



Grant's Braes School

137 Belford Street
Waverley
Dunedin 9013

Ph 03 454-4717
email: office@grantsbraes.school.nz
www.grantsbraes.school.nz

Newsletter No. 15

24 May 2018

WELCOME TO
HUNTER (Room Tawa) and
ALI (Room 3) who both started this week



RATA AND KOWHAI ENJOY THEIR ART GALLERY VISIT



On Tuesday, our Kowhai and Rata students visited The Art Gallery and produced some amazing art work relevant to our current inquiry topic about 'Our Neighbourhood'. The art work represented the landscape and birdlife of our neighbours on the Peninsula.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Exciting news! The Builders are back! The sound of construction is once again echoing around our school which is fantastic! All going well they should be finished at the end of the first week of the July holidays, ready for the start of the third term. I would like to thank Southern Insulation for working so quickly and efficiently to ensure the building and construction site is safe.

Road Safety

Just a timely reminder as the days are getting shorter and the weather not so pleasant, to drive to the conditions around our school, reduce your speed, ensure you are looking out for our children and other pedestrians and use the road crossing safely.

PTA Family Movie Night - Paddington 2

This will be a lovely family based evening for our school community tomorrow night, Friday 25th from 6pm at the Sargood Centre. Thank you to the PTA for their hard work organising this and I look forward to seeing you all there.

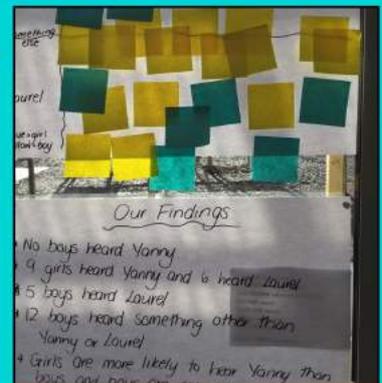
Paid Union Meetings for Teachers - 28 June 2018

A Paid Union Meeting is going to be held in Dunedin on the afternoon of Thursday 28 June. There is only one meeting so I am unable to juggle sending small groups of teachers to these as I have done in the past. All teachers are expected to attend as they have some very important issues to discuss and vote upon. I would like to hear from families if there is the ability to pick you children up early on that afternoon on or before 1:45pm. I will be keeping the school open in a supervisory role and look after those children that cannot be collected. However it is very important to get an indication reasonably soon so that I can ensure there is a safe supervision ratio. Could you please fill in the return slip on the back page of this newsletter and drop it into Milly the Mailbox by Friday 1 June. Thank you very much for your help and support with this.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

Room Toroa's Class Catchup



Busy times in Room Toroa. Last week, some 'Secret Squirrels' were given the task of bedazzling Andrew McAuley's old fireman's helmet for him to wear on his fundraising 'Run up the Sky Tower' in Auckland raising money for The Leukemia Foundation. See their final product! On Wednesday, our student teacher taught some drama lessons around 'freeze frames' and 'in character thoughts' which 'we all thoroughly enjoyed. We also wanted to get to the bottom of the 'Yanny and Laurel Debate' so we did the maths! Our poster is there for you to see!!!!

ILLNESSES

There are a lot of winter bugs about at the moment - colds, coughs and sore throats, along with a sore tummy/vomiting bug.

Please keep your children at home when they are unwell.

Children do not concentrate or learn well when they are sick, and resting them at home is the best option for them.

This also helps minimize the 'passing on' of bugs to other children and staff members.

Please remember that if your child has a vomiting or diarrhea bug, they are **not to return to school for at least a further 24 hours from the last event.**

Please also ensure your children are dressed appropriately for school, i.e. with a polar fleece and jacket also. The classrooms are always warm, but it is much colder outside now so children should always have the extra layers to put on when going out.

Thank you for your co-operation and support with this.



NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES

Please always contact the school before 9am to let our staff know if your child will be late, or is to be absent.

If possible, please provide a reason for your child's absence, as this helps us to code on our Student Management System.

The phone system is available 24 hours, so you are able to leave a message at any time if you know your child will be away.



If you email in to your child's teacher, please always copy office@grantsbraes.school.nz in to the email also. Often the teachers are so busy in the mornings before school, they don't actually get an opportunity to check emails, so by copying the office in too, this saves having to spend additional time following up.

If the office sends you a text querying your child's absence, please just hit **REPLY** to answer. **Do not save the number** this text comes from as the numbers run consecutively from our Student Management System so each message is from a different number.

NO PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL TOMORROW FRIDAY 25TH MAY



Please note, Fulton Hogan are coming back **tomorrow** to sweep up loose chips, and to clean up along the curbs and footpaths etc on Belford Street. There will be cones out, so please do not park there. The time frame expected for Fulton Hogan to be working is between 9am - 3pm.

ENTRY INTO AND THROUGH SCHOOL

To keep congestion and noise to a minimum through the office/reception area, **please enter and leave the school using the gates by the old Dental Clinic** unless coming in to see Mrs O'Brien, or dropping something into 'Milly the Mailbox' or the pie warmer basket on Mondays and Fridays.

Thanks for your co-operation with this.

SPORTS DRAWS ARE NOW ALL ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Thanks to the lovely Mrs Stevenson, the sports draws for Hockey, Netball and Kiwihoops/Miniball are now live on our school website:

<https://www.grantsbraes.school.nz/our-learning/sports-draws>

It is up to parents/children to check the draw each week to find out game times. Make sure you know your team name! Please email Mrs Stevenson if you have any problems accessing the draws.

Netball Y3/4 and Y5/6 games are on TUESDAY

Hockey games are on WEDNESDAY

Kiwihoops games are on THURSDAY

NETBALL PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Magic - Jack (Pukeko)

Diamonds - Marnie (Toroa)

Rebels - Sienna (Pukeko)

HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Y3/4 Mini Sticks - Max (Tawa)

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3 -

Orders to be in by 9am,
TOMORROW Friday, 25 May.

PTA FUNDRAISER - HI-VIS VESTS

The PTA have sourced a great deal for the supply of Hi Vis Vests for both children and adults.

Orders for these will close at 9am, TOMORROW Friday, 25 May so please make sure you come in and try a sample on, and get your orders in via KINDO.



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

This is a great opportunity to purchase these and have your children safe and visible as they travel to and from school.

PULSE ENERGY HIGHLANDERS SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Pulse Energy are giving one lucky school the chance to make these children's dream a reality with a visit from the Pulse Energy Highlanders this June.

1st Prize

Visit to school from some of the Pulse Energy Highlanders

* Morning Tea for the whole school

A Signed Highlanders Jersey



2nd Prize

100 Double passes to the Highlanders v Rebels (14 July)

If you have a spare couple of minutes, please **click on the link below** to help your children meet the Highlanders, or win the chance for the School to raffle off rugby tickets to them for a chance to see the Highlanders play their last home game for 2018 pool play.

You must be **over 18 years** to nominate a school. Only one nomination per person will be accepted. **Winning School notified Monday 11 June 2018**

<https://www.pulseenergy.co.nz/highlanders/win-the-ultimate-highlanders-experience/>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 25/5 - PTA Movie Night, 6.00pm

for 6.30pm start (Sargood Centre)

Mon 28/5 - NYLD (Y6 Leaders)

Thurs 31/5 - Matai & Tawa to Art Gallery

Mon 4/6 - Queens Birthday

Mon 18/6 - BOT Meeting, 6.30pm

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

Fri 6 July - last day of Term 2

Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 2 2018

The 'Reporting to Parents,' policy is currently under review. Please follow the instructions below if you wish to place feedback.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

REMINDER:

THERE ARE STILL QUITE A NUMBER OF THESE BOOKS OUTSTANDING. PLEASE EITHER DROP YOUR BOOK BACK INTO THE BOX IN THE FOYER, OR ARRANGE PAYMENT ASAP. THANK YOU.

