



5 February 2020 Newsletter No 1

**Reminder: School CLOSED
tomorrow, Thursday 6th February
for Waitangi Day.**

Welcome back to Term 1, 2020. We hope that you had a good break from school. It has been great to see all the happy faces coming back into school.

This year we welcome Miss Charlotte Lester in Room 4. Charlotte joins us after finishing her studies at Canterbury University. Miss Amy Trainor is in Room 10 and joins us from Pleasant Point Primary. Miss Harriett Sutton in Room 11 joins us from Hinds School. We also welcome Mr Vaughan Skea who will be covering Classroom Release in the Year 5 - 8 classes.

Over the holidays we were able to install new Televisions in all classrooms with a grant from Pub Charity and support from the Home and School. These Televisions allow a great picture to share students learning and class programmes on the large screen.

There are lots of events coming up this term so please make sure you check out the term calendar (at back of newsletter) for the dates.

Next week we have our school picnic from 5 pm - 7 pm. At 6 pm we will have the official opening of MeWheels the new bike/scooter track. Again a huge thanks and appreciation for the time that went into this track of Wayne Dyche and Errol Johns. We also want to acknowledge the following sponsors who made this track possible:

- Nolan Builders
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GOVERNMENT DONATION SCHEME

Our school has opted into the Government Donation Scheme, therefore this year there will only be limited expenses charged to students. These include any stationery purchases from school, the TTEC (technology) take home component (Year 7 & 8's only), optional sports fees, optional ski skate day, optional participation in Kiwi Exams or optional Art Classes held outside school hours (should they be available this year).

The following is a link to the Ministry of Education's website about the Donation Scheme
<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-2-DEC.PDF>

There will be **NO REQUESTS** for Donations and **NO CHARGE** for Curriculum Activity Fees, Curriculum Swimming, Outdoor curriculum-based excursions or curriculum based visiting performers to the school in 2020.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in this week: Alyson Clavecilla, Sydney Clavecilla, Aaliyah Kerridge, Taylor Buckland, Christiaan Van Dyk, Madison Ford, Nubian Salwy, Oliver Brown-Innes, Payton Tairaki Houia, Falcon Rangitaawa, Sophie Flannery, Francesca Russell, Ryan Johnson, Rahurahu Tungia, Luca Piggin, Kairi Hauptfleisch.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who obtained a **Platinum Award** for 2019:

Harrison Butler, Rebecca Bramley, Montana Davis, Dekoda Davis, Faliqh Faris, Bella Hopkinson, Tamaki Karauria, Lachie Kotua, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Tawhai Reihana, Khya Ross, Miglia Schicker, Billy Sherborne, Briar Taylor, Mikayla Willetts, Cassidy Anderson, Jack Bennett, Deacon Cooper, Ella Craig, Summer Culshaw, Ryan Goodman, James Grice, Mia Holden, Mercedes Karauria, Dyllin Morris, Orla Motley, Chelsea Nicholls, Mikayla Ryan, Hunter Tee, Bella Thin, Holly Thin, Ruby-Jane Allison, Yizhou Cao, Daniel Chernetski, Alex Elder, Charlotte Hallberg, Oliver Kirke, Kawend Kuang, Blake Parker, Latisha Put, Keanu Smith-Allan, Madison Wills.

SCHOOL PICNIC

Our annual school picnic will be held next Tuesday 11th February 2020 from 5.00-7.00pm. Bring a fish'n'chip tea or picnic and relax with your children and friends. It will also be the official opening of the Bike/Scooter Track at 6pm.



ADVANCED WARNING!

SCHOOL WILL BE FINISHING AT 12PM FOR STUDENTS ON THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY FOR PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES. THESE ARE BEING HELD FROM 1PM – 7PM. BOOKING INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

School Closed

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 - 10 weeks 3 Feb to 9 April
Term 2 - 10 weeks 28 April to 3 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks 20 July to 25 Sept
Term 4 - 9 weeks 12 Oct to 15 Dec

Reminder: School Hours are 9 – 3pm, with students on site from 8.30am – 3.15pm

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE BACK FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2020

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 7th February

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren this **Friday 7th February at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



BOT POLICY REVIEW

This term we're reviewing:

- **Recognition of Cultural Diversity** – Board members, staff, and parents

Use the link below to login and view policies on Schooldocs. Click on the **Current Review** tab on the site and have your say. It has review instructions, and links to the current review topics.

www.schooldocs.co.nz

Click on search for your school and put in Grantlea Downs School
username: grantleadowns
password: grantsroad

CONTACT MEDICAL AND PERSONAL DETAILS

If you have shifted and changed your contact details or your emergency contacts have changed, please change these at the office as soon as possible. It is vital that we hold correct emergency contact details including all cell phone numbers in case of emergencies.

