



## 9 December 2020 Newsletter No 17



**END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY**  
**2.15pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**All welcome**

**Reminder: School finishes at**  
**12.30pm next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**December. The bus will leave at**  
**the earlier time of 12.40pm.**

### END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

**Junior Prizegiving** (Rm's 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be held in the Grantlea Downs Hall at 2pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Those attending are asked to be seated no later than 1.50pm.

The **Senior Prizegiving** (Rm's 5(16), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15) will be at **6pm** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December also in the Grantlea Downs Hall. All students will be expected to be here no later than 5:40 wearing clean, tidy and correct uniform, shorts and polo shirts only for this occasion, no polar fleeces or sweatshirts to be worn. It is important that **all** students attend this special occasion. Parents and those attending are asked to be seated before 5:50pm.

Have you returned your library books



**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE NOW DUE BACK**  
**(There is still a very large number of books**  
**outstanding, please return asap)**  
**Please return to the Library asap**

### STAFFING

We have a number of Staff finishing their time at Grantlea Downs this year. Miss Amy Trainor, Ms Andrea Heinicke and Mrs Vicky Lambert. Also Mrs Emma Kingan and Mr Claire Farr will not be returning after their maternity leave. We wish them all well in their new endeavours in 2021.

Our thanks also goes to Mrs Michelle Allison for her time as Teacher Aide and Sports Uniform Co-ordinator.

Mrs Allison Ford is retiring after 21 years at Grantlea Downs. Her dedication to the school has included positions as Assistant Principal, Syndicate Leader, Teacher and Release Teacher. We wish her well in her retirement.

In 2021 we welcome Miss Melissa Davies who will be teaching a Yr1/2 class in Room 6 and Mrs Kirsty Stone teaching Yr5/6 students in Room 10.

### The teams in 2021 will be as below:

Ophi Syndicate		Teachers
Room 1	Yr 0 & 1	Mrs Sandra Annett
Room 2	Yr 0 & 1	Miss Raewyn Guise
Room 3	Yr 1/2	Miss Alice Austin
Room 4	Yr 1/2	Miss Charlotte Lester
Room 6	Yr 1/2	Miss Melissa Davies
Waipopo Syndicate		
Room 7	Yr 3/4	Miss Megan Shaw
Room 8	Yr 3/4	Mrs Linda Gordon
Room 9	Yr 3/4	Miss Sally Guthrie
Acacia Syndicate		
Room 10	Yr 5/6	Mrs Kirsty Stone
Room 11	Yr 5/6	Mr Vaughan Skea
Room 12	Yr 5/6	Mrs Ange Hide
Kereta Syndicate		
Room 13	Yr 7/8	Mr Sam Carlaw
Room 14	Yr 7/8	Ms Sharleen Hole
Room 15	Yr 7/8	Mrs Kirsty White

## Our Hangi

On Friday the 27th of November Grantlea Downs hosted a hangi. A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped organise and prepare for the hangi. A special thanks goes to Nathan, David and Karl, we really appreciate everything you did for us to ensure a successful hangi where the food was cooked to perfection. We ate a variety of meats including tuna (eel) and chicken, we also ate potatoes, carrots, kumara, pumpkin and parsnip. The hangi was an awesome learning experience for us all and a great way to celebrate the end of the school year. We are already looking forward to the next one.

By Deacon and Alexis

### Quotes from some of our students.

The hangi was really interesting, we learned about how the food was cooked in a different way. Miya

The Tuna (eel) tasted sour and I was the first person in my family to ever taste it. Thomas

The rain made the chicken skin soggy. Jacob

We got to go down to the hangi pit and learn about the process. The food was yummy and delicious. Kassi

The Tuna (eel) was juicy and yum. Ava



## Digital Reporting

On Monday we shared with you the digital versions of your child's report. Paper copies will be sent home today along with your child's class and stationery list for next year.

