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WELCOME TO
Emily, Gustav and
Chantē
who have all started with
us this week



SCHOOL IS ALWAYS AN EXCITING PLACE!



HOCKEY COACHING FOR ALL CLASSES



'HAROLD' AND THE LIFE ED BUS ARE VISITING



SENIOR SWIMMING AT MOANA POOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I was overwhelmed by the huge display of solidarity our profession showed through yesterday's industrial action. I felt proud as a teacher to see my fellow colleagues so passionate about making our voices heard for the betterment of our conditions, but most importantly for the betterment of our students and the country as a whole. It will be interesting with the negotiations starting again next week to see how things progress. It was also very humbling to hear all of the support from parents and community, wanting our concerns surrounding the education system to be addressed. I will ensure you have information as it comes to hand if there will be any further industrial action. Once again, thank you all for your support.

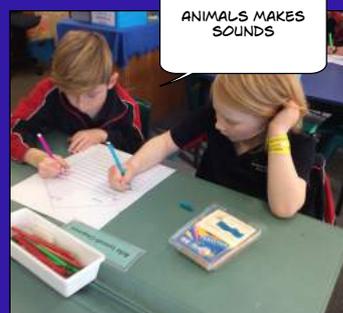
Next week is going to be a very busy one with lots of events and exciting opportunities for many students. On Monday I will be taking a group of students to the SPCA so that they can hand deliver the money that has been raised by them recently. On Tuesday, we are hosting Palmerston Primary School for our annual sports exchange, with the postponement date of Tuesday 28 August. Teams have been selected and will be completing in Mini Ball, Ripa Rugby and Netball on a rotation with a fun 'Tug of War' at the end. As Palmerston and Grant's Braes have been honing their chess skills, this will be included for the first time this year. I would like to thank Jen Stevenson for her organisation of this event and the coaches and managers of the teams. It would be great to see as many parents/caregivers coming along to cheer on our teams.

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

YEAR 3 CATCHUP



HOCKEY COACHING



SOUNDS INQUIRY

Year 3 Catchup Continued - For Inquiry Matai and Tawa are looking at sound and how sound it is made. To find out what we already knew about sound we had to answer some questions about sound e.g. How is sound made?, what sounds are loud or soft?. We also went on a sound walk where we had to listen for sounds that we can hear outside. From this walk we discovered that sounds can travel and also their a soft and loud sounds. We are looking forward to finding out more about sound in the up coming weeks.

For P.E over the past 3 weeks we have had hockey coaching where we have learnt how to hold the hockey stick, dribble and trap the ball.



Our PALS are fortunate to be working with mentor Brie to support us with our PALS teaching. Here they are learning a fun new game with Brie!

Reading with the Dogs!



Each Monday Barbara and Judith come in with their wee dogs who just love having our children read to them. The dogs also enjoy getting some extra 'TLC' with lots of pats and brushing from these children.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 17 Aug - 'Yellow Mufti Day' and Sausage Sizzle

Tues 21 Aug- Palmerston Sports Exch

Thur 23 Aug - Kōhanga to Tahuna Music

Mon 27 Aug - 'Elgregoe' Performance

Tues 28 Aug - Palmerston Sports Exch Postponement Date

Thurs 30 Aug - Ukelele Jam

Mon 17 Sept - BOT Meeting

Tues 25 Sept - Ngā Mānu Sports Day

Fri 14 Dec : Last day of school year 2018

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.

'YELLOW MUFTI DAY'

Tomorrow, Friday 17th August

Fundraising to support The Cancer Society's Daffodil Day Fundraiser.

Children are encouraged to dress in yellow TOMORROW to support this very worthy cause - 1 in 3 New Zealanders are affected by cancer, and this will include many of us. The money raised helps the Cancer Society work with communities to reduce the risk of cancer through health promotion initiatives (such as 'Nichols Sunsmart Schools programme'), to provide practical support and care for those families who need support, and to help fund ground-breaking cancer research to create a future with less cancer for our children.

We have registered with the Cancer Society for their competition to win two great prizes, and will be sending them photos of our awesome children dressed up in YELLOW.

Children are asked to take their donation (at least a gold coin please!) and give to their classroom teacher.



Fabric daffodils will be available to purchase from the office on Friday 31 August which is the Cancer Society's official "Daffodil Day"

NETBALL PLAYERS OF THE DAY
Steel (7/8/18) - Beth (Matai)
Diamonds - Sophie (Piwakawaka)

HOCKEY PLAYERS OF THE DAY
Kiwi Sticks - Mia (Piwakawaka)
Mini Sticks - Patrick (Toroa)

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.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Year 6 Camp Fundraising 'Bake Sale' last Friday. The amount of \$490.70 was raised from this and will help go towards camp costs for the children whose families contributed to the banking. Watch out for another 'Bake Sale' in a few weeks!



REMINDER

If you are not needing to come into the office area to see Mrs O'Brien or Mr Taylor, please avoid using this area as a thoroughfare. Often Mr Taylor has meetings, and Mrs O'Brien is on phone calls etc, and the additional 'people' noise makes it very difficult to work. Thanks for your co-operation.