There have been incidents in the past when parents and caregivers could not be contacted. If for any reason your child's medical details have changed, please make sure the office is notified so all relevant records can be updated i.e. allergies, or allergic reactions etc.



THANKS

Many thanks to Reon Keenan and Garry Ford for preparing the grounds and also to Wendy Pickard and Cathy Moffat for having the rooms ready for our return to school.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Sun hats – compulsory red floppy. A reminder that all students are required to wear a school sun hat at break times during terms 1 and 4.



Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

A calendar of events and activities is included with this newsletter.



GLORIAVALE LEAVERS TALK

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 PM

Grantlea Downs School

Tickets · \$21.39 from www.eventbrite.co.nz

About this Event

Join us for an intriguing talk with Liz Gregory from the Gloriavale Leavers' Trust and a leaver while they give you insight into this reclusive community.

Is it as glossy as the TV Documentaries show? Or are there real reasons to be concerned for the 600 people still living there.

Find out what the Trust is doing to help those who choose to leave, and what it's like for the new families settling in our region.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.



Welcome to all new & existing parents and caregivers for 2020

This year the Home & School would love to get some new members on board, so if you are keen to come along and find out more, our first meeting is next Wednesday 12th February at 7pm in the staffroom. Keep an eye out in the Newsletter and the schools Facebook page for notification of upcoming meetings.

About the Home & School

We work with the school to maintain and build close links with the community. Our aim is to plan and implement fundraising projects to support the school and its students.

How often do we meet?

We try to catch up twice per term.

Who can join the H & S?

Anyone! Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Caregivers – you are all welcome :-)

Things you should know...

- ❖ We need more committee members
- ❖ We don't expect you to come to every meeting
- ❖ We don't expect you to help at every event
- ❖ We value all input and fresh ideas
- ❖ We are a fun laid-back bunch



For more information please feel free to call the office on 684 7706

We need your support to succeed

LUNCH ORDERS

SUBWAY

(Available on Friday's only)

(Complete order on printed brown paper bag at Lunch Order Table in office foyer)

6-inch sandwich, apple and cookie \$5.00
Foot Long sandwich, apple and cookie \$9.00
Choice of: white or wheat
beef, turkey or ham
Up to 4 salad ingredients
Up to 2 dressings



Grantlea Downs Top Teams

Thursday 13 February - Week 2

This annual event involves the children climbing, running, sliding, getting wet and working as a team to complete a series of challenges. Below is some important information to remember for the day:

- Children are to come to school dressed in their house colours. Please see your child's teacher if you are unsure.
Gould = Blue
Grant = Red
Evans = Yellow
Jellicoe = Green
- Please remember togs, towel, rash vest/t-shirt, sunhat, sunscreen, lunch and a drink bottle
- If the weather is cold or wet, please check Facebook in the morning. **Please do not ring the school.**
- The senior event (Yr 5-8) runs from 10.00 - 12.00
- The junior event (Yr 1-4) runs from 12.30 - 2.20
- Parents and family members are most welcome to come along and watch
- Parents of junior children will be able to take their children home AFTER the activities have been tidied away - **if plenty of parents lend a hand at this stage this will not take too long.** Children will still need to be dismissed from class by their teacher.

IMPORTANT!!

We have a very short timeframe to organise parent helpers. We need at least 6 for seniors and 6 for juniors.

If you are able to help, please fill in the slip below and have your child return it to Mrs Gordon in Room 8 or to the office by Tuesday 11 February.

Any older High School siblings are also welcome to help with games.

TOP TEAMS Thursday 13th February 2020

Please return to Mrs Gordon in Room 8 or to the office by Tuesday 11 February.

☐ I am able to assist with Top Teams in the morning (Years 5-8)

☐ I am able to assist with Top Teams in the afternoon (Years 1-4)
(you are welcome to tick both!)

Name: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Grantlea Downs Triathlon- Friday 21st February 2020

We are looking for parents to help with our school Triathlon 21st February (Week 3).
If you are available, please fill in and return the slip to the school office.

I _____ am able to assist with the Junior/Senior
(circle one) school triathlon

Phone number: _____ Time to ring: _____

Grantlea Downs Triathlon



YEARS 5-8

Friday 21st February

10:00 – 12:00pm

Competitors need to remember their bikes (make sure tyres are pumped up!!!), helmets, togs, towel, running shoes and a drink bottle.

We encourage parents and family members to come along and support their child. Below is a copy of the morning's programme so that you can get some idea of when your child will be racing.

Any questions can be directed to Kirsty White in Room 15.

Event	
Year 7/8 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 5/6 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 7/8 Teams	Mixed

YEARS 1-4

Friday 21st February

1:00 – 3:00pm

Due to the 1pm start we will be having an early lunch at 12pm.