Our aim is that during 2021 all reporting will be sent out digitally.

In order for this to happen there are some steps for you to take:

1. Ensure that we have your correct email address on file at the office. If you have received this to the correct place it means that you are good to go. If you didn't receive this digitally, please send an email to the office from the correct address - [office@grantleadowns.school.nz](mailto:office@grantleadowns.school.nz)
2. Download the "Hero" app.
3. Click [this link](https://qrqo.page.link/zQrER) for instructions, or type this URL into your internet browser <https://qrqo.page.link/zQrER>.
4. We are here to help with this as needed - We will have staff members available after school in the foyer on Wednesday 9 December, and Thursday 10 December.



A note regarding reading the graphs in your child's reports...

Please understand that while our graphs make it appear that learning should be at a steady, linear pace, this is usually not the case. Children's progress accelerates and plateaus throughout their school years. Please do not be alarmed if your child's graph shows a flat line in places, this is a normal part of the learning process. Under 6 year olds do not have graphs on their reports.



## Year 8 Boating Trip Opuha 2020

The Year 8's enjoyed a day of boating at Lake Opuha. They went on a range of water toys (couch, biscuits, paddle board and jet-skis) throughout the day. All children had a fantastic day and pushed themselves to have a go. We were very lucky with the weather as well.



Thank you to all the parents that helped out: Greg Ryan, Tara Hull, Donna Grice, Erin Anderson, Debbie Nicholls, Jim Brown, Tamara McGarry, Reon Pilgrim, Mike Hide and Kayla Hide.



## Kereta Syndicate Trip to Peel Forest

Kereta Syndicate went to Peel Forest and completed a range of the walks on offer. One group walked to Acland Falls and the Big Tree. The other group attempted to get to the top of Little Mount Peel – they did an extremely solid effort but were unable to make it due to time constraints so split into two smaller groups and saw Roslyn Falls. It was great to see the children challenge themselves on some of these tough walks.



Thank you to all the parents that helped out: Tara Hull, Erin Anderson, De Thin, Wayne Dyche, Pat Hopkinson, Keri Palmer, Erin Kinraid and Lisa Pilgrim.

## South Canterbury Athletics

Last Tuesday (1/12/20) we sent a group of 32 students to compete in the South Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics Competition.

Once again the students effort and behaviour was exceptional, as were the results which were fantastic. Not only did we have large number of students gaining places, we also placed in two of the four relay events (these events are always the highlight of the day). There were six new records on the day and we took four of these. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our children, helping supervise and with the gazebo.

Well done to all students who competed, in particular:

- Freya Forward - 3rd U8 Girls 70m
- Morgan Palmer - 1st U9 Girls High Jump, 1st U10 Girls 100m (New Record - 14.5 seconds), 3rd U11 Long Jump
- Addyson Rogers - 2nd= U9 Girls High Jump
- Bella Thin - 2nd 12+ Girls 100m, 1st 11+ Girls Long Jump (New Record - 4.95 meters)
- Holly Thin - 1st 12+ Girls 100m, 1st Senior Girls 200m (New Record - 28.15 seconds), 3rd Senior Girls 800m
- Orla Motley - 2nd Senior Girls 800m, 2nd Girls Open Discus, 3rd 11+ Girls Baseball Throw
- Nubain Salwy - 3rd U9 Boys Long
- U11 Girls 4 x 100m Relay 2nd place - Mikayla Willetts, Hayley Milligan, Katie Allison, Morgan Palmer-
- O11 Girls 4 x 100m Relay 1st place (New Record - 56.92 seconds) - Bella Thin, Holly Thin, Millie Boyle, Irihapati McMillan Meager

### **FREE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME 2021**

As part of the free and healthy school lunch programme we require advice of any dietary requirements your child/ren may have, whether diet, health or cultural. A link to a google form will be emailed today or a paper copy can be requested from the office. The link is [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10hfGN-J5Fc9d23ss-KXsCxYkDURDOxFSbhYNPr9\\_tOY/edit?ts=5fc97720](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10hfGN-J5Fc9d23ss-KXsCxYkDURDOxFSbhYNPr9_tOY/edit?ts=5fc97720)

**We require this information for every student by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December please**, in order to inform the suppliers ready for the first week of next year.

### **BYOD – Bring Your Own Device**

We are again welcoming children to bring their own device in Years 5 – 8 next year. We have some special deals from Harvey Norman and Noel Leemings, if you are considering purchasing a new device pop into the office and pick up a flyer outlining these deals.

### **FINISHING THEIR TIME WITH GRANTLEA DOWNS**

A number of families will finish their association with the school at the end of the week, with their children completing their Year 8 year. For some families this association has spanned many years.

We acknowledge the following families support and thank them for all they have contributed. Arps, Cooper, Fitzgerald, Hernandez, Hull, McCullough, Ennis, Goodman, Grice, Jones, McCarthy, Motley, Alden, Craig, Donehue, Gould, Holden, Nicholls, Anderson, Chpilko, Cole, Culshaw, Wallis, Wallis-Kumeroa.

### **FRIDGE MAGNET – 2021 Term Dates**

Enclosed with your child's report is a fridge magnet showing next year's term dates and the schools contact details.

### **SCHOOL PICNIC**

An important reminder to mark on your calendar for next year. Our annual school picnic will be held on

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from

5.00-7.00pm. Bring a fish'n'chip tea or picnic and relax with your children and friends.



### **Grantlea Downs Volunteers and Helpers - Thank You**

We want to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful parents, families, caregivers and supporters of our school who have helped us throughout the year.

If you have helped coach or manage a team, or were a parent helper on day trips, been on the Home & School, the Board of Trustees, helped out with Road Patrol, Sports Days, School Events or anyone who has volunteered to make our school the great place that it is, **THANK YOU!**



### **STATIONERY 2021**

Your child's class stationery list for 2021 is included with reports coming home today. As an option for purchasing your stationery online, we have sent our class lists to the following stationery providers. You can visit the following sites as below:

**Officemax** at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz)

**Qizzle** (formally Eeny Meeny) at [www.schoolpacks.co.nz](http://www.schoolpacks.co.nz)

**Warehouse Stationery** at

[www.warehousestationery.co.nz](http://www.warehousestationery.co.nz)



**We encourage reusing any unfinished books and stationery items left over from this year.**

### **Assembly Awards**

#### **Principals Award Term 4 Week 7**

Jasmyn Cleland, Nevaeh Minchington Wallis, Emerald Woodall, Annachez Jones

#### **Term 4 - Week 7**

Francesca Russell, Mckenzie Rogers, Charlee Rogers, Olly Brown-Innes, Mason Fitzgerald, Brianna Latu, Faliqh Faris

#### **Term 4 - Week 8**

Bailee Armstrong, Kairi Hauptfleisch, Harrison McCullough, Blake Coombes, Hunter Hopkinson, Jax Rolton, Liam Cunningham, Ramayne McCully-Winiata

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

Guitar Tuition available at Grantlea Downs School on Thursday's at lunch time through until 3pm, beginning in February 2021. Taking enrolments now. Contact Kathy Macdonald 6844658/ 02102399795.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Please check the lost property bin in the office if you are missing any items of clothing etc. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.





From the Grantlea Downs Home & School Committee.  
Thank you for your support and patience during this year and we look forward to your continued support for our up and coming 2021 fundraising events.



### TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE

The link to the new DECEMBER ISSUE digital magazine is available here

<http://issue2012si.totstoteens.co.nz/>




## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Anxiety and Trauma

Timaru Girls' High School - Timaru  
Thurs 11 Feb 2021 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Tickets at [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz)

Aoraki Kids Endowment Fund



Aoraki Foundation

@nathanwallis  
[www.nathanwallis.com](http://www.nathanwallis.com)  
@nathanwallislectordesign



**mrs A's**  
music school

## MUSIC LESSONS

Release the Music in you!





🎵 Singing; Piano; Guitar; Bass; Drums; Recorder; Ukulele; and Theory

🎵 Students are taught by experienced musicians in our studio at 22 College Road Timaru or at some schools where possible

**GROUP LESSONS**  
(3-4 students)  
\$120.75 per term

**INDIVIDUAL LESSONS**  
\$235.75 per term

Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 686 4877  
[jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz](mailto:jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz)

<u>KEY DATES 2020:</u>	
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reports sent home
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 8 Dinner
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Final Assembly 2.15pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Prize Giving 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Senior Prize Giving 6pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bell Race 11am
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>School finishes 12.30pm</b>

<u>KEY DATES 2021</u>	
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Office open for enquires
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	First day Term 1
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Assembly 2.15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Waitangi Day holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Picnic 5-7pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Top Teams
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Goal Setting Conferences 1-7pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Start of Acacia/Kereta Swimming
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Triathlon
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EOTC Week begins
10-12 Mar	Acacia Camp



**Next Programme:**  
**25-29 January 2021**  
**Registrations Open Now**

Give your child the opportunity to experience a huge range sports & a variety of awesome activities!!!

Active Kids is OSCAR approved, fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years.

**When:** 25-29 January 2021  
**Where:** The Southern Trust Events Centre  
Morgans Road, Timaru

Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.



**REGISTER TODAY**

For a full timetable & to register go to:  
[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)



Contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751  
Limited Spaces available.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**or when sessions are at full capacity.**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 2021 Sunational Challenge

**BOOK VOUCHERS**  
**GARDEN VOUCHERS**  
**LAPTOP**  
**FREE SWIMS**  
**TABLET**  
**BADGES**

Win great prizes while exploring Timaru District

Collect forms from participating venues  
5<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Open to 18 years and under

CBay

Temuka Library  
Temuka Museum  
Timaru Library  
South Canterbury Museum  
Aigantighe Art Gallery  
Geraldine Library  
Geraldine Museum

## Waimate Parenting Programme

**Register TODAY** to secure your placement

### The Incredible Years

Family Works in conjunction with the Ministry of Education will deliver the Incredible Years Programme in Waimate dependent on sufficient enrolments.

**For parents of:** children 3 - 8 years:

**Thursdays:**  
4<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!  
**Childcare provided if necessary**

This 14 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.

**Family Works**  
PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT  
SOUTH CANTERBURY

To enrol or for further information call  
**Liz Munro NOW** at Family Works  
**03 688 5029 / 0274 688200**  
email: liz.munro@pssc.org.nz

**TO BE HELD IN WAIMATE:**  
**Waimate Main School Hall**  
(24 John Street, Waimate)

**Free**

[www.pssc.org.nz/family-works](http://www.pssc.org.nz/family-works)

## CHRISTMAS ON THE BAY

at the CAROLINE BAY SHELLSHELL

**12th DEC 2020**  
Sat 6-8pm

SUPPORTING HEART KIDS SC

Featuring  
Jackie Clarke  
Frankie Stevens  
Kaylee Bell

**GOLD COIN**  
donation

**TRUST AORAKI**

**Fulton Hogan** **SOUTH CANTERBURY TOYOTA** **VENTURE TIMARU**

**Airco** **AUDIO DYNAMITE** **bnz** **CREATIVITY**

**HEARTLAND** **HEALTHCARE** **MAY'S** **THE BREEZE**

**The Courier** **stuffs**

## skids Holiday Programme

Safe Kids in Daily Supervision  
Waimataitai  
25 Trafalgar Street, Waimataitai

Day	Activity	Time	Cost
Mon 14 Dec	No Activity		
Tue 15 Dec	15. Nature xmas	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$40.00
Wed 16 Dec	16. Master chef	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$40.00
Thu 17 Dec	17. Trip day	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Fri 18 Dec	18. Backyard Battles	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Mon 21 Dec	21. Earth	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Tue 22 Dec	22. Trip	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Wed 23 Dec	23. Twig Boats	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Thu 24 Dec	No Activity		
Fri 25 Dec	No Activity		
Mon 11 Jan	11. Top Town	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$40.00
Tue 12 Jan	12. Trip	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Wed 13 Jan	13. Green Thumbs	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Thu 14 Jan	14. New Zealand	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Fri 15 Jan	15. Water	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Mon 18 Jan	18. Art	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Tue 19 Jan	19. Camp Out	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Wed 20 Jan	20. Trip	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Thu 21 Jan	21. Straw bale	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Fri 22 Jan	22. Bugs	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Mon 25 Jan	25. Wind	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Tue 26 Jan	26. Ice	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Wed 27 Jan	27. Rocks	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Thu 28 Jan	28. Trip	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Fri 29 Jan	29. Sun	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Mon 01 Feb	1st Trip	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Tue 02 Feb	2nd Back to school	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Wed 03 Feb	No Activity		
Thu 04 Feb	No Activity		
Fri 05 Feb	No Activity		

New fees! New play format! Playwork at its Best.  
For more information, call +64-212899229 or 0276011247  
or email [waimataitai@skids.co.nz](mailto:waimataitai@skids.co.nz)

Register now at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) click on **Parent Login**

**MSD-Approved**  
Work & Income NZ OSCAR Subsidy available!

## HIGHFIELD December Holidays 2020

Based at Highfield Primary School, 26 Rimu Street

**8:00am - 3:00pm - \$43.00**  
**8:30am - 3:00pm - \$38.00**

**8:00am - 6:00pm - \$50.00**  
**8:30am - 6:00pm - \$45.00**

\* Trip fee's extra as advertised  
\* Terms & Conditions apply

### WHAT'S ON?

Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th
<b>SCHOOL</b> Normal After School Programme today	<b>SCHOOL</b> Normal After School Programme today	<b>CULTURAL CHRISTMAS</b> How do other Countries Celebrate Christmas?	<b>PAY IT FORWARD</b> Pay it forward today, we're making gifts to give	<b>KIWI CHRISTMAS</b> Let's celebrate some Kiwi Christmas Traditions
Monday 21st	Tuesday 22nd	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th	Friday 25th
<b>WINTER WONDERLAND</b> We're turning MASH into a Winter Christmas	<b>CAROLINE BAY</b> We're off to Caroline Bay for some fun today! \$5 Trip Fee	<b>XMAS CHEF</b> Let's make Christmas treats to share!	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> It's the day before Christmas, let's spread some Christmas cheer	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Enjoy Christmas Day! MASH is closed today

Book online now to secure your spot!  
**MASH** **MASHKIDS.CO.NZ**

For more information go to our website or email us at [info@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:info@mashkids.co.nz)

## Christmas Storytime and Craft

**Geraldine Library**  
Tuesday 22 December 10:30am - 11:30am  
to book call 03 6939336

**Timaru Children's Library**  
Wednesday 23 December 2:30pm - 3:30pm  
to book call 03 6877202

Join us for Christmas stories and fun craft activities!

## Christmas Makerspace!

Temuka Library  
21, 22, 23, 24 December  
from 8:30am - 5:00pm

**TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES**  
Explains • Encourages • Engages • Enriches

Timaru Library  
56 Sophia Street  
Timaru 7510  
Phone: 03 687 7202

Geraldine Library & Service Centre  
80 Talbot Street  
Geraldine 7510  
Phone: 03 693 9336

Temuka Library & Service Centre  
73-74 King Street  
Temuka 7510  
Phone: 03 687 7591

Email: [library@timd.govt.nz](mailto:library@timd.govt.nz) | [www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz](http://www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz)