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STAR SHOTS, COURTESY OF OUR OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, FROM LAST WEEK'S 'SOUNDS WILD' PERFORMANCE



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

We certainly were lucky with the weather yesterday for the South Zone Athletics! I was unable to attend, but by all accounts, the students did incredibly well and enjoyed their day. I would like to thank the parents who helped with transport and supervision, as well as the staff who prepared them leading up to the sports. Thank you to Jen Stevenson and Hugh Fry for their organisation and support on the day.

Next week is going to be an exciting one, filled with education outside of the classroom for some year levels. The Year 6 students are excited to be going to camp next week, Tuesday to Friday, at Waihola. I am going to be attending this camp and I am also really looking forward to this wonderful school experience. The Year 4 and 5 students are travelling down the Peninsula to Taiaroa Heads on Monday, then the Year 4's will be having a sleepover at school on Wednesday night.

I have pleasure in advising that Rebecca Barrow has been appointed to a permanent position at our school, and we congratulate her on this.

Industrial Action

Teachers and principals across the country voted to hold rolling strikes of one day per region. The rolling strike day for Dunedin is **Thursday 15 November. As a result our school will be closed on this day.** This will not affect the Year 6 camp as exemption from the industrial action has been granted to the staff members who are running the camp.

It is important that you understand that our profession has grave concerns around the recruitment and retention of teachers, having enough time to teach and lead, as well as enough support and resources for students with additional needs. Please read the attached flyer explaining why this action has been planned.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL



After a few weeks of not having Pre-School Bears due to our school production practices etc, it was lovely to welcome back, and also meet some new children at our Pre-School Bears programme yesterday. The children especially enjoy their time going to the library, and choosing a book to take home. They are pictured here, sitting by our school stage, reading through their books!

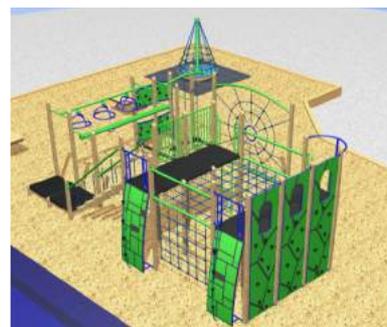
Board Update

Kia ora to all of our parents, caregivers and whānau. As we approach the mid-point of Term 4, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few board activities. But first, I would like to **congratulate** all of our staff and students for delivering such a great school production last week – all of the hard work that went into this was evident, and it was nice to see how much everyone enjoyed the final product (especially the smiles on the kids faces)!

At our last two meetings we have been fortunate to be joined by members of the **management team who provided detailed reports on the progress of children** who have taken part in a range of programmes across the school, from writing and maths interventions to inquiry topics such as social sciences (Who are our neighbours and why are they important to us?). Part of the board's role is to monitor student achievement and, from the reports received throughout the year, it is evident that our teachers work exceptionally hard to help all children achieve to the best of their ability. The information from these reports, as well as analysed end of year data, will feed in to our 2019 annual plan, which we will be drafting at our December meeting.

As you will be aware the **redevelopment of the Ngā Manu (senior) block** was completed in time for the beginning of Term 3, and it is great to see this space being utilized to its full potential. We are thrilled that, after a fair amount of lobbying, we have been allocated funding from the Ministry of Education for a **roll growth teaching space**. The process of deciding on what this space will look like, and where it will best be accommodated within our school has started, but finalising this may take some months – we prefer to make sure that we get the best that we can, rather than rush this process. We will share plans with you as they come available.

We are also pleased to report that work will soon commence on our **school playground**. Throughout this process it has become evident that our initial intentions of reinstating some of the old play equipment (that was removed to make way for Kiwi), would come at a substantial cost, as it would need to be reinstalled to meet current Health and Safety regulations. As a consequence, we have decided to install new playground equipment – this has been ordered and we are awaiting confirmation of a delivery programme. The mock-up figure shows what some of this will look like, with the possibility of replacing the rest of the play equipment in a phased manner over time.



