



Newsletter

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Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Welcome back to term four everyone. I hope you all managed to have a nice break and spend time with family and friends.

A huge thank you to Fiona & Kevin Hurst, David Fairhall, Andrea Garven, Garry and Reon for the 'Farm Clean Up and Fix Up' that they undertook in the holidays. It was very much appreciated!

We are very pleased to announce the following new teaching staff for 2019:

Mr Sam Carlaw, Miss Claire Richmond, Miss Megan Shaw and Mrs Victoria Lambert. Two of these are fixed term positions for the year because Mrs Michelle Bray & Miss Claire Jeffrey have been granted refreshment leave for 2019. We also wish to announce that Mrs Allison Ford will be retiring from her role as a fulltime classroom teacher but we are fortunate that she will continue on as a release and relieving teacher. We look forward to the new staff joining us and hope they have a rewarding time at Grantlea Downs. We will announce which classrooms our teachers will be teaching later in the term, once we have confirmed year level configurations and numbers.

Some of the things that are coming up in term 4 are: Kereta Mini-fair, Year 3 & 4's 'Big Day Out', Yr 5 Camp @ Lindisfarne, Yr 6 Camp @ Woodend, Yr 7 Camp @ Wainui, Yr 8 Camp @ Tekapo/MtCook/Twizel, Jump Jam Team Competing in Chch, Waipopo Athletics, Senior Athletics, SC Athletics, Yr 8 Leavers Dinner, School Reports, Junior & Senior Prizegiving. Please see the calendar attached to the newsletter for dates. We also recommend you download our free parent/family calendar app.

Term 4 is always a very busy term for everyone in our school community so looking after your wellbeing is even more important as we head towards the 'Christmas Festive Season.'

Remembering the 'Ways to Wellbeing' – Connect, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Be Active and Give are great ways to improve and support our wellbeing.

Our Wellbeing focus for this fortnight is 'Keep Learning – me ako tonu.' Learning is at the heart of who we are, as we learn we grow in mind, body and soul.

Nga mihi nui
Collette Sandilands

Keep Learning – me ako tonu



Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for that course. Take on a different responsibility at work. Have a go at fix up something. Learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy achieving. Learning

new things will make you more confident as well as being fun

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs this week: Liam Cloughley, Tylar Cloughley, Lydia Nelson, Ruby MacGregor, Sophia Corcoran-Campbell, Kurt Carson, Shianna Heney and Czerina Hernandez

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students that represented South Canterbury at the Inter Regional Cross Country Championships in Nelson at the end of last term, gained some fantastic results. Niamh Motley 3rd and 1st SC girl Yr 8 Mia Quirke 23rd and 3rd SC girl Yr 8 John Liu 26th and 1st SC boy Yr 7 Orla Motley 29th and 4th SC girl Yr 6

CARTER BROWN

What an amazing job! Carter Brown was recently featured in The Courier for making a donation to Hospice South Canterbury of over \$580. Carter raised the money by watering plants, cleaning cars, chopping kindling and doing some gardening. Well done!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Orders and payment are due in by
Thursday 25th October 2018

ShakeOut

This month we are taking part in New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi, at 9.30 on 18 October. We will be practising our Drop, Cover and Hold drill then walking our tsunami evacuation route (weather permitting). We will be crossing onto the other side of Grants Road and walking until we turn left onto Old North Road. We will continue walking uphill, veering left onto Selwyn Street and meeting at Marchwiell Park. This is our meeting place. In the event of a real Civil Defence emergency where there has been a Tsunami Evacuation notice given and sirens sounded, this is where you can expect to find us and collect your child/children. In the event of a real emergency and threat of Tsunami a sign will be on the gate stating we are at Marchwiell Park, otherwise we will remain on the school site.

We are also taking part in the New Zealand ShakeOut Schools Challenge, organised by the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management and the Earthquake Commission. Your child/children will be bringing home a Challenge booklet to work through as a family. There are prizes for everyone that completes the 8 challenges and returns their signed checklist to Mrs Gordon in Room 8, before the end of October.

