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**WELCOME TO**  
**MIA and FRANKIE** who  
both started in Room 3  
this week



Check out this fabulous art work up around the school!!! These were done by our Term 4 Mural Art Extension Group whose focus was the 'Peninsula Environment'.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to the new term. Lovely to see the sun after the deluge over the weekend and early part of the week. The students have returned rested, happy and excited to be back with their friends and ready for their learning. This term is 10 weeks, with the last day of term being Friday 6 July.

Tomorrow will be an exciting day for the students and teachers alike, as we are having a Book Character Dress-Up. The day will start with a parade at 9:15am and we welcome parents to come along. Feel free to dress up as your favourite book character too!

Currently the team from Southern Insulation are on-site with the clean-up of the asbestos. They will be removing all traces and ensuring the site is clear and safe. Regular monitoring outside the area is being done and all tests have come back clear. Once this process has been completed, the builders will be back on site to continue the redevelopment of the three classrooms.

Can I please remind everyone the importance of correct school uniforms being worn. It is imperative that children coming to school having what they need to keep warm during the colder months. Grant's Braes polar fleeces, jackets and beanies are available from the office or through the KINDO system. Whilst students can wear their own rain jackets, non-uniform hoodies or sweatshirts are not permitted to be worn.

Tonight is the first PTA meeting of the term, starting at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along and support this important group.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

## RATA AND KOWHAI'S EXCITING NEW LITERACY PROGRAMME UNDERWAY



### Congratulations to Lauren

who won 2nd place in the Yellow Eyed Penguin Writing Competition, which was part of the Wild Dunedin Festival associated with UNESCO City of Literature. Her story highlighted some of the struggles facing the Yellow Eyed Penguin and how people are helping them. The competition was judged by successful local writer Sandy McKay.

# TOMORROW - FRIDAY 4TH MAY IS 'DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER DAY'



As World Book Day fell during the holidays, we are celebrating this tomorrow, Friday 4 May!

We look forward to seeing both the children and staff come to school dressed in costumes

(No uniform and No gold coin donation - this is a FUN day)



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND ICEBLOCKS PLUS MUFTI DAY NEXT FRIDAY 11 MAY

Next week is 'Ronald McDonald House Week' and the PTA have decided to hold their first fundraiser for Term Two in support of this very worthy cause.



**Mufti Day** will also be held and children are requested to bring along a **gold coin**, and give to their class teacher on Friday.

Orders for **Sausages and Ice Blocks** will only be accepted via Kindo, and these **close at 9am next Wednesday 9th May.** -

For **existing KINDO users**, all you need to do is copy and paste the following link into your browser,

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?session=false&shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School>

and then **log in** using the email address the school has on file for you, and follow through the prompts.

For **new users**, all you need to do is copy and paste the following link into your browser to register.

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Grant%27s%20Braes%20School>

Make sure you are **using the email address the school has on file for you, and you are also logged in on this email account when ordering/paying.**

**NO CASH ORDERS/PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.**

**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\\_Hd82fU5usvaO6LUdRlgtN\\_8U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12t_Agkv74ttaG2kEn9_Hd82fU5usvaO6LUdRlgtN_8U/edit?usp=sharing)

### WINTER SPORTS START DATES

Hockey - Wed 9th May \* Netball Y5/6 - Tues 15th May  
Netball Y3/4- Tues 22nd May \*Kiwihoops/Miniball starts Thurs 17th May.  
Information about teams went home to all children playing on Monday and this included information about the fees due. These can be paid via KINDO, eftpos, internet banking or cash.

### **Hockey Games : 9 May**

Mini-Sticks vs Mornington Hitters,  
PAV 3, Alexander McMillan Turf  
@ 3.40pm

Kiwi-Sticks vs Musselburgh  
Marlins, Queens HS Turf @ 4.30

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur 3/5 - PTA Meeting, 7pm

Fri 4/5 - Dress Up as Favorite Book Character Day

Fri 11/5- Muffi Day & Sausage Sizzle

Wed 16/5 - Chess Tournament

Mon 21/5 - BOT Meeting, 6.30pm

Fri 25/5 - PTA Movie Night, 6.00pm  
(Sargood Centre)

Mon 28/5 - NYLD (Y6 Leaders)

Mon 4/6 - Queens Birthday

Mon 18/6 - BOT Meeting, 6.30pm

Friday 22/6 - Black Out (All Blacks) Muffi Day

Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

## MARK THE DATE

School Ski Weekend to Cardrona

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th  
September



More information to follow later in the term. Any queries, please contact Bridget Dickson - [bc.dickson@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:bc.dickson@yahoo.co.nz) or 021 606773

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Mother's Day is next Sunday 13th May, and the PTA are again running their "Mother's Day Raffle".

As per previous years, the raffle is all about the children bringing along their money to buy the tickets - 50c each. Please have your children put the correct money in an envelope, and write their name, class number and how many tickets they wish to buy on the front and drop into 'Milly the Mailbox' by 9am next Friday (11th May). Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis. The raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 11th May.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK

**CLUB ISSUE 3** brochures have gone home with children today. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday, 25 May.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

went home to all families on Monday (apart from those who had 'opted out' or purchased a digital copy).

Please arrange payment for this asap, or return the book to the big white box in the reception area.

Why not give Mum an Entertainment Membership this Mother's Day, many great offers included? Buy from us and you'll also be supporting our school.



## PTA FUNDRAISER HI-VIS VESTS

The PTA have sourced a great deal for the supply of Hi Vis Vests for both children and adults. These are available for ordering, via KINDO, from tomorrow.

**\$8.00 for children's sizes and \$10.00 for adults.**

**Samples** of all the sizes will be available for trying on at the office tomorrow. Please **don't delay** getting your order in as these will only be available for a limited time. This is a great opportunity to purchase these and have your children safe and visible as they travel to and from school.



## 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.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Needing a ride to and from school for two boys who live at the bottom of Belford St (due to Mum having health issues) Will pay \$25 for gas a week, and can supply booster. Pls contact on 02041574456

**PLEASE ENSURE SPARE CLOTHING LENT TO CHILDREN IS RETURNED PROMPTLY AS WE ARE REGULARLY NEEDING TO USE THESE ITEMS, ESPECIALLY IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE.**