SAVE THE DATE – MONDAY 18 MARCH, 2019! In association with the PTA we would like to announce that **Nigel Latta** will be presenting his new talk "**Adventures in Parentland**", with all proceeds raised going to our school. We are very fortunate to be offered this fundraising opportunity, and more details will follow soon.

Finally, a reminder about the **planned primary teachers and principals stop-work action on Thursday 15 November** – we will receive formal notification of this three days before the planned date, and will inform you if this will go ahead or not. As Gareth mentioned in last week's newsletter, *should the strike go ahead our school will close for the full day on Thursday 15 November*. We are not able to open for tuition or supervision on this day because all teaching staff are required to be off site (with the exception of those on camp who will be exempted). We appreciate that this will be an inconvenience for some parents and caregivers, but we also wanted to provide as much notice as possible so that everyone can make alternative arrangements for child care on the day of the strike. As a Board we sincerely appreciate the work and commitment of our principal, and all of our teachers and support staff, and ask that you please respect our teachers right to take strike action. Similar to the stop-work action in August, this strike has important implications around improving the future education of our children, alongside teachers' pay and working conditions, and teacher recruitment and retention.

Thank you for your understanding of this process. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Nga mihi

Steph Woodley, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ
A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE NO
SCHOOL NEXT THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER
DUE TO THE PLANNED INDUSTRIAL
ACTION BY PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
AND PRINCIPALS

(refer **BOARD UPDATE** for further info)



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD
THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

Schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. In term three, 50% of schools reported that they did not have enough teachers. Schools are struggling to attract teaching staff, and that problem looks set to worsen.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

Yet, the Government has a bumper surplus of \$5.5 billion, more than enough to fix the issues in primary education (\$0.9b).

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school. Find out more at <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time>

SUMMER SPORTS

'Players of the Day'

Futsal

Hurricanes - Zavier (Toroa)

Warriors - Hugh (Pukeko)

Flames - Josh (Piwakawaka)

Flyers - Cooper (Pukeko)

Dolphins - Charlie (Kowhai)

Thunders - Lucy (Toroa)

Aces - Laura (Ruru)

Nuggets - Ryan (Kea)

Sparks - Sophie (Kiwi)

Stars - Belle (Matai) : 1st game

Stars - Kahu (Tawa) : 2nd game

Dragons - Edward (Matai)

Comets - Sammy (Kowhai)

Comets - Karlee (Kowhai) : 24.10.18

Comets - Nathan (Kowhai) 17.10.18

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Charli who last weekend played touch for the Dunedin Metro Team in an Otago wide tournament and was then selected into the Otago U12 Girls Touch team for the South Island Tournament in mid-December.

Awesome Charli - we are very proud of you!



SOUTH ZONE SPORTS

A large group of our Ngā Manu children competed in the South Zone Sports held yesterday at the Caledonian Grounds. The children all performed credibly, and the following are some of the wonderful results.

- * Aurora - 2nd in the U11 Girls 75m Sprints final
- * Miller - 7th in the U11 Boys Long Jump
- * Lochie - 8th in the U11 Boys 75m Sprints final
- * Charli - 2nd in the Girls 800m
 - 3rd in the Girls U12 Long Jump
 - 4th in the Girls U12 Discus
- * Boys U10 200m Relay Team - 4th
- * Boys U11 200m Relay Team - 2nd

TennisPlus+ Coaching (based at the Edgar Centre) is running FREE 1/2 Court tennis coaching sessions to see if your child would like to enroll for term 1 2019 coaching which will be heavily subsidized (\$40 instead of \$80 for 8 x 35 minute sessions during term 1).

TERM 4 FREE 1/2 COURT COACHING DETAILS:

Free Coaching Dates: Thursday December 6th, Tuesday December 11th and Thursday December 13th (will add more dates if numbers exceed spots).