OPIHI SYNDICATE SPORTS DEMONSTRATION

The Opihi Syndicate held a very successful Tabloid Sports on Thursday 20th September. The weather was good and there was a wonderful turn-out of parents. A huge thank you to those parents that supported us by assisting on some of the stations. Without your help we would have had less activities and larger groups. The children enjoyed the day and it was a pleasure to see so many of our students participating with enthusiasm and displaying our Grantlea Downs Values.

Opihi Syndicate Sprint Results			
	1st	2nd	3rd
5 yr old girls	Freya Forward	Amelia Forward	Ava Maraku
5 yr old boys	Henry Thomas	Mason Fitzgerald	Jaxon Wickenden
6 yr old girls	Polly Hendry	Phoebe Kiddey	Auroriah Smith
6 yr old boys	Jack Ryan	Hunter Hopkinson	Jett Whyte
7 yr old girls	Miya Coulston	Kate Hoare	Teiria Tungia
7 yr old boys	Chase Thomas	Charlie Palmer	Reid Brazendale

Seals of Approval – End of Term 3

Congratulations to the following students who were placed first or runner-up in the Seal of Approval Awards for Term 3

Students Name	Most Seals
Mason Fitzgerald	Winner - Room 1
Jasmyn Cleland	Runner-Up - Room 1
Greer Hurst	Winner - Room 2
Jax Rolton	Runner-Up – Room 2
Hunter Hopkinson	Winner - Room 3
Kaloni Latu	Runner-Up - Room 3
Izabella Simms	Winner - Room 4
Fletcher Tee	Runner-Up - Room 4
Oscar Bennett	Winner - Room 5
Laila Fifita	Runner-Up - Room 5
Greer Black	Winner - Room 6
Isabelle La Grange	Runner-Up - Room 6
Makayla Winiata	Joint Winner - Room 7
Murphy Geary	Joint Winner - Room 7
Arina Lyakh	Runner-Up - Room 7
Jessica Beeby	Winner - Room 8
Annabelle Gilmour	Runner-Up - Room 8
Miglia Schicker	Winner - Room 9
Faliqh Faris	Runner-Up - Room 9
Mercedez Karauria	Winner - Room 10
Tawhai Reihana	Runner-Up - Room 10
Orla Motley	Winner - Room 11
Chelsea Nicholls	Runner-Up - Room 11
Charlotte Blake	Winner - Room 12
Kassidy Anderson	Runner-Up - Room 12
Charlotte Collis	Winner - Room 13
Celia Stowell	Runner-Up - Room 13
Niamh Motley	Winner – Room 14
Amelia Maynard	Runner-Up - Room 14
Maddox Peneamene	Winner - Room 15
Steven Ramsay	Runner-Up - Room 15

PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 2nd November**.



REMINDER - UNIFORM – Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn this term. Please ensure your child has one and it is **clearly named**. Please also ensure all uniform items are **clearly named** as we had a large number of unnamed or unreadable items of uniform in the Lost Property Box (as shown below) at the end of last term.



THIS FRIDAY – ALL WELCOME!



Kereta Syndicate Mini-Fair

This Friday 19 of October the students will be holding their annual Mini-Fair from 12pm until 1.30pm to help with camp costs. We will

be having:

- © White Elephant, Book Marks, Hair Ties and Clips, Playdoh, Face Painting
- © Sausage Sizzle \$2
- © Food items – Slushies/Ice Cream Sundaes \$2, Ice Blocks/Fizzy Drinks \$1, Cupcakes \$2, Iced Biscuits 50c, Popcorn/Sherbert \$1
- © Cake Walk \$2 (10 spots a round)
- © Can Toss, Free Throw Challenge, Smash the Orange, Balloon Darts, Cross-Bar Challenge, Sponge Throw (Special Guests to throw wet sponges at) Chocolate Wheel
- © There will also be raffles and mystery bottles

Please let your family and friends know, and come and support our students on this day, we look forward to seeing you here.



CAMP FEES AND CAMP FEE ASSISTANCE – Year 5, 6, 7 & 8

This is an advance notice that payment for camps will need to be received by the school office **no later than Friday 26th**

October for Year 7 & 8's and Friday 9th November Year 5 & 6's.



Please contact Mrs Sandilands or Mrs Willocks in the office if you would like help with your child's/children's camp costs, as we have access to limited community trust funds that are given to the school that we can choose to use for this purpose. **The earlier you contact us the easier we can plan to help the most families. Please contact us asap.**

If you have had this assistance in the past this does not mean you are automatically registered for assistance this year, therefore contacting the office is essential.

ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM COSTS – Yr8 students

The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund through the Rotary Club Timaru North are inviting applications from schools for grants supporting families of Year 8 children with school uniforms, clothing and footwear costs for High School next year.

If you would like to be considered please contact the office for an application form. These applications need to be completed and returned to school by Thursday 8th November.

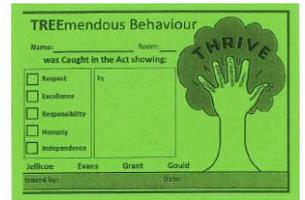
TREEmendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners

Below are the recipients of the TREEmendous Behaviour Values draw. Children are given a green card when they are observed showing actions in line with our school values

Week 10 - Term 3

Week 10 Values winner: Grant
Term 3 Winner: Gould

- Henry Room 2
- Caiden Room 5
- Telila Room 6
- Blake M Room 12
- Daniel Room 10
- Taylor Room 10



Assembly Awards

Principal's Award - Week 10 Term 3

Pyper McGiffert, Cooper Kelliher, Cassidy Anderson, Steven Ramsay

Excellent Effort – Week 9 Term 3

Araliyah Jamison, Jacob Bramley, Archie Kotua, Gabby Milne, Brylee Taylor, Michaela Dockerty, Addyson Rogers, Ethan Wilkins, Sergio Bryan, Liam Wisnieski, Mia Holden, Devlin Redrup, Jorja Kelliher, Harrison McCullough, Reece Mitchell, Mikayla Ryan, Tevita Latu, Shae Neho, Brendan Phillips, Blake Parker

Values Focus Award – Week 9 Term 3

Brodie Penty, Scarlet Hayes, JJ Gates, Teiria Tungia, Will Pelvin, Cooper Kelliher, Taylor Hurst, Leon Liu, Lochie Wilson, Ramayne McCully-Winiata, Alex Elder, Emma Reynecke

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 9 Term 3

Scoutt Tee, Shyla Page, Chase Thomas, Kassi White, Jett Whyte, Greer Black, Makayla Winiata, Miglia Schicker, Tawhai Reihana, Charlotte Blake, Ashton Sandford

TOTS TO TEENS FREE DIGI-MAG FOR ALL PARENTS, THROUGH SCHOOLS



We now have a fantastic new smartphone- and computer-friendly digital version of Tots to Teens for parents to view! The school's link to the new digital magazine is available here issue1809c.totstoteens.co.nz

ANNUAL SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

You are invited to the Annual Grantlea Downs Athletics Sports for students **Acacia and Kereta Syndicate**. The sports will be held at school, on Tuesday 27th November (postponement date: Friday 30th November).

Information about the "Standards Events"

The "Standards Athletics Sports" that your child will be competing in is designed to have each child compete against prearranged standards, but it also accommodates those who excel and are more competitive. In standards events students are competing to a standard rather than just against other students. Each child will score 1, 2 or 3 for every event. All those achieving a 3 will then compete for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing.

The athletics sports is also an Interhouse sports competition with a shield up for grabs. The winning house will be decided by all the students' individual points being added together. The students are encouraged to dress in the colour of their house as this promotes house spirit and competition.

