



Newsletter

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NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Charlee Rawson, Olivia Gilmour, Leila Akurangi-Fitzgerald, Luca Thomas.



STAFF CHANGES

We would like to advise you that Miss Harriett Sutton will be leaving Grantlea Downs at the end of this term, her last day being Friday 25 September.

Harriett has secured a position at Longbeach School for Term 4 enabling her to move back to Ashburton, her home district. We wish Harriett all the best with her future plans and would like to thank her for her commitment to teaching and learning at Grantlea Downs School.

We are very fortunate to be able to employ Mr Vaughan Skea full time for the rest of the year in Room 11. Mr Skea has been teaching part time in our school this year in the Acacia and Kereta Syndicates and the students know him well.

SKI TRIP - 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

The postponed Ski trip has been rescheduled for next Thursday 10 September. All details remain the same with buses leaving at 7am (please be at school by 6.45am.) Children who had already been on the Skating trip will have a normal school day.

A reminder of gear that is required:

- SUNSCREEN –this is essential**
- SUNGLASSES/GOGGLES - these are essential**
- Warm Waterproof Jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Warm Jersey /Sweatshirt/Polar fleece
- Warm Hat/Beanie
- Waterproof Gloves
- Plenty of food to last the day
- Drink bottle
- Compulsory helmets will be issued with boots/skis etc at the skifield



WHEELATHON – Home and School Fundraiser

All outstanding Wheelathon cards are now due back. Whether you have donations or not **PLEASE** return these to the school office asap.

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**Scholastic Book Week in the Office Foyer
next Mon 7th – Thurs 10th,
3pm-4.30pm daily**

As part of our Scholastic Bookfair Week, we are having a dress up day on Friday 11 September. The theme this year is Fantasy and Fables. Children are welcome to come dressed in their costumes.

A Parade will be held but if we are still at Covid-19 Alert Level 2, unfortunately Parents/Family will not be able to attend. Notification of any changes will be on Facebook and the Skool Loop App.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 4th Sept

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren this Friday 4th September at 9.00am in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



Opihi Syndicate Sports Demonstration Thursday 17th September 2020

On Thursday 17th September Opihi Syndicate (Rooms 1 - 4) are holding their Sports Demonstration.

They are starting at 11.00am and will stop for lunch at 12.30pm. You are welcome to come and watch and then join your child for lunch. At 1.30pm they will start the sprint races.

Children are encouraged to wear their House colours to school.



ABSENCES – Reminder!

If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, **please** contact the school office. Please advise 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Temuka Athletics Club

Looking for a new challenge or to keep fit during the off-season ?

Why not join the Temuka Athletics Club and stay fit while learning new skills that improve agility and strength in a fun family-friendly environment.

Regular Inter-clubs available (uniforms supplied)

Training with qualified coaches available

Events: Running, Walking, Throwing and Jumping—Caters for all abilities!

SEASON START—MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020

Ages: 5+

When: Monday Nights (Term Four & One)

Time: 6.15pm start

Where: Opihi College Sports Grounds (Guild Road)



For further information and registration details:
www.sporty.co.nz/temukaathletics
Like our Facebook Page "Temuka Athletics Club"
Email: temu.athletics@gmail.com
Phone: Nicola—021 622 942

DAFFODIL DAY - MUFTI DAY

Our mufti Day held last Friday raised \$474.10 for the Cancer Society Daffodil Day Fundraiser. Thank you for your donations.



Assembly Awards

Principal Awards – Week 6

Tawhiri Whyte, Michaela Dockerty, Savannah Annear-Mason, Room 12, Jackson Guthrie

Term 3 - Week 5

Lenny Richards, William Frewen-Crowther, Sophie Scott, J.J Milne, Dom Esler, Teiria Tungia, Olly Brown-Innes, Harrison Butler, Ella Craig, Isabella Dockerty

Term 3 - Week 6

Brooklyn Thomson, Kairi Hauptfleisch, Araliyah Karena-Jamison, Lydia Nelson, Violet Fifita, Keeva Fitzgerald, Manaaki Wereta-Ruru, Blake Cunningham, Liam Cloughley, Riley Wentworth-Smith, Latisha Aldridge, Brodie Merhtens, Nathaniel Wickenden

NZTA KEYRING

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency have given us, as part of their *Check your car* campaign, some 'tyre tread depth checker keyrings' for each family. A handy tool for drivers, these keyrings measure the depth of the tread on car, motorcycle and trailer tyres to check that they have at least 1.5mm of tread as required by law. Also included is a handy flyer for a quick safety check of your car.



Celtic Cricket Club - JAB registration days

Thursday 17th Sept 5:30pm-6:30pm and Saturday 19th Sept 10am-11am Celtic clubrooms, Craigie Ave. Subs \$30. Payable at registration Contact: Ants 0272294336

BREADTAGS for wheelchairs

We are still supporting this initiative as it is not only helping people in need but also our own environment. Bring your bread tags in to school, we have boxes in the office and in Ruma Ako. For more information about the charity check out the website <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za> or the NZ Facebook page Bread Tags for Wheelchairs NZ .