Venue: Edgar Centre Age Range: 6 to 9 years of age Coaching cost: \$0.00

Time Options: 3.45pm - 4.20pm or 4.25pm - 5.00pm (Choose one) Edgar Centre door charge: \$1.00 (Normally \$2.50)

Player/Coach Ratio: 4 to 1 maximum - sometimes will have 2 or 3 coaches on court with 4 players

TERM 1 2019 1/2 COURT COACHING DETAILS:

Coaching Cost: \$40 for 8 x 35 minute sessions - 1 session per week for 8 weeks (Normally \$80 so a 50% discount)

Venue: Edgar Centre Age Range: 6 to 9 years of age Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time Options: 3.45pm - 4.20pm or 4.25pm - 5.00pm Edgar Centre door charge: \$2.50 per session

Player/Coach Ratio: 4 to 1 maximum - sometimes will have 2 or 3 coaches on court with 4 players

ENROLMENT OPTIONS:

Email: tennisplusedunedin@outlook.com

Please include in your email your child's name, date of birth, school, cell phone and parent/caregiver name

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tennisplusedunedin/>

Private Message above details. You can also check our Facebook page if you don't know what 1/2 court is.

Cell Phone: 0274366166 Send a text with above details



Christmas **CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE** mix in a Jar!

Another great PTA fundraiser for Grant's Braes School and perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends. This is our one Christmas fundraiser for 2018. To make this a success for our children and their school, we need your help.

\$8.00 per jar or 3 for \$20.00

(Contains enough mix for 24)

Helpers:

The truffle mix in a jar will be made on **Thursday 29 November, from 5pm at Balmacewen Intermediate School Food Tech Room**. If you are able to help (even for a short time) please sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-5AwvcqeyDb3MBpGA26Ln1uL7OxgRB8cObs9I32I7Hg>

The more helpers we get, the quicker we will be finished.

Orders:

Order forms will be circulated to all families on Monday 12 November. This is a great way to collect orders from family members, work colleagues and friends. Please complete your finalised order on Kindo by **9am on Wednesday 28 November**. You can keep your card for your reference.

Collection:

Orders need to be collected from school on either: **Wednesday 5 December or Friday 7 December at 3pm** (in the School Hall).

All funds raised will be donated to the School to support the playground redevelopment. So please think of the children's smiling faces when they get to see their new playground as a motivation to get selling these wonderful and tasty gifts.

Bridget Dickson, Grant's Braes School PTA President
bridget.dickson20@gmail.com



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 12 Nov - Y4/5 Fun Day

Tues 13 Nov - Fri 16 Nov - Year 6 Camp

Wed 14 Nov - Year 4 Sleepover

Thurs 15 Nov - No School - Strike by Teachers

Fri 30 Nov - School Sports Day
- Sausage Sizzle & Muffi

Mon 3/Tue 4/Thur 6/Fri 7 Dec -

Kohanga & Te Ngahere Swimming

Wed 5th Dec - 'Playhouse Theatre'

Thurs 6th Dec - Year 6 'Day Out'

Fri 7 Dec - Talent Quest

Mon 10th-Thur 13th Dec -

Kohanga & Te Ngahere Swimming

Mon 10 Dec - BOT Meeting

Fri 14 Dec : Year 6 Farewell Assembly,
10.30am (full school @ Bayfield HS)

Last day of school year 2018

School Docs - Policy Review - Term 4 2018

The 'Religious Instruction' and 'Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori Children' 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.

SUBWAY

'Subway' is available via their online system and lunches are delivered from Subway Andersons Bay to our school every Wednesday. Please ensure your child's lunch is ordered by 9.00am on the Wednesday morning as Subway provide lunches for a lot of Dunedin schools.