Once again we are offering the Year 1 and 2 students a chance to experience competing in a school triathlon. For the cycling leg of the race they will be able to use bikes or scooters and must have helmets.

Bike/Scooter – Year 1 & 2-one lap around the outside of the netball/basketball courts

Bike only - Year 3 & 4-one lap of the field

Swim – one length running of the school pool (helped in and out by senior students)

Run – one lap of the soccer field

On the day the children will need to remember their bike/scooter, helmet, togs, towel, running shoes and a drink bottle.

Event	
Year 4 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 3 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 2 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 1 Individual	Girls
	Boys

Any questions can be directed to Sally Guthrie in Room 6.

PLEASE DO NOT RING THE OFFICE TO ASK WHEN A SPECIFIC YEAR LEVEL WILL START – RACES WILL BE RUN IN THE ORDERS ABOVE UPON COMPLETION OF PREVIOUS RACE

Please complete and return the slip on the previous page if you are able to help with either the senior or junior race. This would involve either directing children, counting lengths or helping move bikes.



**GRANTLEA
DOWNS**

The country school in the town

Junior Awards Presentation

Sporting Swimming	Hewson Cup	Kate Hoare
	Most Improved Swimmer – Woipopo	
	Mills Family Trophy	Amelia Forward
	Most Improved Swimmer - Opahi	
	Doris Cargo Cup	Morgan Palmer
Sports	Best Overall Swimmer – Girls	Chase Thomas
	Doris Cargo Cup	
	Best Overall Swimmer – Boys	Polly Hendry, Neko Welch
	Waipopo Syndicate Sports Award	
	Overall for Sprints, Cross Country, Triathlon Year 3 & 4	Scout Tee, Henry Thomas
Cultural	Cogrove/Merriman Trophy	Jessica Beeby
	Overall for Sprints, Cross Country, Triathlon Year 1 & 2	
	Anne M Ellis Trophy	
	Outstanding Achievement in Drama	

Senior Awards Presentation

Sporting Triathlon	Johnston Family Trophy	Orla Motley, Blake Parker
	Achievement in Triathlon	
	Coles Family Trophy	Miglia Schicker, Boston Davis
Swimming	Achievement in Swimming 8 – 9 Years	Orla Motley
	Wilkinson Family Trophy	Jack Bennett
	Achievement in Swimming 10 – 11 Years	Abby Lister, Blake Parker
	Collins Family Trophy	Charlotte Hallberg
	Achievement in Swimming 12 – 13 Years	
Netball	Sargent Family Trophy	
	Achievement in Netball	
Basketball	Hessell/Robertson Family Trophy	Mercedes Karauria
Sportsmanship	Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship	
	Tracy Brown Trophy	Latisha Put
	Outstanding Sportsmanship and Fair Play	
Sports Award	White Family Trophy	Blake Parker
	Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 7 – 8	
	Redhead Family Trophy	Orla Motley
Cultural Speech	Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 7 – 8	Millie Boyle, Boston Davis
	Pooley Family Trophy	
	Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 5 – 6	
Kapa Haka	Welsh Family Trophy	Oliver Kirke
	Kapa Haka Trophy	Emily Flavell
	Effort, Achievement	
Choir	Grantlea Downs Trophy	Tim Kirke
	Effort, Attendance, Performance, Enthusiasm	
Drama	Pierrot Theatre Trophy	Chelsea Nicholls
	Potential in Speech and Drama	
Art	Lyness Family Trophy	Dasha Chipilko
	Effort, Attitude, Achievement	

