely flown by with an amazing amount of exciting opportunities for our tamariki and it is incredible to think that we are already halfway through the school year!

Enrichment Programmes have been varied and have included Italian, Mandarin, Maths extension for Senior and Middle students, Robotics, Palmerston Primary School Sports Interchange, and our Technology Group has continued to work with an engineer to plan an exciting project within our school. Our Ukulele Group has also been practicing and learning a wealth of songs in preparation for the 2017 Ukulele Jam in Term 3.

Collaborative practice continues to be a major professional development focus with this being undertaken and developed within all aspects of our school.

Mathematics support for a number of our students got underway through the Ministry of Education funded Accelerated Learning in Maths (ALiM) and this was enhanced by a Whānau 'Pizza Night' where families were given information on the project and how they can help their children at home.

The Board of Trustees also held a Hui to consult with our Māori families on how our school is providing for their tamariki. A wider consultation evening will be held early in Term 3 to gather information that the Board can use to redevelop our School's Four Year Strategic Plan, which will be in place from the start of 2018. Term 2 also saw Candice Booyens, one of our new entrant teachers, go on Maternity Leave, with Belinda Collins and Shannon Te Huna job sharing as her replacement.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to everything that Term 3 will bring.

Gareth Taylor, Principal

