



Newsletter

16 May 2018 Newsletter No 8

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Today is National Support Staff Day. We are so fortunate at Grantlea Downs to have amazing support staff who go that extra mile daily for the children in our school. We are grateful for our wonderful office administration team, our property manager, our bus driver, our teacher aides and our cleaners. Make sure you take the time to acknowledge and thank them.

Thank you to all those who attended the Home and School AGM. We are a very small but dedicated group of hard working people who meet to co-ordinate and organise fundraising events for our school. We would like to thank retiring Home and School Chairperson Haylee Davis for all the time and energy she has put in over the last five years. It has been very much appreciated. Congratulations to Fiona Hurst who is our new Chairperson.



At the AGM last Wednesday, it was agreed that the Home and School would operate in a different manner for 2018. We hope the new format will enable more families to be actively involved with the events and activities the Home and School organises without them having to attend the regular formal meetings. An example of this new format will be, when organising an event such as the Wheelaton or Disco we will ask for volunteers. That group of people will meet, only if necessary, or communicate by email to arrange the details.

The Home and School realises that families find it hard to find the time to attend evening meetings, but are willing to help. We believe this new way of operating should hopefully be successful. We are always grateful for the volunteers and help we receive for any events that we run.

It is the school's hope that we may need less major fundraising activities over the coming years as our Calf Raising Venture becomes more profitable. This will always depend on a number of factors. A very special thank you goes to Fiona Hurst, Dave Fairhall, BJ Phillips, Keri Palmer, Haylee Davis, Garry Ford and John Doggett for the time they have put into the Calf Raising Venture to get it up and running successfully.

As another way of informing our families about what is happening in the school and to give you a chance to feed back, we are trialling a new Family Forum. We will set up a relaxed, informal opportunity for you to come along and have a chat and hear about any significant things that are happening. This term we will be discussing the removal of National Standards and what that means for you and your child, Wellbeing initiatives in the school and our ERO Report. Childcare will be available so please bring your pre-schoolers along and a cup of tea will be provided as well. We are going to run our first Family Forum as part of our Family Open Day which will be held on Thursday the 21st of June. Full details of the Family Open Day and our new Family Forum will be in our next newsletter.

Our Wellbeing focus for this fortnight is "Take Notice - Me aro tonu." Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

Nga mihi nui
Collette Sandilands



Take Notice - Me aro tonu

*Remember the simple things that give you joy
me aro tonu ki ngā mea māmā
noa i ngākau harikoa ai koe.*

Each day write down three things you are grateful for, it's a great way to bring happiness to your day ☺. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment, whether you are walking to work, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Haylee Drake, Amiee Honatana, Aroha Honatana-Smith and Zyras Honatana-Smith.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Liam Nesbitt who competed in the NZ Open Karate Championship in Christchurch on 21st April. This event was equivalent to a National event. Liam placed 3rd in the 8/9 years development division.

DICTIONARY PRESENTATION TO YEAR 4 STUDENTS

On Thursday 3rd May, all Year 4 students were presented with a personalised dictionary from The Timaru North Rotary Club.

We would like to thank them for this generous gift.



DISCO

The 'Jungle' themed disco run by the Home and School, held last Thursday, was a great event enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who helped at the two discos. Below are the prize winners for Best Dressed & Best Dance Moves. Go Mrs White!



New Zealand Book Awards

This year Hell's Pizza are sponsoring the New Zealand Book Awards. To encourage children to read more books we have entered the school in the Reading Challenge. Children need to read seven books and get it signed off by their teachers who will check their knowledge of the book.

When a child has read seven books they can take the Reading Wheel to "Hell Pizza" where they can collect one 333 kid's pizza from any Hell store nationwide.

VISITING PERFORMANCE – NZ PLAYHOUSE

Red Riding Robyn Hood

Last Wednesday the whole school enjoyed the performance from the NZ Playhouse 'Red Riding Robyn Hood' and as always, the show was energetic and included the audience all the way through. The theme of the play was to challenge the students to think about traditional gender roles, bravery and standing up for what's right.