DATES FOR 2019

The first day of Term 1 2019 will be **MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY**

Last day for next year will then be Thursday 19 December 2019

TAHUNA INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM FOR SALE

Jacket (Mens M) @ \$80.00; Shorts (92cm waist) @ \$30; Polo shirts (Mens S) @ \$25 each or \$75 the lot; Socks (6-8) @ \$8 each or \$40 the lot.

Whole package available @ \$220.00. All in great order.

Contact Grant's Braes Office if you wish to view or try on. Cash payment preferred please.

SIZE 6 POLAR FLEECE MISSING CLEARLY NAMED 'SOPHIE YOUENS'

This has gone missing. Could families please check their children's polar fleeces as it is likely this has been taken home by mistake. If found, please drop into office or Room Kiwi. Thanks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7

Brochures have gone home a couple of weeks back. Orders to now be in by **9am, tomorrow Friday 9 November**. With Christmas just around the corner, if you wish to order books as presents for your children, just let me know on your order form and I will hold at the office and contact you when they come in.

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP INFO

This will not open on the first Friday in December. However, any inquiries can be directed to Andrea - 021 08200287.

Any 2nd hand uniform that families wish to on-sell can be dropped off to the office before Friday 15th December, or during the week commencing Monday 28 January 2019.

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will open on Thursday 31 January from 11.00am - 2.00pm and this will coincide with when the School Uniform Shop will be open for the purchase of new items. Further information will follow before the end of this school year.

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR PTA HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE?

This is regularly updated by one of the awesome PTA Exec members, and is worth our school families joining and becoming a 'Friend'.



Search for 'Grant's Braes School PTA' or go to the following page for further information -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GrantsBraesSchoolPTAandFriends/>

Saturday Morning Music Classes Open Morning

(Instrumental classes for children 5 years and upwards)

Parents and children wishing to commence classes in 2019 are invited to observe classes in progress on Saturday morning **November 17th**.

George St Normal School Centre: Groups will assemble inside the Main Block door and be guided around classes between 9 and 10:30am.

Bathgate Park School Centre: Groups will assemble in the foyer at 9:15 and 10:15am.

(Elmgrove School, Mosgiel Centre will be open on Wednesday 14th November between 3:30 and 4:30.)

Enrolments for 2019 will be accepted on Saturday 24th November.

- George St Normal School between 9 and 11:30 (follow the signs),
- Bathgate Park School between 9 and 10:30am in the school foyer.
- (Elmgrove School in Mosgiel on Wednesday November 21st between 3:30 and 4:30.)

There will be a further opportunity to enrol for 2019 on Sat, Feb 9. We invite you to check our website for more information: www.smmcotago.com

Further enquiries to:

George St Co-ordinator, (03)4772296

Bathgate/Elmgrove Co-ordinator, (03)4771214



ALLBLOCKS

Play Create Explore Build

155 High Street Ph: 027 247 7816

Love building and creating with Lego?

- Thousands and thousands of blocks
- 2D building wall
- Marble runs
- Brand new sets with instructions

Limited to 20 children each session

2 hour sessions- 3 sessions a day

\$20.00 per child per session

For ages 7+

Drop your child off or stay and play!

December 17th – January 21st

Open Days



**Andersons Bay
Community
Kindergarten**

Together in Hand in their Future. Akekas te ti, te pouatemi

When: Monday 19th, Friday 23rd, Monday 26th and Friday 30th November.

Where: 56 Jeffrey Street, Andersons Bay.

Time: 9am – 11.30am.

What memories do you have from your early childhood?

Did you play in the outdoors, enjoy water and sand, spend hours in pretend play, read books and love creating through art?

Would like your child to have similar experiences and make their own amazing memories? Come along for a chat and play at one of our open days.

Our Kindergarten is a place where learning is fun and meaningful. Children can follow their passions and make the world a better place.

We will have fruit and snacks for morning tea but you are also welcome to bring your lunch box if you wish.

COME AND SEE OUR KINDERGARTEN IN ACTION – WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU.