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VISIT FROM 'JUMP JAM GURU'



Mr 'Jump Jam' himself - Brett Fairweather, visited our school yesterday and took the whole school in a fabulous 'exercise to music' session under the verandah!!! Everyone enjoyed this wonderful start to the school day.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

What a difference a day makes! We certainly have felt the cool autumn winds yesterday and today. The next two weeks will be shortened due to the school being closed on Otago Anniversary Day which is observed on Monday 26 March as well as Easter the following week. It is important to note that schools are closed on Good Friday (30/3), Easter Monday (2/4) and Easter Tuesday (3/4).

As the weather has turned, I have noticed more children being picked up from school which results in more cars around our streets at the end of the school day. I would like to thank everyone who uses the crossings for showing patience as they wait for the crossings to be clear of cars. The students who run the Belford/Mathieson road crossing receive training from the Police Road Safety Educator and they are unable to open the crossing until there are no visible cars driving on any of these streets. I would also like to thank the parents who are driving at an appropriate speed around our school. Just a quick reminder that it is imperative parents and students alike use these crossings so that we can ensure the safety for all.

We received some exciting news yesterday as Grant's Braes School won a \$500 Stirling Sports voucher for being a part of the 2018 Walk 'n' Wheels. I know Jen Stevenson will enjoy spending this on new physical education equipment for our school and this will benefit the teaching and learning of P.E. I would like to congratulate Blake from Ruma Ruru for being one of the lucky \$50 voucher recipients also.

As the city gears up for the three Ed Sheeran concerts over Easter, a band of 15 students will be joining approximately 1000 Dunedin students in an 'Ed Sheeran Ukulele Tribute' next Thursday 29 March in the Octagon. This should be a wonderful spectacular and I would like to thank Helen Day and Cath King for preparing the students for this.

Next Wednesday evening a small group of BoT members and management will be meeting with our Māori Whānau at our first Māori Hui for 2018. We will be consulting on the possible translations for our new School Vision and Values and what they mean in the Māori world view. These will be shared with the school community once completed.

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

TOROJA & PUKEKO CATCHUP



Rooms Toroa and Pukeko meet on a daily basis for writing collaboration which consists of whole class, independent and workshop style teaching. This is proving very rewarding and the children have been really enjoying this.

ARISTA HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORMS AND MONEY DUE IN BY 9AM TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 23 MARCH.NO LATE ORDERS!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School is closed next Monday, 26th due to it being Otago Anniversary Day.

Easter is also coming up, and there is NO school on Friday 30th March,
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd April.



EXCITING NEWS!



Our school has won the Walk and Wheel Day Prize Draw! Next week we will be presented with a **\$500 voucher** from Stirling Sports, along with a Certificate from the Sport Otago Co-Ordinator.

Also, congratulations too to **Blake (Ruru)**, who was drawn out as a Walk'n'Wheel student winner and will be presented with a **\$50 Stirling Sports Voucher** and Certificate.

SPORTS INFO

Players of the Day for this week

Tee Ball

Dodgers :: Jack (Pukeko)

Giants : Skylar (Piwakawaka)

Rippa

Blue Team : Miller (Piwakawaka)

Futsal

Sparks - Nathan (Kowhai)

Tigers - Karlee (Kowhai)

Nuggets - Luca (Rm 1)

Rockets - Alex (Rata)

Flyers - Alice (Piwakawaka)

Comets - Josie (Tawa)

Thunders - Akein (Ruru)

Stars - Lucy (Toroa)

Hurricanes - Alex (Piwakawaka)

Dolphins - Max (Tawa)

CONGRATULATIONS

CHARLI



Well done Charli for coming 2nd in both 800m and 1500m, 3rd in high jump and 1st in the relays in the Otago vs Southland Competition last weekend.

TEE BALL PRIZEGIVING THIS SATURDAY

Bathgate Park

Dodgers (Grade 4) @ 9am; Slammers (Grade 5) @ 9am

Giants (Grade 2) @ 10am

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 a couple of weeks back.



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.

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.

WINTER SPORTS OFFERED IN TERMS 2 AND 3

In the coming weeks, Kindo registrations will open for children wishing to play a winter sport at school.

PLEASE NOTE - REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT YET OPEN.

The following sports are offered for children at Grant's Braes School:

Netball Y3-6 ** Miniball Y3-6 ** Hockey Y3-6

If your Y1/2 child wishes to play netball, they can partake in skills sessions run by Dunedin Netball. This is not associated with school and it is up to you to register your Y1/2 child for Netball using the following link: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/73359>

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

brochures went home with all the children last week. Final date for orders to be in is 9am, Friday, 6 April.

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.

The Junior Team is on the hunt for clean paper towel rolls (just the empty tube). Please send these to Rooms 1 or 3.