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WELCOME TO
Hector
who joined his elder brother
at Grant's Braes this week



PALMERSTON SPORTS EXCHANGE



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Another fabulous week at Grants Braes! On Monday, I took four students to the SPCA so that they could hand deliver the money that has been raised by them recently. We also hosted Palmerston Primary School for our annual Sports Exchange. Teams rotated around a range of sports and a Chess Tournament was also held. This was an extremely enjoyable day for all and it was wonderful that the weather was kind to us. The result was 'a draw' and the trophy will be shared. I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her organisation of this event and the coaches and managers of the teams. Parents of children within Kohanga will be able to ask lots of questions tonight about their exciting trip to the Tahuna Music Room today to view, listen to and play a variety of instruments. Also, Mrs McKeever is taking a group to the Taiko Drummer's space to learn and play their very special drums. All and all, it makes for an extremely busy and exciting place to be! Next week will be similar with the Ukulele Jam and O'Mathalon on Thursday 30 August.

A Parent/Caregiver Survey on the recent round of reporting to parents will be emailed out by the end of the week. I am very interested to hear from parents/caregivers about how you found the new Interim Reports and the information that is provided and the subsequent Parent/Teacher Interviews. I promise you this is a very quick survey, but a very important one as we need to know what we can do to effectively report your children's achievement and progress.

It is wonderful to have Mr Harris back safely from his intrepid journey through Canada and thankfully he wasn't chased by a bear! I would like to thank Donny Thurston for filling in as our Caretaker in Mr Harris's absence, ensuring the boiler was running each day and doing the numerous jobs that were asked of him. Thank you very much Donny, we really appreciate your hard work and dedication that you showed to our school.

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

YEAR 4 CATCHUP



We have been exploring measurement in maths and have had fun estimating and measuring lengths around our classroom. Ngā Manu have been enjoying swimming at Moana Pool, especially learning life saving skills and what to do if you get into trouble in the water.

The bottom left photo shows our science experiment called 'Dancing Raisins' using a reaction between baking soda and water.

We also enjoyed having visits to the 'Life Ed' bus recently and learning lots from Maria and 'Harold'.

GRANT'S BRAES YELLOW DAY



Thank you to you all for supporting last Friday's 'Yellow Day' Fundraiser for The Cancer Society. The amount of \$415.90 was raised and has been sent to them.

Next week, from Wednesday through to Friday there will be fabric daffodils available at the office in support of Daffodil Day which is Friday 31st August. A donation in the box to this very worthy cause is all that is needed to obtain one!



PALMERSTON VISIT



SPORTS CATCHUP FROM OUR CO-ORDINATOR JEN STEVENSON

Our winter sports teams are wrapping up their final games of Netball, Kiwihoops and Hockey. I'd like to thank all the parents who were involved in coaching the teams this season. We are so grateful to have you share your time as well as skills and expertise with the children. Without your help, our children would not have had the opportunity to play for Grant's Braes School.

It won't be long until we need to start thinking about Summer Sports!! Registrations will open soon for the Rippa (Y3-6), Touch (Y3-6) Futsal (all ages) and Teeball (all ages).

Further information will follow in the coming weeks, as yet I have not received any information about these.

Ariki Athletics Club - sign-up for 2018/19 season

Do you have children interested in doing athletics (either for fun or competitively) this summer? If so, come along to the Ariki Athletics Club information and sign-up nights and find out what the club offers. Talk to our friendly coaching team about what is involved and sign-up. Athletics offers kids fitness, flexibility, strength, perseverance and most of all fun!

Info/sign-up night location: Bayfield Pavilion (behind Bayfield School)

Dates/time: September 17th or 24th anytime between 6pm-7.30pm.

Online sign-up is also available [here](#).

Children aged up to 14 can join. Club training is on a Monday from 6-7pm at the Caledonia and the competition (optional) takes place on Saturday mornings also at the Cale).

**NETBALL PLAYER OF
THE DAY
Steel - Cole (Matai)**

PRE-SCHOOL BEARS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

SHOWING OFF THEIR NEW BACKPACKS!



'BEARS AND BACKPACKS'



'ACTION SONGS'



MRS STEVENSON AND THE CHILDREN WITH THEIR 'STICK MEN'!!



FUN LIBRARY TIME



It has been great to have Pre-School Bears running again, and there are seven children currently attending. This great 'Transition to School Programme' is held each week in Room Kakapo (Room 3) and Mrs Stevenson, Mrs King and Mrs Booyens all rotate in leading this. If you have a 4-1/2 year old, or know of a 4-1/2 year old child intending to enrol at Grant's Braes School in the near future, please don't hesitate to give the office a call to find out more.

