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WELCOME TO
CATHERINE and SALWA who
both started in Room 3
this week



TE NGAHERE CHECK OUT OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



As part of their inquiry unit on 'What's In Our Neighbourhood?', the children in Te Ngahere (Middle) Syndicate went on a walk around the Waverley area and located the various places/businesses that were part of their 'Neighbourhood Hunt'. They finished up by enjoying their lunch, picnic-style over in the Belford Street park.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I hope everyone is having a wonderful week and enjoying the settled weather. Lets hope this lasts! I would like to thank the PTA and their helpers for running the sausage sizzle last Friday. This was also a mufti day which raised \$330.90 for the Red Cross to support Tonga in the aftermath of Cyclone Gita.

It has been a week of multi-sports with the **Weet Bix Tryathlon** held last weekend where a number of our students competed. Yesterday, four senior students competed in the **Otago Primary Schools Triathlon** where they represented the school incredibly well. I would like to thank Rebecca McKeever for being our school representative at the Weet Bix Tryathlon and Jen Stevenson at the Otago Triathlon.

Next week the Teacher's Union, NZEI, are holding **four paid union meetings** sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday where each teacher is required to attend one of these. Cover has been organised so there will not be any disruption to classes. If you would like to know more about the NZEI campaign, you can follow the link: <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>

Our new website is live! This can be found at www.grantsbraes.school.nz and I hope you all check it out.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

MATAI AND TAWA CATCHUP



Matai and Tawa are enjoying doing reading collaboration together. Here are some photos of us doing our different action stations for reading.

HELP US SELL 40,000 SAUSAGES!!!

Now that got your attention!!

The Grant's Braes School PTA has two fantastic fundraising opportunities to sell sausages & our famous bacon butties by the Stadium before the Ed Sheeran concerts on:

Thursday 29 March, and Sunday 1 April.

But we need your help to maximise our fundraising potential so please consider if you can offer a few hours of your time. Please contact Steph Woodley (brettandsteph@xtra.co.nz) by Wednesday 21 March.

Primary School Triathlon



Four of our senior children competed in the Otago Primary School's Triathlon held in Port Chalmers yesterday. These children all represented our school very well, and we were very proud of their achievements.

SPORTS DRAWS FOR THIS WEEK

Tee Ball - Sat 17/3/18

Dodgers vs Liberton ,
BG 9 @ 9am

Giants vs St Clair

Curve, BG 14 @ 9am

Slammers vs Elmgrove,

BG 1 @ 10am

WEETBIX TRIATHLON



An energetic contingent of our children competed in the glorious sunshine at last Sunday's Weetbix Triathlon held in Mosgiel. Thanks to our parents for supporting this and to Rebecca McKeever for co-ordinating our school's entries.

SPORTS INFO

Players of the Day for this week

Tee Ball - Dodgers : Miklos Burt; Slammers : Jemma Love; Giants : Lucy Audeau

Rippa - Blue Team : Blake Broome

Futsal - Sparks - Anabelle Nation; Tigers - Ava McAuley; uggets - Georgia White; Rockets - Ruby Burgess; Flyers - Laura Rolton; Pirates - Zavier Smith; Comets - Amelia McKeever; Bears - Belle Scott; Thunders - Danny Olsen; Stars - Cooper Maclean; Hurricanes - Monika Iida; Dragons - Max Nation
Bears - Srinath Bhai (21/2) & Gregory Rowe (7/3)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon 26 March - Otago Anniversary Day
- Fri 30 Mar - Tues 3 April : Easter
- Fri 13 April : Last day of term
- Mon 30 April : First day of Term 2
- Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser

is happening again this year, and an order sheet with the Early Bird deals, along with additional information, went home to families last week.



Please note that any edition in NZ and Australia can be purchased with the money going to Grant's Braes school by clicking on our order link. So, think about this as it could make a good gift to someone you know who lives further afield.

ARISTA HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORMS AND MONEY DUE BY 9AM NEXT FRIDAY, 23 MARCH

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 1 2018 Home Learning

There are no policies to be reviewed by the community this term. However, if you wanted to read our policies, these can be found by following the instructions below:

Visit the website -

<http://grantsbraes.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (grantsbraes) and password (gbparents).

Follow the link to the relevant Policy as listed.

Read the Policy.

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type "Parent".

Enter your name (optional).

Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, School Office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the renovations to the Senior Syndicate block , the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will not be opening until the building work is finished.

For any inquiries about 2nd hand uniform items, please text Andrea on 021 08200287.

2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

Children in Year 4-6 are invited to take part. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 4-13 children to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It is a good tool for children performing in the top of their field to get a picture how they compare nationally.

The entry fee per student is \$9.50 per subject, or all three for \$28.50. Permission slips went home with all Year 4-6 children last week.

For more information visit www.eaa.unsw.edu.au (past tests can be purchased here if you would like practice ones or a limited amount are available just ask at the school office).

Please return the permission slip by Friday, 13 April 2018.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

brochures have gone home with all the children today. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, Friday, 6 April.

Last Friday's MUFTI DAY raised \$330.90 to be donated to the Red Cross to assist those affected by Cyclone Gita.

DID YOU KNOW?

That your donation paid to our school is eligible to be claimed through the Inland Revenue Department.

Receipts are always sent home for the donation payment, and using the Tax Credit Form IR526(17) you are eligible to claim 33.33% of this amount. Further information and a copy of the appropriate form are found by clicking on this link -

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/resources/6/6/6691fb9d-d7dc-4785-93a0.../ir526-2017.pdf>