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**WELCOME TO
MOHAMAD**
who started at Grant's Braes today



AWESOME FUN AT Y6 CAMP



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

What a terrible week of weather we have had! I hope your houses and sections coped with the deluge! I am so pleased the Year 6 camp was not this week, as last week the weather was amazing!. The camp with the Year 6's was a real highlight for my year. Seeing all of the students come together and work so well with one another was rewarding. It is a lovely way of celebrating their year before they all move onto the various schools they have enrolled in next year. They were a real credit to themselves as they showed wonderful determination in the activities they were involved in, kindness towards others and impeccable manners to those around them. Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents who gave up their time to come on camp or the sleepover, as well as our teachers for all their hard work organising these wonderful learning experiences.

It was with disappointment that the Otago Champs was postponed again today. My understanding is that they are trying to investigate another date to hold this and information will be sent out when this comes in. We have had many enquiries around the purchasing of the 'Sounds Alive' movie and I would like to say that orders for this will be open early next week. I am just finishing off the editing and looking at the best format for this to be distributed through. Orders will be done through KINDO and Mrs O'Brien will let you know when this will be available. With the movies, there will also be albums of the photos that were taken.

Industrial Action

Thank you very much for your support in relation to the Industrial Action that was held last week. Shortly our profession will be voting on the recent offer that the government has put forward.

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

GARETH TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTO PROOFS

went home with all children last week.



Please read the letter that accompanied the photos in regards to the payment options. Please be aware that if you are paying via internet banking, the small 'photo proof' needs to still be returned to the office to enable Heritage Photography to process it correctly.

The closing **time and date for orders is 12noon TOMORROW Friday 23 November, and no late orders will be accepted** as these all need to be couriered that afternoon to enable them to be back prior to finishing school on 14 December.



****DISCO****

**TOMORROW EVENING,
FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER
SCHOOL HALL**

**Music organized and run by
Magic Kids Club**

Y0-3 children @ 6pm

Y4-6 children @ 7pm

No Entry Fee! No Glow Sticks for sale as it will still be daylight!!

Supper provided of apples, water and iceblocks.

FUN SCHOOL SPORTS DAY NEXT FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

MUFTI DAY

Children to dress in fancy dress in their House Colour!!!

Please give your child a **gold coin** and give to your child's teacher - this will be donated to FoodShare.

Sports start - 10.30am
Parents welcome to come along!!

Coffee Cart will be on-site
- this is for purchases to be
made by adults,
and for adults only.



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

To comply with new financial recommendations, next year there will be a change to how we request families to contribute to our school.

The Board agreed at their recent meeting to keep the total amount requested from families the same as previous years (\$200 per child, with a \$10 reduction per additional sibling). The total amount will be notated as a donation and will cover swimming, school trips, visiting performers, and also assistance towards the many aspects that make our school 'tick', all of which provide such a great learning environment for the children. We will also be requesting contributions towards camps.

The good news for families is that upon receiving a receipt for payment, you will now be able to claim one third of this donation back in tax, therefore receiving approx \$66 back from IRD, per child.

SUMMER SPORTS 'Players of the Day'

Rippa Rugby

Blue - Kahu (Tawa)

Red - Charlie (Pukeko)

Blue - Lachie (Toroa) 12.11.18

Red - Ana (Piwakawaka) 12.11.18

Futsal

Hurricanes - Miller (Piwakawaka)

Flames - Charlie (Ruru)

Flames - Alaska (Ruru)

Nuggets - Sasanka (Kea) 14.11.18

Nuggets - Max (Kakapo)

Tigers - Sebastian (Kowhai)

Stars - Alex (Matai)

Flyers - Max (Toroa)

Dolphins - Ava (Rata)

Dragons - Thommy (Tawa)

Thunders - Martin (Pukeko) 14.11.18

Thunders - Nick (Toroa)

Aces - Anahera (Piwakawaka) 14.11.18

Aces - Liam (Toroa)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

to be held as part of next Friday's
(30 Nov) School Sports Day

Please go on to KINDO, as usual,
to order.



Sausages @ \$2

Ice Blocks @ \$1



Orders close at

9am next Wednesday

28th November (no late orders)

TRUFFLE ORDERS

went home earlier in the month (on green paper) for our wonderful Term 4 Christmas Fundraiser. These jars make perfect gifts for family, friends and work colleagues.



Orders are via KINDO and close 9am NEXT Wednesday 28 November. Helpers needed to make the mixes on Thursday evening, 29 November. Please add your name to the google doc - even help for a short period of time is appreciated!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10CQO-PWzUNRlxreCIZSni_-RRpL03BVxqCQ8fd-aXE4

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 8 Brochures went home with children earlier this week. Orders to be in by 9am, next Friday 30 November. With Christmas only a few weeks away, 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 23 Nov - Y6 Road Patrol 'Orange' Day
 School Disco
 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)

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**

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.

The Otago Under 12 Touch team are heading to the South Island Touch Championships in December. Charli (one of our Y6 pupils) is selling reusable produce bags. Set of 5 mesh bags with drawstring. \$15 per set. Perfect to add to your grocery bags! Let me know if you would like some. Christiesinclair07@gmail.com or 0272536143.



Family fun bike day!

"Springs and Roundabouts"

Sunday 25th November 10am - 2pm at Marlow (Dinosaur) Park

Bring your kids' bike, helmet & high vis!

♥ Music and dancers ♥ Face painting (few applies) ♥ Meet Big Blue & The Tooth Fairy ♥ Fire engine & Police car ♥ Puppet walkabout with Kaitrin ♥ Cargo Bike rides ♥ Bike checks & advice ♥

Enjoy ramps & the bike track, music, free healthy snacks (limited supply), prizes for best dressed kid and best decorated bike, plus other fun activities!

Visit 'My Little Local', DCC events or call Shelley 021 401 343 for more information

Pinket Principal Partner **bnz**

KELLY SPORTS **SPORT OTAGO**

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 December 2018 to January 2019

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Harlem Globetrotters Day, Water Fun, Awesome Games & MUCH MORE!

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! Can't here apps BOOK ONLINE NOW AT **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**



Zumba with MichelleB!
 \$8 per class
 Concession cards \$60 (10 classes).

Tuesday & Thursdays at 6:30pm
 Sundays 4pm
 Musselburgh School Hall (access off Marlow Street).



Check out Zumba with MichelleB on facebook for more details.

DOG SCARVES/BANDANNAS FOR SALE

Great Christmas pressie for your canine family members! Paw Patrol, Disney, Silver Fern, Pikachu, Christmas themed! Sizes S, M, L - \$6, \$8 or \$10. Cash only - View them in the container at school office reception.