



Newsletter

13 March 2024 Newsletter No 4

Tena koutou katoa

It was fantastic to see all the children participating in the Top Teams activities yesterday and a special thank you to those parents that volunteered to help run a station. We appreciate the help that you provided. It was also great to see our older students helping support and encourage our juniors.

Next Thursday is the Senior Swimming Sports at C Bay and we would appreciate parental support for this as well. We are unable to run events like these without your support due to the adult to student ratios we are required to have.

Congratulations to the children that participated in the South Canterbury Triathlon last Friday. We are proud of how they competed to the best of their ability.

Early next term, Monday May 6th we are holding a cyber safety evening presented by Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope. In his presentation he will cover the issues of cyberbullying, social media, gaming and a lot more. Dealing with the pitfalls of technology and social media is a challenge for parents and schools so please put this date in your diary as this is an evening not to be missed.

Kickstart Breakfast has started up again in the mornings in the school hall from 8.30am. All children are welcome to come along if for whatever reason they haven't had breakfast before coming to school.

Regards
Richard



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: James Chambers, Willow Don, Jaxzon McInnes and Shannon Bates.



SC TRIATHLON

Last Friday we sent six students to the South Canterbury Triathlon. They all put in a fantastic effort and made our school proud. It was great to see them participating with a smile and having fun.



DUFFY THEATRE

This week, our school hosted the Duffy Theatre troupe presenting "Calling Detective Duffy Stat". Our students were eager, active audience participants, in solving the Duffy mystery! The message from the show was 'It's cool to read and cool to achieve'.





TYRE TRENCH WORKING BEE

We still require a few more people to help this Friday. We have a digger coming in but still need help with cementing in the tyres. If you are able to spare some time this Friday 15 March, we would appreciate your help.

JUNIOR NETBALL 2024 - YEARS 1-8

Netball season is nearly upon us. If you would like your child to participate, click on the link below or see the office for a paper copy. Please return your forms by **Tuesday 19 March** to give us time to organise registration.



When:

Yr 1&2 Tuesdays Term 2: 30 April – 2 July indoors at Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road
Yr 3&4 Fridays Term 2: 3 May - 5 July (no play 28 June - Matariki) at NSC Outdoor courts
Yr 5&6 4 May to 31 August – Saturday mornings at NSC Outdoor courts
Yr 7&8 4 May to 31 August – Saturday mornings at NSC Outdoor courts

Where: Netball courts at Aorangi Park off Morgans Road

Cost: The approximate cost to play netball this year is:

Yr 1&2 \$50 per student
Yr 3&4 \$80 per student
Yr 5&6 \$95 per student
Yr 7&8 \$105 per student

<https://forms.gle/QQTta3G31bA9AdYB9>

If you require any further information, please contact Stacey Herd or Megan Shaw
stacey@grantleadowns.school.nz
megan@grantleadowns.school.nz

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS – Yr 5-8 Entry Form

The Senior Swimming Sports are being held next Thursday, 21 March. A notice has been posted on Hero. It is important the Google Form is filled out online by today please. The link to the Google Entry Form is <https://forms.gle/TLV9enrECvZ8aqqZA>

Parent help is also required.

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 being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

To register your interest in becoming a Board member please forward a cover letter about yourself to: boardchair@grantleadowns.school.nz

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Errol Johns

Grantlea Downs School Board

boardchair@grantleadowns.school.nz

by: 20th March 2024

Principal Awards – Term 1 Week 6

Sophia Kirk, Te Arika Corbett, Scoutt Tee, Nevaeh Minchington Wallis

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 5

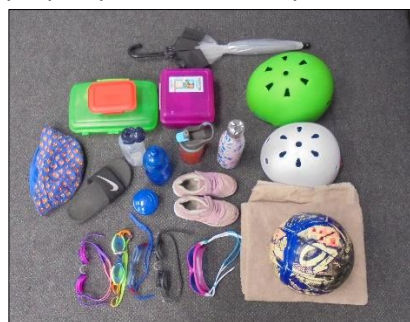
Aura Benton, Addison Fox, Freida Bennett, Olivia Marshall, Lawson Kavanaugh, James Willmott, Ella Shand, Arlia Jacobs, Eli McInnes, Ashton Wentworth Smith, Riley Welbourn, Jaxon Fagan, Anas Al Madhon

Values Champion – Week 6

Murphie Morris, Mika Akagi-Taynee, Anastacia Hayes, Sage Fish-Jackson, Floyd Jackson, Charlee Rawson, Athena Rejeesh, Bailey Rawson, Araliyah Karena-Jamison, Chloe Welbourn, Jasmyn Cleland, Quinn Hansen

LOST PROPERTY

If you recognise anything, please collect it from the lost property in the office foyer.



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The next meeting of the School Board will be Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Administration Office Board Room.

All parents are welcome to attend.

School Docs

The following policies are currently under review on SchoolDocs

- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** (board)
- **Board Responsibility** (board)
- **Parent Involvement**
- **Communicating with Parents**
- **Community Conduct Expectations**
- **School Character* / Special Character*** (board)
- **Documentation and Self-Review Policy** (board)
- **School Planning and Reporting**
- **Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement**

All school community members can participate in reviews of policies.

All reviewers

1. Visit the website <https://grantleadowns.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (grantleadowns) and password (grantsroad).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

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STUDENT LEADERS WORKSHOP

Last week our House Leaders attended a Sport Canterbury workshop for student leaders. At the workshop they learnt some new leadership skills and a variety of games and activities that they can organise at school.



Caroline Bay* Rock & Hop 2024



KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT

AT THE GALA DAY

Saturday 16th March
10am – 1.30pm
Ages 5 – 15 years.

Hey kids, get your friends together and join the Caroline Bay Rock and Hop 2024 Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a scavenger list from the Information or Merchandise tents at the Gala Day and start searching.

Great fun prizes to be won!

Drop your completed lists back to the Information or Merchandise tents by 1.30pm to be in to win.

1st Prize: Playstation 5
Kindly donated by Nexus Services Timaru

2nd Prize: Tablet
Kindly donated by Heartland Containers Timaru

**1ST & 2ND PRIZE WINNERS
ANNOUNCED ON THE
MAIN STAGE AT 1.55PM**

FREE ENTRY

Grantlea Downs Triathlon - 2024 - Results

Event		1st	2nd	3 rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 7/8 Individual	Girls	Ava Maraku	Polly Hendry	Izabella Simms	Ella Lambert	Maddie Ford	Bailey Clarkson
	Boys	Jax Rolton	Oscar Bennett	Manu Kotua-Tekoronga	Hunter Hopkinson	Jaxon Wickenden	Carter Brown
Year 5/6 Individual	Girls	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor	Manaia Evans	Hannah Kavanaugh	Greer Hurst	Keeva Fitzgerald
	Boys	Henry Thomas	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Ashton Wentworth-Smith	Gordon Patterson	Joseph Hoffman-Cook	Jackson Lindsay
Year 4 Individual	Girls	Aria Henry-Evans	Bailee Armstrong	L M	B W	Anabelle O'Connor	Bhavya Gopakumar
	Boys	Leo Dunnage	Lawson Kavanaugh	Hunter-Jay Paisley	Aiden Scott	Luka Pratley	Wiremu Kotua-Tekoronga
Year 3 Individual	Girls	Teo Reha-Moki	Manvi Maneesh	Dotte Cadigan	Ksenia Streltsova	Lilly McGrail	Bailey Rawson
	Boys	Luke MacGregor	Tyler Ferguson	Spencer Bell	Arlo Thornton	Akulan Ashwinkumar	George Beeby
Year 2 Individual	Girls	Bella Ford	Te Aika Reihana	Isabelle Palmer	Mila Stringer	Sophia Kirk	Vanessa Yorston
	Boys	Chase Reweti	Louis Dennis	Theo McCarthy	Ayson Kannemeyer	JJ McCarthy-Wederell	Carter Halkett
Year 1 Individual	Girls	Annie Richmond	Irie Corbett	Maddison Scott	Bonnie Cross-Papuni	S H	Freida Bennett
	Boys	Theo Hart	Max Willmott	F M	Frankie McArthur	Oakley Walkinshaw	Mika Akagi-Taynee

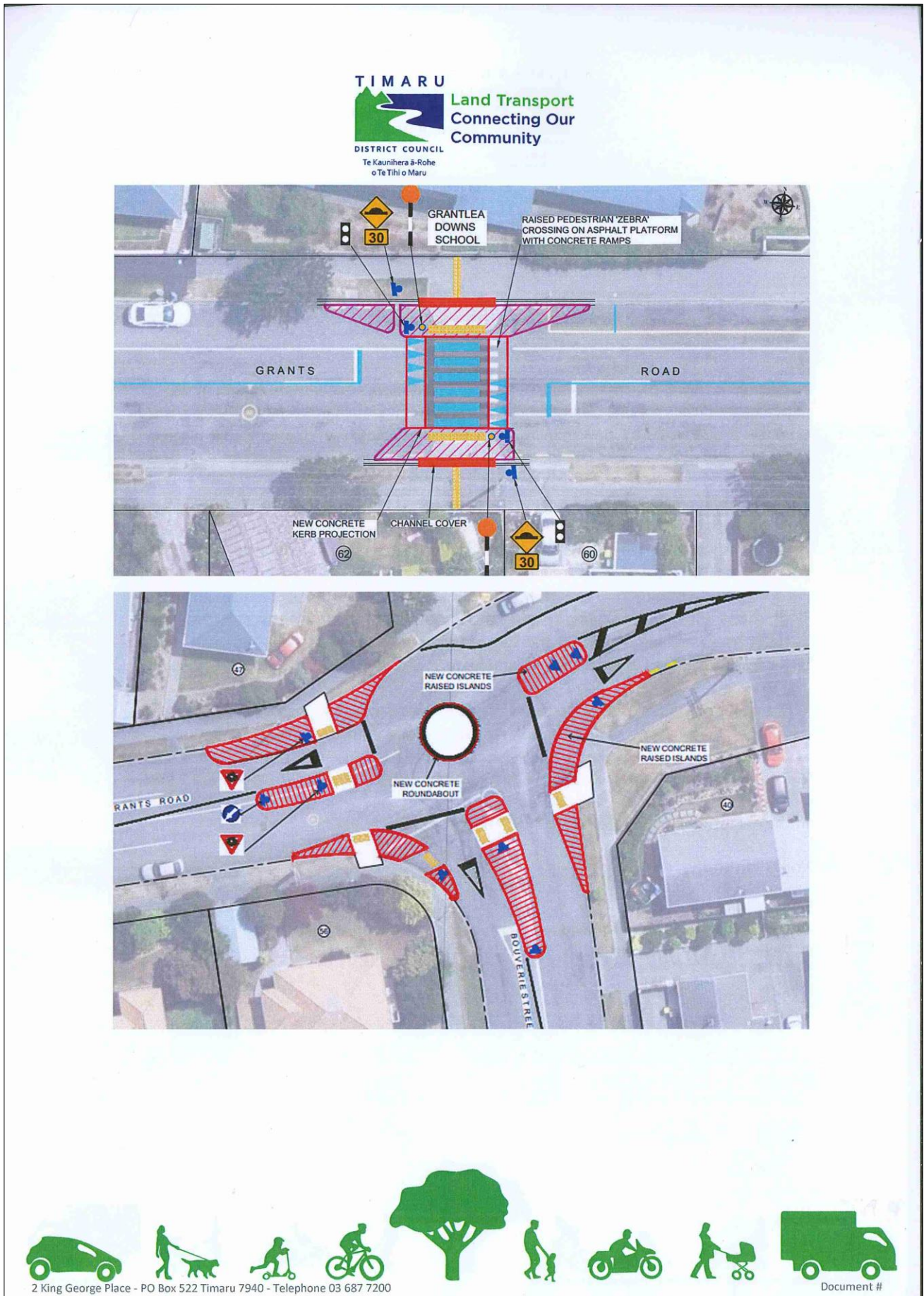
Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Triathlon. We were so proud of everyone's attitude and effort!

Thanks,
Teaching Staff 😊



PROPOSED ROAD CHANGES – Grants Road Raised Pedestrian Island and Roundabout

We have been advised that a new raised platform will soon be constructed at the existing pedestrian crossing outside School. In time this project will be followed by the installation of a new roundabout at the Grants Road and Bouverie Street intersection as shown below.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

⚽️ ⚽️ ⚽️ Northern Hearts Football 2024 Registrations

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 nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com. Ages 5/6yrs (this includes 5year olds turning 6yrs this year) to 13yrs. (Birth year from 2011 - 2019)

Registrations need to be completed by the Friday 22nd of March.

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place. We also have [Literati Lab](#) just for girls

Venues: Canterbury Uni & STAC

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 22nd March

Siblings Save 6%

TIMARU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

Ethel & Bethel
Bingo Babes
FUNDRAISER



FRI 22 MARCH 2024 | 7:30PM

BINGO NIGHT!

| AUCTIONS | PRIZES |
| MYSTERY BALLOONS |

TICKETS \$40 PURCHASE WITH QR CODE	TGHS SCHOOL HALL, CAIN STREET, TIMARU
DOORS OPEN 6:45PM START TIME 7:30PM END TIME 11:00PM	BAR - EFTPOS SUPPER PROVIDED



18+

Enter online
www.mountainbikeashburton.co.nz

McDONALD'S ASHBURTON

4 & 6 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Saturday 13th April 2024

Teams Solo eBike

PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS
It's challenge time ... Big Easy style!

Primary School Kids Challenge event
Entry is in Teams of TWO - One kid does the 5km walk/run and the other kid does the 7km bike ride ... awesome fun!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!
BE PART OF THE ACTION AT THE BIG EASY!

Veterinary Centre
Whitehorse
BIG Easy

RUN IT - WALK IT - BIKE IT

SUNDAY 07 APR 2024 WAIMATE

Raising money for your school!
Each team will receive a give-a-little page, with a target of raising over \$100. 75% of all funds raised will go towards their local school - and the rest to an amazing local charity. This is a great way to get the kids active and having fun, while raising money for their school and local community.

whitehorsebigeasy.co.nz  /WhitehorseBigEasy

HOW TO ENTER
Contact -
Ryan Luckman
027 405 2772 | whitehorsebigeasy@gmail.com





Pet Poem & Photo Competition

Fun for the Kids

rewards for the School!



The Veterinary Centre by the Big Blue Cross is a community focused organisation, that believes in giving back to the community that supports us. As part of our engagement with the Timaru district we are running a Pet Poem & Photo Competition, with great prizes for both the winners and the winning students school.

What do they need to do? To enter the competition students just need to write a poem about their favourite pet and include a photo ... all kids want a cute furry animal curled up at the end of their bed, but if they don't have a pet then just use their imagination to create the pet of their dreams, and draw us a picture of what their pet would look like! Send the creative piece to entries@vet111.co.nz (teachers might like to scan them for the children and send on their behalf), or drop it into the new Timaru clinic at the corner of Sarah and Sefton Streets, Timaru ... don't forget to include the students name, age, and school. We look forward to seeing them.

Teachers might like to get the whole class involved as a fun creative writing exercise.

Students - Winners will receive the following prizes ...

- FIRST PRIZE - **Konus Binoculars** - valued at \$139
- SECOND PRIZE - **GrizzlyPRO Headlamp** - valued at \$79
- THIRD PRIZE - **All Black Blanket** - valued at \$49

School - Winners School will receive ...

- **\$500 Cash**





Veterinary Centre
18 Sefton Street, Timaru | Phone 03 684 5666 | Email timaru@vet111.co.nz | www.vet111.co.nz by the Big Blue Cross