OXFAM RATION CHALLENGE

Mr Howell and Mr & Mrs Taylor will be taking part in the Oxfam Ration Challenge to show support for our Syrian students and ALL Syrian refugees currently living in refugee camps. We



want to raise as much money as possible so please open your hearts and wallets to support them on this journey! From the 17th - 24th of June they won't be allowed to eat anything but the rations a refugee is given when entering a camp (which is very little). As they raise money they are allowed wee treats when they've met thresholds such as a cup of coffee, so the more you give them the more we're allowed!

Please visit the following link to make a donation -

<https://my.rationchallenge.org.nz/grantsbraes>

Thank you in advance to everyone who supports them!!

Foster Hope

bringing hope to those in care



PYJAMA DRIVE

Size 12 upwards would be most appreciated, but all sizes gratefully received

Foster Hope are again running their annual new pyjama drive leading up to winter. One of the reasons that Foster Hope specifically ask for new summer or winter pyjamas (aged 0-18 years) is that many of these children have never had a brand new pair of their very own and knowing that someone has shopped especially for them is a huge boost to their self-esteem. We want this to be a positive experience as some foster children tend to feel like a bit like second hand kids themselves. Anything we can do to help them feel loved and valued is a huge part of what we do. Postie and The Warehouse currently have pyjamas at really good prices so please consider buying one pair, two pair or maybe even three pair and pop into the box in the foyer to support this great cause.



Come and visit us at our new premises

56 Jeffery Street, Andersons Bay

Open Hours: 8:15am - 2:45pm

32 Hours per week Free Childcare for over 3s.



Where kids can be kids. We have real dirt, real grass and real FUN





Grant's Braes School
"to explore, discover and learn together."

PTA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY - 25 MAY

NO ENTRY CHARGE



Sargood Centre, Logan Park (old Art Gallery)

Doors open 6pm with a 6:30pm start

**BYO food, non-alcoholic beverages, picnic rugs
Pop Corn and drinks available to purchase**



HELP LEVI RAISE MONEY FOR 'THE MANGO TREE SCHOOL' IN CAMBODIA

\$2 Cupcakes
will be on sale before
and after school
THIS FRIDAY 25th May
to raise money for
THE MANGO TREE SCHOOL
in Cambodia.

100% of this money goes to benefit
the children...**GUARANTEED!!**



The children who go to this school live in extreme poverty and this is their only chance to have an education and a hope for the future! For the price of a cupcake, we can provide **SEVEN (7)** school children with a school lunch, and just 2 cupcakes buys a child their whole school uniform!

For more info check out www.manna4lifecambodia.org
or see Levi in Pukeko; or for bigger orders text or call his
mum Fi on 0211137742

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers - 28 June 2018

A Paid Union Meeting is going to be held in Dunedin on the afternoon of Thursday 28 June. There is only one meeting so I am unable to juggle sending small groups of teachers to these as I have done in the past. All teachers are expected to attend as they have some very important issues to discuss and vote upon.

I would like to hear from families if there is the ability to pick your children up early on that afternoon on or before 1:45pm.

I will be keeping the school open in a supervisory role and will look after those children that cannot be collected. However, it is very important to get an indication reasonably soon so that I can ensure there is a safe supervision ratio.

Could you please fill in the return slip below and drop it into Milly the Mailbox by next Friday 1 June.

Thank you very much for your help and support with this.

.....

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers - 28 June 2018

Family Name: _____

Name of Children and Rooms :

(please circle below)

- : I am able to collect my child/children on the afternoon of Thursday 28 June on or before 1:45pm.**
- : I have made arrangements for my child/children to be picked up by _____ on the afternoon of Thursday 28 June on or before 1:45pm.**
- : Sorry I am unable to pick up my child/children and will need to stay at school as usual.**

Signed: _____