The storyline is described below:

'King George has lost the plot! In his never-ending quest to build bigger palaces, giant walls and enormous statues of himself he has raised the Land Far Far Away tax rate to 101%! Jack and Jill can't afford to get a pail of water, Little-Bo-Peep has to sell her sheep, and even the Princess is so hungry she ate the pea.

When even the bravest of Knights are too scared to stand up to him, the Land Far Far Away cries out for a hero to put a stop to the madness of the King.

Luckily their cries are heard by a mysterious red hooded figure with a bow and arrow, a basket of goodies and some very unlikely 'Big Bad' backup.'



Pink Shirt Day – this Friday 18 May 2018

Grantlea Downs is supporting Pink Shirt Day as an awareness only, we are not asking for donations. Children can wear something pink in conjunction with their uniform in support. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships.



'Out of this World!'
Scholastic Book Fair
At School 18th-21st June
More details to follow

ROAD PATROL - THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

We still require a volunteer to supervise Road Patrol on a **Thursday afternoon for Term 2**. Road patrol consists of you monitoring the crossing as the trained students control the crossing and ensure that students are crossing safely, taking 15 minutes of your time - 3:00pm to 3:15pm on this one day a week for the term. Please contact the office if you are available to help.



CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 31st May



The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held this year on Thursday 31st May. All students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country will begin at 1:00pm and we expect to be finished by approximately 2.45pm.

Race Events (girls and boys will run separate races):

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6
- Year 7 and 8

(this is **NOT** the confirmed order that we are going in, it is just the grouping of each race)

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for before and after the race)
- Water bottle

Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students.

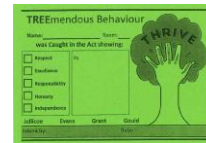
The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 12th June. We will be sending the top 3 boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8.

ABSENCES

If for any reason your child is going to be absent **please** contact the school office their **name and ensure you give a reason for absence ie sick, doctors appt etc.** You can call 684 7706 any time, our phone system is automated to take absence messages before school opens, text on 027 684 7706, or send us a message through the Skool Loop App.

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 1 Term 2

Winning House: Jellicoe
Mercedez Room 10
Caitlin Room 13
Keely Room 8
Teo Room 7
Chloe Room 8

Week 2 Term 2

Winning House: Evans
Ola Room 3
Jai Room 9
Jaydie Room 1
Ella Room 15
Mason Room 1

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Week 2 Term 2

Blake Coombes

Excellent Effort – Week 1 Term 2

Ambrose Bryan, Jax Rolton, Charlie Palmer, Aleyah Barriball, Sergio Bryan, Neko Welch, Makea Patterson, Ollie Agnew, Lucas Hammond, Jacob Bain, Nikita Lyakh, Nathaniel Wickenden, Hayley Milligan, Mikayla Ryan, Flame Brazendale, Celia Stowell, Latisha Put, Matthew Gregory, Lukas Kelliher

Values Focus Award – Week 1 Term 2

Amelia Forward, Braxton Smith, Cooper Nesbitt, William Donaldson, Keely Kubala, Montana Davis, Dyllin Morris, Bella Hopkinson, Ardia Fitzgerald, Alex Elder, Nara Shenton

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 1 Term 2

Vanessa Brown, Jacob Bramley, Hunter Hopkinson, Azaria Kleinow, Jess Beeby, Hunter Tee, Mercedez Karauria, Pippa Palmer, Khya Ross, Eli McLaughlin, Tyla Murray

Excellent Effort – Week 2 Term 2

Aleka Beckett-Gillett, Alissi Fagalima, Dominic Esler, Polly Hendry, Jun Lee, Olivia Hanson, Alannah Milligan, Jackson Collis, Devlin Redrup, Nik Wallis, Kalo Siale, Angus Gould, Tameko Burke, Harriet Baxter, Rebecca Bramley, Blake Coombes, Astle Holden, Mollie Phillips, Caitlin Letham, Caitlin Bentley, Ruby Allison, Steven Ramsay

