# lewsletter

#### 17 March 2021 Newsletter No 4

#### **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome Benjamin Wade and his family to Grantlea Downs this week.

# WHEELATHON CARDS AND ANY DONATIONS, DUE IN NEXT WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

#### **WHEELATHON 2021 – 9 April 2021**

All sponsorship cards, donations and parent help forms are due back **next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.** Please bring to the office in a sealed bag or envelope.

This year our major prize draw for students who have returned their card by next Wednesday, is a Family Package from Tekapo Springs, a petrol voucher and a Café voucher, valued at approx \$350.

Each student will receive one entry for every \$10 of sponsorship gained.

We are encouraging students to decorate their bike/scooter/helmet in an Easter theme, with spot prizes being awarded.

#### HIKOI

A number of earthquakes and tsunami warnings have featured in the news recently, so we have decided to reinforce our safe walking skills and practice our tsunami evacuation procedures at the same time. This whole school activity will be taking place on Friday 26 March. We will be walking to and from our designated meeting place, Marchwiel Park. A distant tsunami could give us three hours warning, a regional tsunami could give us between one and three hours warning, but a local tsunami may only give us minutes to evacuate. It is important that we all know what to do in the event of a real warning.

#### SWIMMING WAIPOPO SYNDICATE (RMS 7, 8, 9)

The structured lessons in our school pool have now finished. Please continue to send swimming gear with your child each day. There is no set timetable but some classes may swim if the weather is okay and it fits into the day.

#### SC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Four representatives from our school competed in an exhausting SC Primary Schools Triathlon. There were five heats with competitive levels of speed. The course started with a tiring 100m swim, a drowsy 2.8km run and a near death biking experience. It started with a clap and a bang and felt like you would never get to the finish - but we all finished in the end. We would all like to thank Mr Fennessy for giving up his time to come and give us motivation and also marshalling the course.

Boys results: Leon Liu =2nd place, Boston Davis = 23rd

Girls results: Millie Boyle =16th, Arina Lyakh =21st **By Leon** 

#### **PCT** Challenge

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March four Year 8 students were selected to compete in the PCT Challenge at Aorangi Stadium. We competed against seventeen other schools across South Canterbury. We had to carry a tyre, jump through, under and over obstacles, drag a dummy and run really fast to complete the course in a fast time. The team consisted of Millie Boyle, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Thomas Hendry and Blake Fairhall. We came third overall and the winning team won by four seconds over us. Thank you to Mr Fennessy for giving up his time to go with us. It was a great event and we all enjoyed it.

From Millie, Room 15

#### <u>Touch Rugby</u> <u>Congratulations Grantlea Downs Thunder</u>

Well done to the Thunder touch rugby team who capped off a fantastic season by winning the final of their grade. The team has had a great season winning the majority of their games and showing great teamwork and sportsmanship.

### Junior Triathlon Results 2021

Event		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 1	Girls	Aria Henry	AK	Bailee Armstrong	Jayda Tairaki- Houia	Brooklyn Thompson	Gemma Halkett-Doull
	Boys	Kayden Young	Hunter-Jay Paisley	Wiremu Thomson	Skyler Felizardo	Luka Pratley	Lawson Kavanaugh
Year 2	Girls	Mckenzee Rogers	Sophie Scott	Monica Backhouse	Neaka Morris	Kairi Hauptfleisch	Abby Thornton
	Boys	Will Frewen- Crowther	Rahurahu Tungia	Kauri McCoy	Falcon Rangitaawa	Ashton Wentworth- Smith	Tawhirimatea Whyte
Year 3	Girls	Scoutt Tee	Fleur Skinner	Keeva Fitzgerald	Aria Ng	Greer Hurst	Manaia Evans
	Boys	Henry Thomas	Xhyon Gordon- Patterson	Tiaki Whyte	Ihaka Huria- Leckie	Taveon Kleinow	Matangirau Williams- Agnew
Year 4	Girls	Ella Lambert	Amelia Forward	Ava Maraku	Freya Forward	Bailey Clarkson	Kassi White
	Boys	Ollie Brown- Innes	Jax Rolton	Jaxon Wickenden	Vann Agnew	Caiden Hough	Mason Fitzgerald

# Senior Triathlon Results 2021

Event		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6th
Year 7/8 Individual	Girls	Millie Boyle	Irihapati McMillan Meager	Arina Lyakh	Bella Hopkinson	Briar Taylor	Taylor Buckland
marriadar	Boys	Leon Liu	Boston Davis	Blake Fairhall	Tristan Dyche	Riley Annear	Casimir Kleinow
Year 5/6 Individual	Girls	Annabelle Gilmour	Azaria Kleinow	Addyson Rogers	Phoebe Kiddey	Maddison Ford	Jess Beeby
marvidadi	Boys	Charlie Palmer	Neko Welch	Oscar Bennett	Jack Ryan	Griffin Johns	Nubian Salwy
Year 5/6 Duathlon		Xanthe Stevenson	Heyven Timoti	Karakia Wereta-Ruru			

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the team and individual events. We were so proud of everyone's attitude and effort! Thank you very much to the parents who helped us on the day. This event could not run without you.

Thanks,

Teaching Staff **⊕** 























# Senior Swimming Sports (Yr 5 – 8) This Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 – 11.40am URGENT REQUEST FOR PARENT HELP



The Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports will be held this Friday (19th March) at CBay on Te Weka Street.

In order for this event to run smoothly we require parent helpers to carry out some duties on the day. If you are able to assist, please phone the office on 684 7706 or email Mrs White on <a href="mailto:kirsty@grantleadowns.school.nz">kirsty@grantleadowns.school.nz</a>

#### **YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP**

Thank you to those families that have contributed to school camp by paying the camp donation. We really appreciate this support and acknowledge that without these donations we would not be able to offer the level of outdoor education that is available this year. To pay the \$80 donation the school's bank account number is 03-0855-0334452-00, please state your child's name as reference so we can send out a Donation Receipt for you to claim back a partial refund from the IRD. If you were wanting to claim a 1/3 of the \$80 donation back from the IRD in this tax year you will need to pay this to the school by the 31st of March 2021.

# KIWI ENGLISH, MATHS & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS (Optional)

The University of Canterbury are again offering all Year 5 – 8 students the opportunity to participate in these optional competitions. Forms have been sent home today.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform is available at The Warehouse from SchoolTex who are the provider. If The Warehouse do not have any particular item in stock please see the personnel in the clothing department near the dressing rooms and they will order it for you or be able to advise you when the next shipment will be arriving.

#### **EMERGENCY DETAIL UPDATE FORMS**

We still have a number of forms outstanding. Please return your checked and updated Emergency Detail Update Form to the school office asap.

#### **Assembly Awards**

#### Term 1 - Week 5

Emma Wilkins, Kayden Young, Cohan Hayes, Anika Reihana, Anabelle O'Connor, Casey Holden, Wairingiringi Ryan-Wahanui, Francesca Russell, Scarlet Hayes, Heidi Fuller, Xanthe Stevenson, Asenaca Kuruduadua, Lucas Hammond

#### Term 1 - Week 6

Luka Prattley, Ivy- Leigh Lord, Maiden Kirkwood, Hazel McGlinchy, Aiden Scott, Lavanya Renjith, Salafai Paniani, Lydia Nelson, Olly Brown-Innes, Lydia Flavell, Charlie Pelvin

# GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS TERM 3 & 4 2021

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for Term 3 & 4 2021.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office

Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 26 July to 14 December 2021. We currently have places for New Entrants, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 students. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school zone

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **30 April 2021**.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 7 May 2021. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Application forms are available at the school office or by calling 03 684 7706.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Annaleisha Coombes, BOT Chairperson

# Grantlea Downs School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice first being published on HERO, SkoolLoop and Facebook, to hold a byelection to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to:

A Coombes, Chair Grantlea Downs School Board 65 Grants Road Timaru by: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# **Year 5/6 Camp at Woodend**



#### **Camp by Carter Room 12**

The camp had air rifles, orienteering, archery, go carts and even a rock climbing wall. My Dad, friends and I did what boys do – kicked a ball around and played cricket, made loud noises, scrambled around the gaga dodge ball pit, ran around the basketball court, flew Mr Skea's drone or bounced on a trampoline. It was an awesome expereience.











#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



# Cambridge Hockey Club Junior Hockey

If your child is interested in playing hockey this season please let us know. The competition format has changed this year with the **new grades** now:

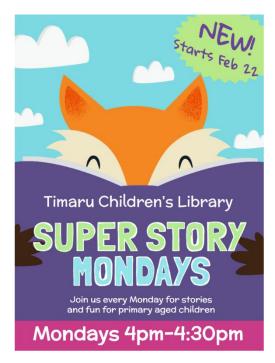
Kwik Sticks - Played Friday nights - year 7 & 8 children - 7 aside

Kwik Sticks Development - Tuesday nights - year 7 & 8 children - for those newer to hockey - 6 aside

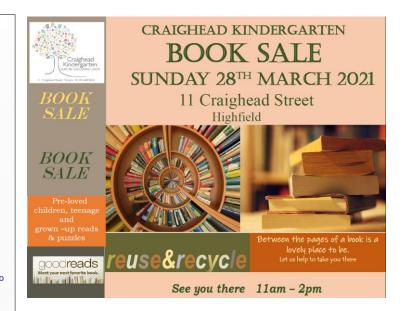
Kiwi Sticks - Tuesday nights - year 5 & 6 - 6 aside Mini Sticks - Tuesday nights - year 3 & 4 - 5 aside (1/4 turf) Fun Sticks - Tuesday afternoon - year 1 & 2 - Term 2 Only

For more information and a link to our registration form please check us out on Facebook (facebook.com/cambridgehockeyclub) or send us an email at cambridgehockeyclub@gmail.com

We are finalising our team entries over the next two weeks so please register by Monday 22 March.







Excelsior Junior Hockey invites you to our Hockey Registration Day

on Thursday 18th March 2021 at

**Timaru Town and Country Club at 4pm** 

If you are unable to attend, please use our Google Doc link to register.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdMlz0Pa 49h4meAOHh5SVre4SvYcNfT9l3FpkK3d\_qX27BuwA/ viewform?usp=sf\_link



#### Junior 'Have A Go At Football' and 'Registration' Day 2021



For all new and returning junior players (6th-12th Grade), if you are interested in having a go at football this season, come along to Thistle's 'Have A Go At Football' and 'Registration' Day. Have fun meeting others, kick a ball around, and try out a range of drills and skills.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR DRINK BOTTLE!

When: Sunday 28th March, 2021 Time: 2pm Where: Anzac Square (beside the old Century Pool)

For any queries please contact

Rebecca Shepherd (Junior Coordinator)

0276843153 OR rebeccashepherd22@gmail.com

Also 'Like' the Timaru Thistle AFC Facebook page to stay up to date with all of the club information.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

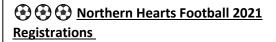
First Practise: When: Wednesday 7th April, 2021

Time: 3:45-4:30pm Where: Anzac Square

Registrations Close: Friday 9th April, 2021

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If your child is keen to play football for Northern Hearts this season you can find all the details on our Facebook page - Northern Hearts AFC Juniors - or contact us on <a href="mailto:nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com">nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com</a>. Ages 5/6yrs (this includes 5year olds turning 6yrs this year) to 13yrs.

Registrations need to be completed by the Wednesday 24th of March.





# Smelt it?

Odour is a serious concern for many residents in Timaru. Environment Canterbury is running a pilot project this February, focused on gathering better information and data in the Washdyke and northern Timaru area. Ultimately, the aim is to help reduce odour reaching beyond business boundaries and improve the quality of life for residents.

Here's where we need your help.
We would like you to use our web-based reporting tool, Smelt It, whenever you notice an odour during February.
Help us to help your neighbourhood - the more people using Smelt It, the more data we have and the more we can do to respond effectively.

From 1 February onwards, any time you notice an odour in your area, log it on Smelt It.

Repeat each time you notice an odour up until 28 February – the more data you can help us collect over this month, the better.

For more information and FAQs about the odour pilot head to ecan.govt.nz/timaru-odour



Taking action together to shape a thriving and resilient Canterbury, now and for future generations. Joitú te marae o Tang, toitú te iwi.





## Celtic Rugby Football Club

#### Registration Days

New and Existing Players

#### JAB RUGBY

5 - 13 year olds Boys & Girls

Wednesday 24th March 2021 - 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Saturday 27th March 2021 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Celtic Clubrooms, Craigie Avenue, Timaru

Please bring birth certificate for age verification for <u>new members</u>.

Any queries to Donna Bartlett - 021833166