



# Grant's Braes School

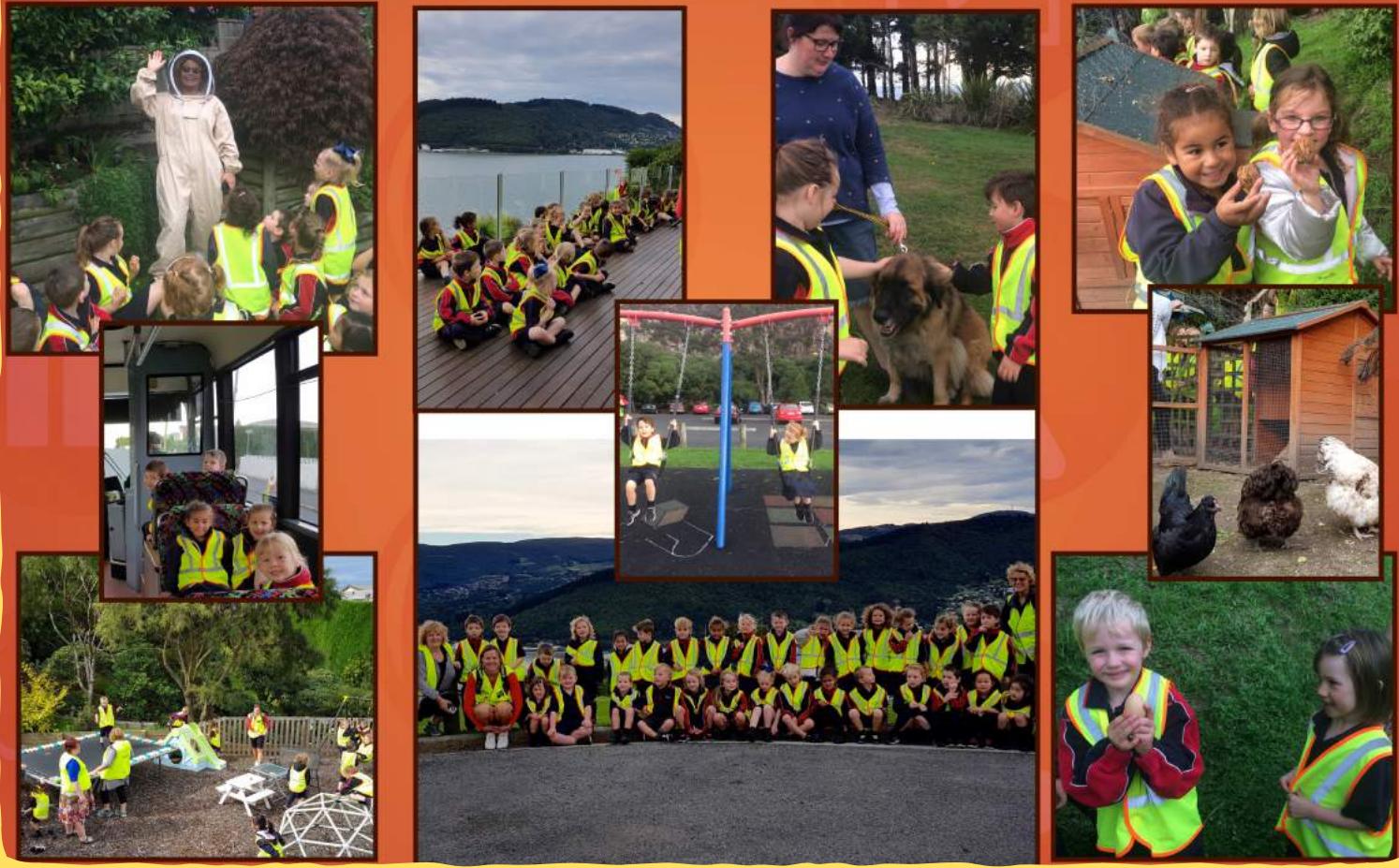
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## JUNIORS HAVE AN AWESOME ADVENTURE!!!!



As part of our school-wide inquiry topic about "Our Neighbourhood", our Junior Syndicate children, teachers and parents went 'out and about' on Tuesday visiting some special, and interesting places in Waverley. They travelled by bus for some of the way, and walked at other times.

They found easter eggs that had been hidden in a chilly-bin at Maisie's house; saw beehives on Mr and Mrs Graham's property; found walnuts and peaches on the trees at the Elders, and also encountered their chickens with Reghan showing them an egg that had just been laid; Ivy's Mum, Angela introduced her dog Ruby to them up at Rotary Park; the Christie family shared their fabulous playground set-up, and the children also had a swing and play time at the Bayfield Park Playground.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Dunedin has certainly painted the town 'Ed' and the buzz around the place is electric! Today 15 Students, led by Helen Day and Cath King, join the 1000 strong Ukulele Orchestra in the Octagon to welcome this famous singer/songwriter. The PTA are also running sausage sizzles tonight, and Sunday night, outside the concert area. Thank you to the PTA, Steph Woodley who has organized the sausage sizzle, and the band of helpers for giving up your valuable time to raise funds for our school.

Last night our first Whānau Hui was held for the year. Thank you to all that attended. It was very valuable gaining an insight into our vision and values from a Māori perspective.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and enjoy your time with friends and whanau. If you are travelling away, take care on the roads.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

## PIWAKAWAKA AND RURU CATCHUP



Piwakawaka have been enjoying their shared writing sessions with Ruru, and are in the early planning stages of their own adventure stories, for 'writing to entertain'. Jump Jam was a hit with all, and there may be an opportunity for more Jump Jam coming up. The children in both classes have also been learning about financial literacy using Banqer - a programme that teaches borrowing, saving and investing money.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Easter is this weekend and there is NO school tomorrow, Friday 30th March, Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd April.

# HUNDREDS OF HOT CROSS BUNS



THIS YEAR WE SOLD 744 PACKETS AND RAISED \$744.00!!  
THE PTA WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES WHO SOLD 20+ PACKETS!! THEY WERE KINNAIRD AND ROWE (KOWHAI); CROOKS AND PETERS (PIWAKAWAKA); ISAACS (PUKEKO); EVANS (ROOM 1); ING-ARAM, ELLIOT, HAIG AND WOODLEY (RURU); AND HUGHES (TOROA).  
I'D ALSO LIKE TO SHOUT OUT A HUGE THANKS TO THOSE THAT HELPED BUNDLE UP THE 744 PACKETS TODAY - ANDREA, BRIDGET, KALHARI, ANH, TRUDIE, LOUISE AND FIONA - MANY HANDS CERTAINLY MADE LIGHT WORK! AND CONSIDERING THERE WERE NEARLY 200 MORE PACKETS ORDERED THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST, WE CERTAINLY HAD OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US.  
WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU SUPPORTING OUR PTA INITIATED FUNDRAISERS AND WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK!



## WINTER SPORTS OFFERED IN TERMS 2 AND 3

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

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



Coaches are needed for all teams, and unfortunately if we don't have parents/caregivers putting their hand up to help out in this way, it is likely that teams may unfortunately have to be withdrawn.

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>

A letter outlining all the information in regards to registering your child for any of the above sports was emailed home to all families yesterday (Wednesday). Please note that all registrations must be done through KINDO, and these close at 5.00pm on Friday, 6 April.



## SPORTS INFO

### Futsal Players of the Day

Thunders - Nick (Ruru) \*\*\* Stars - Katie (Pukeko) \*\*\* Hurricanes - Charli (Piwakawaka)  
Tigers - Logan (Kowhai) \*\*\* Bears - Callan (Tawa) \*\*\* Pirates - Sienna (Pukeko) - 21/3  
Pirates - Charlie (Ruru) - 28/3 \*\*\* Nuggets - Claudia (Rm 1) \*\*\* Comets - Kahu (Tawa)  
Sparks - Seren (Kowhai) \*\*\* Flyers - Alice (Piwakawaka)  
Dragons - Lachie (Toroa) - 28/3 \*\*\* Dragons - Ashton (Pukeko) (21/3)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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

## 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](http://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.

## Introduction To Futsal/Level 1 COACHING AWARD

This course is ideal for coaches who want to work with groups of young players and provides a fantastic insight into how to coach Futsal at this important age.

Full of modern coaching sessions that emphasise developing players in a fun environment, it is a great introduction for anyone with an interest Futsal.

Content covered includes:

- The playing environment
- Meeting Futsal' needs
- Dealing with difference
- Fun Drills/Activities

DATE/TIME: Tuesday 3rd April from 6pm-8pm  
LOCATION: Edgar Centre, Dunedin  
COST: FREE



To enquire about the course

Email: <Stephenlast@footballsouth.co.nz> or phone <021903174>

[WWW.NZFOOTBALL.CO.NZ](http://WWW.NZFOOTBALL.CO.NZ)

## 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

Final date for orders to be in is 9am, Friday, 6 April.

## LOST PROPERTY

- there are a lot of items unclaimed in our big 'blue box'. Please check there before the next school holidays for any clothing belonging to your children.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INFORMATION UP ON THE FAMILY NOTICEBOARD IN THE OFFICE RECEPTION AREA

### 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.

## DISCOVER HOW TO GET INVOLVED



### ACC Paralympics New Zealand Open Day

7 April 2018, 10am - 3pm

Forsyth Barr Stadium - Free Entry

- Bring your friends, family and try a variety of Para sports
- Connect with local sports organisations
- Meet Paralympic heroes