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Our Year 6 Campers off to a great start!!!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

I am writing this message from the Year 6 camp at Waihola and what a fantastic day we all had on the lake yesterday! The students sailed, kayaked, swam and had a ride on a tandem biscuit. They then went back to camp and enjoyed competing against each other in the assault course. Today is the search and rescue followed by Top Team activities. The Year 4 students will also have a fantastic experience tonight with their school sleepover! I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents who have given up their time to come on camp, or the sleepover, as well as the teachers for all of their hard work organising these wonderful learning experiences.

Next week we have 12 students competing at the Otago Champs and we wish them all the best for the day and look forward to hearing how they all go! Also a reminder that the PTA Disco is on next Friday 23 November. I would like to thank Magic Kids Club for offering to run the music. The students will have a fabulous time!

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER DUE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL PHOTO PROOFS

went home with all children on Monday.



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 on 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****

**NEXT FRIDAY
EVENING,
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.

PUKEKO'S FABULOUS GARDEN!



A HUGE THANKS
to one of our wonderful school parents who so generously donated a raised garden, soil, planter boxes, potting mix and strawberry plants for our children.

This garden is being tenderly cared for by the children in Room Pukeko.

The garden can be viewed from the pathway into school that comes in from Mathieson Street.

YEAR 4 & 5 CHILDREN VISIT ALBATROSS COLONY



SUMMER SPORTS 'Players of the Day'

Futsal

Hurricanes - Akein (Ruru)
Warriors - Mohammad Ali (Ruru)

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARNIE (TOROA)

who attained 1st place in the U11 Girls Shotput at last week's South Zone Sports.
Apologies for this being omitted from last week's newsletter.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 15 Nov - No School - Strike by Teachers

Fri 23 Nov - 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)

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.

TRUFFLE ORDER FORMS

went home last Friday (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 on

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/1-5AwvcaeyDb3MBpGA26Ln1uL7OxqRB8cObs9I32I7Hq>

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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

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.



**Musselburgh's School
Cultural Extravaganza
Thursday 22nd November
6.00pm - 8.00pm**

*Bring your whānau and friends
and join*

*Musselburgh School
celebrate their diversity*

*Fabulous Ethnic Food
Cultural Displays and Performances
Mystery Guest Appearance*

*Fun and Entertainment
Bouncy Castle
Raffles and Chocolate Wheel
Cake Baking Contest*

Something for Everyone!



at Grants Braes School

MusiqHub *Guitar / Ukulele / Singing* is looking forward to welcoming new students in 2019. The lessons feature:

- λ small group learning [max of 4 per group]
- λ conveniently located at the school
- λ exclusive access to MusiqHub lessons online
 - λ quality teaching manuals
- λ end of year concert backed by a live band
 - λ tuition from MusiqHub registered tutors

For more information please visit our website at

www.musiqhub.co.nz or

call / text Tim Davis on 027 4895957