Values Focus Award – Week 2 Term 2

Aaliyah Raukawa-Goodman, Charlee Rogers, Chase Thomas, Gabby Milne, Makayla Winiata, Tylah Whakarau, Rubie McCarthy, Tawhai Reihana, Summer Culshaw, Cassie Thornley, Tevita Latu, Blake Parker, Oli Kirke


Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 2 Term 2

Teiria Tungia, Archie Kotua, Reid Brazendale, George Baxter, Shikayla Dawson, Ethan Nesbitt, Miglia Schicker, Mercedez Karauria, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Ase Kuruduadua, Mason Griffiths, Amelia Maynard, Mia Quirke


COMMUNITY NOTICES

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?


NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!



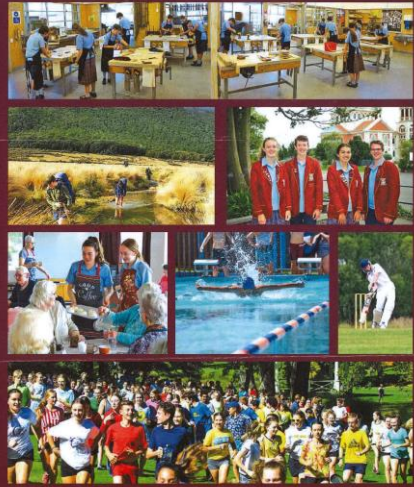
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- *Notices
- *Instant school messages
- *Absentee
- *Newsletters
- * Permission Slips

Available on the  **App Store** or on  **Google play**


Simple free download: In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' & choose our school once installed.




RONCALLI COLLEGE OPEN DAY
"To empower, enable and inspire students"



Guided tours of the College
 10am to 1pm - Sunday 20th May



CRAIGHEAD
 DIOCESAN SCHOOL



In pursuit of personal excellence
OPEN DAY 27 MAY
 Join us at 2pm in the Auditorium

Digital Natives to Screenagers
 Online Opportunities and Challenges
FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
 for parents/whānau and community members

WHEN: Monday 2 July 2018 , 7.00pm to 9.00 pm
WHERE: Room 1, Education Centre, Timaru Hospital
 Enter through Main Hospital Entrance

Facilitated by Anjie Webster from Netsafe

For more information and to register go to
www.wavesouthcanterbury.co.nz/news/professional-development/Digital-Natives-to-Screenagers



Parenting Helpline

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856
 9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz



Centennial Park Footbridge Replacement

from the Timaru District Council

The large timber footbridge next to the BMX track at the eastern end of Centennial Park has reached the end of its useful life and is being replaced.

It will be closed from Monday 21 May and demolition will commence soon afterwards. The contractor will take about 16 weeks until 7 September to complete a new suspension bridge at the same location.

While the project is underway pedestrians and cyclists will use the road bridge and share the road in the vicinity of the two bridges. Please follow directions and signs on site. It is important to take extra care in this vicinity, especially with children and animals. We apologise for any inconvenience.

DAVE UPFOLD
 Comedy Stage Hypnotist Show

Fun Family show

"Energetic, engaging and enthralling"

Timaru Girls High School Hall
 (Timaru Girls High School Netball Fundraiser)
 Thursday 21st June - 7.00pm
 Tickets only \$ 25.00

Tickets from Team Members or online at www.eventfinda.co.nz and search DAVE UPFOLD.
 Show info txt or phone Dave 021 453202
www.not1but2.com

The South Canterbury Drama League is organising a Singing Competition on Saturday July 14th at The Playhouse in Timaru.

These are fun and friendly singing competitions for children and teens and competitors will be judged on technique, performance, and musicality.

There will be some awesome prizes for the winners and sections for all abilities.

This is a great opportunity for students to improve on their performing and singing skills.

If you have any questions or require an entry form please email us at scdlsingingcompetition@yahoo.com Entries close 4 June 2018