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**WELCOME TO
DONOVAN**
who started in Room 3 this week



Enrichment Opportunities



Screen Printing



Chess & Checkers



Relaxation and Mindfulness



Pop Art



Cooking



Science



Chess & Checkers



Technology



Choir

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Just a smaller message from me this week, due to the two short weeks we have had. I hope you all have had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the incredible weather we have experienced. What an exciting weekend it was for Dunedin with the influx of people attending the Ed Sheeran concerts. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the members of the PTA for running sausage sizzles before, and after, two of the concerts. This was very lucrative and thank you all for giving up your time for the school and our students.

I would like to congratulate Charli who finished a very credible 11th in the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon on Tuesday in Central Otago. Well done Charli, we are very proud of you!

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

'ED-UKE-ATE'



Our Senior Ukulele Group all enjoyed participating, along with hundreds of other primary school children, in last Thursday's 'Ed-Uke-Ate' event held in the Octagon. This was a great way to commence the weekend's festivities with Ed Sheeran in town.



Sophia, Jessica, Devon, Chelsea, Sammy, Sophie and Paige were all very deserving winners in the recent Harcourts 'Easter Coloring Competition' and they received fabulous prizes that were all made of chocolate!!!

PTA Update

We were provided two opportunities, thanks to Otago Polytechnic & Miller's Studios, to sell sausages & our famous bacon butties last Thursday & Sunday night for Ed Sheeran's concerts. Hellers kindly sponsored us through their 'Sausages for Schools' programme. Steph Woodley did a fantastic job organising the fundraiser & thank you to the parents who assisted too. Without your help we wouldn't have had such a successful fundraising event.

Thank you to the school community for supporting the Arista Bakery Hot Cross Bun fundraiser, & in particular the parents who helped to ready the buns for collection last Wednesday. Weren't they yummy!!

In Term 2, we are organising a Family BYO Tea & Movie Night at the Sargood Centre on Friday 25 May at 6pm. So book this in your diaries now. More details to follow.

Bridget Dickson
PTA President

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND ICEBLOCKS **NEXT FRIDAY 13 APRIL**

Please refer to the separate email being sent home today in regards to this.



Please note that orders for Sausages and Ice Blocks will only be accepted via Kindo, and these **close at 12noon next Wednesday 11th April.**

Helpers needed to cook and serve sausages and distribute ice blocks :

If you can help, please click on, or paste this link to your browser, to add your name.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12t_Agkv74ttaG2kEn9_Hd82fU5usvaO6LUd

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 few weeks back.



Entertainment Books are going home with children the first week of Term 2, so if you do not wish to receive one, or you are purchasing a digital edition, please notify the office, or return the slip on the bottom of the lavender info sheet ASAP.

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.

MUFTI DAY ALSO NEXT FRIDAY 13TH APRIL

Please send your child along with a suitable item to be included in the Mothers Day Raffle Baskets or a gold coin (for PTA to purchase Mother's Day raffle items). Please take these to your child's classroom on Friday morning.

WINTER SPORTS OFFERED IN TERMS 2 AND 3

IMPORTANT - REGISTRATIONS CLOSE

TOMORROW- 5.00PM, FRIDAY 6 APRIL



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

Rockets : 28/3- Johnny (Rata);

4/4 - Addie (Rata)

Dolphins : 28/3 - Heath (Tawa);

4/4 - Thommy (Tawa)

Sparks : Noah (Rm 1)

Pirates : Nicholas (Toroa)

Dragons : Charlie (Toroa)

Stars : Evan (Toroa)

Tigers : Seb (Rata)

Bears : Edward (Matai)

Flyers : Cindy (Pukeko)

Flames : Jake (Piwakawaka)

Hurricanes : 4/4 - Kate (Ruru);

28/3- Charli (Piwakawaka)



Fun Sticks 2018

A fun 10-week hockey and fundamental movement skills program for Yr 1 & 2 players!

2 Intakes:

Term 2: Thursday 3:30-4:30pm or Saturday 9-10am

Term 3: Mondays 3:30-4:30 or Saturdays 9-10am

\$75 per person (includes a tee shirt)

Where:

Metro Indoor Sports centre (Monday/Thursday) &
Logan Park School Gymnasium (Saturday)

Register at: www.oha.org.nz/2018funstick

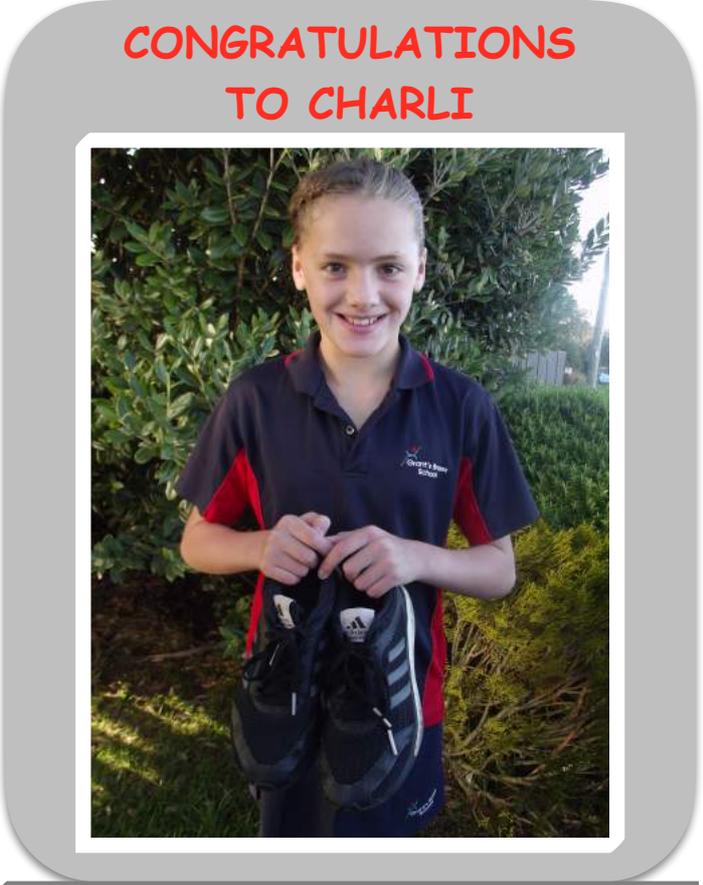
For more information see our website: www.oha.org.nz

or see the registration link above





The 'Thunder' Futsal Team are having a great futsal season, and they are pictured here, along with their coach, Noah.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLI

Another awesome sporting achievement from Charli!!! She finished 11th in the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon held yesterday in Central Otago!

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

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

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 next Friday, 13 April 2018.

The **RSA Poppy Day** is on Friday 20 April this year. As we are on holiday on this date, we will have poppies available from next Monday at the office reception area. Please bring a donation to put in their box in exchange for a poppy.



50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF “HOW WAS YOUR DAY?”

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri 13 April : Last day of term
- Mon 30 April : First day of Term 2
- Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

Orders to be in by 9am, TOMORROW Friday, 6 April.

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.

Dunedin Karate

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lunch orders will be available next **Wednesday 11 April.** Envelopes are sitting by "Milly the Mailbox".

Orders must be placed into 'Milly The Mailbox' **by 9.00am** next Wednesday morning please. **Correct change please!** Subway lunch orders will continue to be offered the first Wednesday of each month unless notified otherwise. As usual, children come to the office @ 12.30pm to collect their lunch from Mrs O'Brien.

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>

BOOK SALE BUNKER



dunedin public libraries
Kā Haka Whānau o Te Whānau

Head underground for a weekend of bargain books in our massive Library booksale.

Three days of book shopping: it's a book-lover's dream!

Bring a bag and get down here!

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 9.30am - 8pm
SATURDAY 7 APRIL 11am - 4pm
SUNDAY 8 APRIL 11am - 4pm

CITY LIBRARY CARPARK HURAY PLACE

Making Parenting Easier



Would you like to:

- Enhance your relationship with your child
- Improve the atmosphere in your home
- See the positives rather than focusing on the negatives
- Boost your child's emotional intelligence (EQ)
- Identify personality clashes

Then contact Sue, I specialise in family work; more specifically, assisting parents with the many challenges children bring. I have a passion for empowering parents to have happy, healthy relationships with their children. Often subtle changes in parenting can make a big difference to family life; together with parents we explore parenting strategies and develop a plan to move forward, making parenting easier.



Follow the link to book a session, initial 30minutes free

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LOTS OF HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INFORMATION ON FAMILY NOTICEBOARD IN OFFICE AREA