REMINDER RE CAR SEAT SAFETY



It has been brought to our attention that there are some very young children who are not being restrained correctly when going in vehicles and we are most concerned about this.

Under New Zealand law, **ALL children aged under 7 years must be in a car seat** that's appropriate for their age and size. They must not travel in the vehicle if you can't put them in an approved child restraint. This provides the best protection in a car crash, because the vehicle safety belt on its own doesn't protect a small child.

Also - children regardless of age, must be in an approved car seat **until they reach 148cm in height.**



FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Father's Day is Sunday 2 September, and the PTA are again running their "Father'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 name and how many tickets they wish to buy on the front and drop into 'Milly the Mailbox' by 9am next Thursday, 30 August. Numbers are then allocated by the PTA Representatives on a numerical basis. (Spare envelopes are available from on top of 'Milly the Mailbox'.)

The raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 31 August.



INTERESTING READ

As written by Darren Gammie from Journalsurf :

Debrief regularly

Children are excellent recorders, but can be poor interpreters of life.

Sometimes our kids just get it wrong. Get the wrong end of the stick. Pick it up wrong. Take it the wrong way. Take words and actions of others personally, when they weren't meant in that way. Or even if they were, they shouldn't have been.

And like weeds in the garden, these little roots of unforgiveness, bitterness, self-doubt, fear, anxiety can quickly take root. These seeds find fertile soil when planted in the heart of a child.

Today, I want to focus on what we can do to prevent negative words damaging our children. And this can be summarised by the statement...

DEBRIEF REGULARLY

Essentially, our role as parents here is to stop negative thoughts or self-evaluations going into the heart of a child. And they go into their heart when they are thought about, believed, slept on, and forgotten.

Because, although they may appear to disappear from outward sight, they do far more damage when forgotten and active within a child. For here, they take root, and later emerge as damaging self-talk or negative life attitudes. And they are literally best 'nipped in the bud'.

So debrief regularly. At bedtime. Or over a milkshake. Questions like:

- Are you OK?**
- Is everything going OK?**
- Is anything bothering you? Are you worried about anything?**
- Has anyone hurt your feelings?**
- Are we OK?**

Because you will save your child and yourself a lot of heartache if you can help them to maintain positive life attitudes about themselves, you, and others.

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 3 2018

The Complaints and Behavior Management policies are 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 30 Aug - Ukelele Jam

- O'Mathalon

Mon 17 Sept - BOT Meeting

Tues 25 Sept - Ngā Manu Sports Day

Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6 brochures have gone home with children today. Orders to be in by 9am, Friday 7 September.

'SHOUT OUT' FOR DONATIONS /LOAN OF ITEMS

(1) Thanks heaps for all of the wonderful donations to support our enrichment groups this term.

We now have plenty of materials for Wearable Arts but we are still after piping and anything around the house that could be used to make a sound for our musical '**Stomp Group**'. If you can help with any of the following, please drop into Jess McAuley in Kowhai.

Rubbish bins
Piping

Buckets
Brooms

Bins
Sticks



(2) Kohanga (Juniors) are on the hunt for **animal/dinosaur onesies** for our "Sounds Wild" music celebration in Term 4. If you have any that would fit a 5-6 year old that are not currently being worn, please send these NAMED to Helen, Cath or Jen. If you know you have something that would be suitable, but you can't part with it yet, please email us and we will talk to you nearer the time about borrowing these.

Thanks, Helen, Cath and Jen



SUBWAY

'Subway' is available via their online system and lunches are delivered from Subway Andersons Bay to our school every Wednesday (on a trial basis for this term).

Please note - if you wish to request a particular sauce for your child, or wish to change the biscuit for a 'M and M' cookie, please write this in the Further Information/Comments section.



Athletics Otago Kids Cross Country

Event 5 - 26th August 2018

Rotary Park, Waverley

Hosted by Ariki Athletic & Harrier Club

Check out details - Otago Athletic

Website

Register on-line

@ www.athleticsotago.co.nz

Grants Braes Guiding Groups have been active in the Waverley area for over 50 years!

Our Brownie Unit needs more girls aged 7-9!!

At GirlGuiding New Zealand, girls are always counting down to their next adventure. Joining us you will make a bunch of new friends and have a ton of new experiences that show you how exciting the world is, and how awesome you are.

For more information please contact: Jo Little, Brownie Leader 027 2847592

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