Prize Giving Trophies



CLASS AWARDS			
Room 1 Art	Sophia Bubbert	Room 12 Art	Cassie Thornley
	Scout Tee	Academic	Miglia Schicker
	Arailyah Karena-Jamison	Diligence	Briar Taylor
	Xhyon Gordon-Patterson	Values	Billy Sherborne
Room 2 Art	Fleur Skinner	Room 13 Art	Brookland Philip
	Manala Evans, Ava Lambert	Academic	Latisha Put
	Hannah Kavanaugh	Diligence	Orla Motley
	Brodie Fox	Values	Alexandra Elder
Room 3 Art	Heidi Fuller	Room 14 Art	Ella Craig
	Kaloni Latu	Academic	Chelsea Nicholls
	Archie Kotua	Diligence	Daniel Chernetski
	JJ Milne	Values	Charlotte Hallberg
Room 4 Art	Caiden Hough	Room 15 Art	Dasha Chipilko
	Amelia Piggitt	Academic	Oliver Kirke
	Poppy Pratt	Diligence	Ruby-Jane Allison
	Mason Akurangi-Fitzgerald	Values	Bella Thin
Room 6 Art	Miya Coulston	Junior School Overall Values	
	Murphy Geary	Academic Achievement	Grace Hooke Memorial Cup
	Makayla Winata, Taylor Hurst	Senior Scholar (Dux)	McAllister Family Trophy
	Chase Thomas	Citizenship Cup	Board of Trustees Award
Room 7 Art	Addyson Rogers	All Round Contribution to the School	Stuart Family Trophy
	Riley Wentworth Smith		Hawkey/Lawrie/Tindall Cup
	Kade Kerrison		
	Katie Allison		
Room 8 Art	Charlie Hayes	House Leaders 2020	Gould
	Jessica Beeby		
	Farhin Faris		Jellicoe
	Neko Welch		
Room 9 Art	Tellia Pagalima	Grant	
	Griffin Johns		
	Tyiah Whakarau	Evans	
	Brianna Latu		
Room 10 Art	Jorja Kelliher		
	Harrison Butler		
	Mikayla Willetts		
	Tawhai Reihana		
Room 11 Art	Irihapati McMillan-Meager		
	Bella Hopkinson		
	Harriet Baxter		
	Tamaki Karauria		

Murphy Geary,
Alyssa Maraku
Latisha Put
Oliver Kirke
Charlotte Hallberg
Oliver Kirke

Orla Motley,
Angus Gould
Mercedes Karauria,
Jack Bennett
Annachez Jones,
James Grice
Bella Thin,
Deacon Cooper

Grantlea Downs Term Calendar Term 1 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Feb 3 Whole school assembly, 10:10	4	5 Newsletter	6 Waitangi Day	7 Assembly 2.15 pm
2	10	11 School Picnic at 5pm	12 Home & School Meeting 7pm	13 Top Teams BOT Meeting	14
3	17	18	19 Newsletter	20	21 Triathlon
4	24	25	26	27 Student Goal Setting Conferences 1-7 pm	28 Assembly 2.15 pm Triathlon p/p Have a Go Girls - Year 8
5	March 2 Science in a Van	3	4 Newsletter	5	6 Mufti (St Johns)
6	9	10	11 Gloriavale Leavers Talk 7 pm H & S Fundraiser	12 BOT Meeting	13 Assembly 2.15 pm SC Triathlon
	EOTC Week				
7	16	17 PCT Challenge	18 Newsletter	19	20 Senior Swimming Sports 9.30-12.30pm
8	23	24	25	26	27 Assembly 2.15pm SC Swimming Sports
9	30	31	April 1 Newsletter	2 BOT Meeting	3 Wheelathon
10	6	7	8	9 Assembly 2.15 End of Term	10 Good Friday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MASH
MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

GLENITI

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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HOLIDAYS: from \$38.00

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SATURDAY
15 FEBRUARY
2020

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A team event of standup paddle boarding, obstacle beach challenges and Tai Chi.

Boards provided, no prior paddling experience necessary.

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Pool Leisure

If your child is looking for a new musical challenge for 2020, **TIMARU SCHOOL OF MUSIC** is offering free tuition in small groups. We teach guitar, ukulele, violin, cello, recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Hire instruments are available and a one-off fee of \$40 is payable plus the cost of tuition books. Lessons are held after school at Oceanview Height School.

Enrolments are now open by either emailing timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com, or at our enrolment day, Wednesday February 12 3.30-5.30pm, at Oceanview Heights School Hall

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6th FEB - 16th FEB

MON 3rd FEB	TUE 4th FEB	WED 5th FEB	THUR 6th FEB	FRI 7th FEB	SAT 8th FEB	SUN 9th FEB
NO SHOW	NO SHOW	NO SHOW	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm 7:30pm	1pm
MON 10th FEB	TUE 11th FEB	WED 12th FEB	THUR 13th FEB	FRI 14th FEB	SAT 15th FEB	SUN 16th FEB
NO SHOW	NO SHOW	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm 7:30pm	1pm

All children 2 - 14yrs must be accompanied by an adult or student. Children under 2yrs sit on your lap at no charge. Terms and Conditions apply.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKET?

BOOKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. TO BOOK VISIT OUR BOX OFFICE ONSITE / BOOK ONLINE THROUGH ITICKET / OR CALL THE NUMBER BELOW WWW.MOSCOWCIRCUS.CO.NZ

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	DIAMOND	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	RED
ADULT	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$35	\$25
CHILD	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$15
CONC.	\$55	\$45	\$40	N/A	N/A

SILVER FAMILY PASS - \$130
BRONZE FAMILY PASS - \$100

2 x ADULTS & 2 x CHILDREN IN SELECTED SEATING

SEAT AVAILABLE ONLY 1 HOUR PRIOR TO SHOWTIME