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## 'Reading with the Dogs'



Each Monday, Judith and Barbara bring in their small dogs - Meg, Kate, Prim and Maggie, and these dogs enjoy reading with a number of our children. The dogs also paid a visit to Room Rata earlier in the term, and the children in there were very excited to see them.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Wow! We have come to the end of the first term and what a fantastic term it has been. This also marks the end of the summer sports season and I would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who supported the teams, from coaching, managing, to cheering from the sideline. Thanks again for Jen Stevenson's sport co-ordination, as well as organisation for the winter sports teams.

We are increasingly finding students wearing non-uniform items, such as hoodies or sweatshirts. It is important that the uniform code is adhered to and I would like to remind parents and caregivers that new and second hand items can be bought from the school. Please ensure your children are wearing the correct school uniform from the start of Term 2.

The Board of Trustees has been notified that the removal and clean up of the asbestos will be started during the school break. They will be removing all traces of asbestos in this area. It will be great to see this work start so that the building re-development can continue. I will have a better understanding of how many weeks the project is behind early next term and I will report this in the first newsletter of Term 2.

Shortly you will be receiving in your letterboxes our Term 1 Community Newsletter. This is a wonderful showcase of the activities our students have been involved in and I would like to thank Gaylene for her work on this and the band of helpers who distribute them. I know you will enjoy looking through this.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

## KOWHAI'S COOL POPPY ART



### The **RSA Poppy** **Day**

is on Friday 20 April  
this year.

As we are on  
holiday on this  
date, we have  
poppies available  
at the office  
reception area.

**Please bring a**  
**donation**  
**TOMORROW**  
**and join us**  
**wearing poppies.**

## MUFTI DAY TOMORROW, 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.



## GREAT SWIMMING CHARLI



The Otago Primary School Swimming Champs were held last weekend and Charli qualified for both the 50m free and 50m backstroke finals !!!

She did very well coming 6th in freestyle swimming a personal best, and 7th in the backstroke.

We are very proud of you Charli!

## MORE YEAR 3/4 HOCKEY

### PLAYERS NEEDED

We need 2 or 3 more players to join the Y3/4 Hockey team.

At the moment we don't have quite enough players.

Please email Jen if your Y3/4 child is keen to play Hockey after school on Wednesdays.

[jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz](mailto:jennies@grantsbraes.school.nz)



## SPORTS INFO

### RIPPA PLAYER OF THE DAY

Blue - Ben (Toroa)

### FUTSAL PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Tigers - Charlie (Kowhai)

Bears - Moana (Tawa)

Pirates - Will (Toroa)

Comets - Henry (Tawa)

Thunders - Akein (Ruru)

Sparks - Nathan (Kowhai)

Nuggets - Charlotte (Rm 1)

Flames - Eli (Ruru)

Dolphins - Heath (Tawa)

Flyers - Obi (Piwakawaka)

Dragons - Ashton (Pukeko)

## HAPPY FUTSAL TEAMS



WELL DONE TO THE 'PIRATES' WHO WON THEIR YEAR 5/6 GRADE



THE AWESOME 'NUGGETS' TEAM COME 2ND IN THEIR GRADE



THE 'SPARKS' TEAM HAVE HAD A LOT OF FUN THIS SEASON

## WINTER SPORTS START DATES FOR TERM 2

Hockey starts Wed 9th May

Netball Y5/6 starts Tues 15th May

Netball Y3/4 starts Tues 22nd May

Kiwihoops/Miniball starts Thurs 17th May.

Information about teams will be sent home in the first week back after the school holidays.

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.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri 13 April : Last day of term
- Mon 30 April : First day of Term 2
- Thur 3 May - PTA Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 4 May - Dress Up as Favorite Book Character Day
- Fri 11 May - Muffi Day & Sausage Sizzle
- Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

### **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. Payment and permission can be made through the KINDO system.

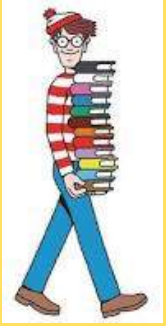
For more information visit [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) (past tests can be purchased here if you would like practice ones or a limited amount are available just ask at the school office).

**ALL FEES AND PERMISSIONS NEED TO BE IN TOMORROW, FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY.**

Zehavit who has taught **ceramics** to our children last year is now taking a **holiday workshop!** There are two workshops- one for over eight year olds to come alone, and one for under eights to come with Mum or Dad (or Nana and Grandad!) To find out more and to book online please check [www.pikaado.com](http://www.pikaado.com).

### **GET YOUR 'BOOK DAY COSTUME' SORTED OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK!**

As World Book Day falls during the holidays, we are going to celebrate this with a 'Dress Up As Your Favorite Book Character Day' on the first Friday back next term, Friday 4 May!



### **School Donation Receipts**

Kindo is now sending out the receipts you need to claim the tax back on your school donation. If you pay your donation now through Kindo, you will receive a PDF attachment to your normal Kindo emailed receipt - please print this and hold on to it for your tax return.

Shortly you will also be able to access copies of these from your myKindo online account (on the 'my orders' page).

To pay your donation now, you can use our Kindo link below...Login

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or create a new account

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant's%20Braes%20School>

### **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.

**LOTS OF HOLIDAY PROGRAMME INFORMATION ON FAMILY NOTICEBOARD IN OFFICE AREA**

### **Support needed !**

The Pirates Gunners rugby team are off to represent Pirates in the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival in July! We have been fundraising hard but still need more to get these kids over the line! The core of this team have been together since under 5s with some newbies along the way! We are selling cheese rolls \$6 per Dozen Or \$15 for 3 Dozen White or brown bread! Delivery 1st May! Get behind these boys and girl for there last year with pirates!! Thanks in advance!! We also have \$10 leap tickets, used at anytime , normally \$16 great for school holidays or birthday presents.

Email or txt Natasha for orders - [Natasha\\_dale@hotmail.com](mailto:Natasha_dale@hotmail.com) mob 021 253 9548