Your child will need the following:

- ✓ Students are required to **wear shorts**, not track pants.
- ✓ All students must wear both **sunscreen and a sunhat**.
- ✓ They will need a **drink bottle** to ensure they drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- ✓ Students will need warm clothing for between events or if the weather changes.
- ✓ Postponement will be announced on More FM South Canterbury and put on our Facebook page. (Please do not ring the radio station)

Jellicoe – Green
 Gould – Blue
 Grant – Red
 Evans – Yellow

Kirsty White
 Athletics Sports Coordinator

The day's programme is:

9:30am	Round 1
10:05am	Round 2
10:40 –11.00am	BREAK
11:05am	Round 3
11:40am	Sprints – 100m
12:30 - 1:10pm	***LUNCH (you are welcome to join your child for lunch)
1:15pm	Round 4
1:50pm	Round 5
2:25pm	Pack up gear
2:35pm	Relays



ORDER OF EVENTS

ROUNDS

High Jump (H J)
 Long Jump (L J)
 Softball Throw (S)
 200 metres (200)
 Shot Put (SP)

	Time	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12	Over 12
Round 1	9:30am	H J	200	S	SP
Round 2	10:05am	S	SP	L J	H J
Round 3	11:05am	L J	H J	200	S
Round 4	1:15pm	200	S	SP	L J
Round 5	1:50pm	SP	L J	H J	200

Important Note:

The SC Athletics Sports age groups are Under 9, Under 11 and 11 & Over. Therefore the U10 students are competing against the U11 students and the U12 students are competing with the O12 students for a place in the school SC athletics team.

We require some parents to help on the day. If you are able to assist please fill in the slip on the last page, or contact the office on 684 7706.

Pre-Enrolments

We are currently in the process of forward planning and request you fill out the form below (copies available from the school office) if you have any children that you will be enrolling at Grantlea Downs in the future, or are aware of any other families intending on enrolling their children. Please return to the school office asap.

Our School has an Enrolment Zone so in order to ascertain if we will have available spaces for out of zone students in 2019, we would appreciate you returning this slip as soon as possible

Pre Enrolments – Current Grantlea Downs Families

Pre school child/ren I intend enrolling at Grantlea Downs

1) His/her name is _____ DOB _____

Expected start date _____

Sibling of _____

2) His/her name is _____ DOB _____

Expected start date _____

Parent/Caregiver Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Pre Enrolments – New Families to Grantlea Downs

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Pre school child/ren I intend enrolling at Grantlea Downs

1) His/her name is _____ DOB _____

Expected start date _____

Sibling of _____

2) His/her name is _____ DOB _____

Expected start date _____

Parent/Caregiver Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return Slip

SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS - Tuesday 27th November 2018

I _____ am able to assist with the Senior Athletics Sports.

I am available (please circle) All day Morning only Afternoon only

I can be contacted on (phone number) _____

COMMUNITY NOTICES



FEAR NZ PRESENTS
Halloween Trick or Treat FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 12 - 4PM
Carnival rides, spot prizes, high tea, best dressed, and heaps of fun activities.
FAMILY PASS \$20 OR \$5 pp
tickets at www.fearnz.com 0800FEARNZ
NET PROCEEDS TO **Punket FAMILY CENTRE**

Caroline Bay Timaru ENTERTAINMENT AREA

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South Canterbury Mountainbike Club – Kids Race Sunday, 28 October

Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs.
Time: sign up from 11.30am, race starts at 12.00pm.
Suitable for: ages 2-12.
Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

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NAVIGATING the ADOLESCENT YEARS

Presenter: Kathryn Berkett

PARENTS - IF YOUR CHILD IS 10+ years old THIS IS THE PRESENTATION FOR YOU!

Children go through BIG developmental changes when they transition to adulthood but do you know just how BIG these changes are and how much these changes can impact on your child? Parenting can become very challenging but take heart! This presentation will help you make sense of it all & give you some strategies to maintain a healthy relationship with your teen as you navigate the journey together.

WHEN:

Wednesday 31st October, 7 – 8.30pm, @ Craighead Diocesan School Auditorium.

Gold coin donation