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Reminder: School finishes at 12.30pm this Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. The bus will leave at the earlier time of 12.40pm.

#### **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Zackai Salwy, Monica Backhouse, Abby Thornton and Marina De Jesus.



We want to say a huge thank you to Height Solutions who provided the scaffolding stage for our Letterland Production. Please consider them if you have any scaffolding requirements.

# 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)

#### **ACACIA RAFFLE RESULTS**

The Acacia Syndicate Raffle has been drawn and all winners have been notified. Thank you for your support. Congratulations to V Mitchell, Alana, D Hoare, J Shearer, Janet and Owen

#### **END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING - Tomorrow**

Junior prizegiving (Rm's 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be held in the Grantlea Downs Hall at 2pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Those attending are asked to be seated no later than 1.50pm. The **Senior** Prizegiving (Rm's 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15) will be at **6pm** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 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 <u>all</u> students attend this special occasion. Parents and those attending are asked to be seated before 5:50pm.



These children learnt how to use sewing machines and have up cycled some old pillowcases to make eco bags

# SCHOOL GROUNDS CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Board of Trustees would like to advise that the School grounds will be closed to the school community during the holidays for Health and Safety reasons. The site is classed as a construction site, with contractors working in various parts of the school during this time.



#### STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who obtained a **Gold Award**:

Harrison Butler, Montana Davis, Koda Davis, McKenzie Don, Tristan Dyche, Thomas Hendry, Connor Hoare, Casimir Kleinow, Tawhai Reihana, Janaya Smith-Allan, Drew Thornley, Mikayla Willetts, Josh Aguirre, Blake Fairhall, Bella Hopkinson, Tamaki Karauria, Lachie Kotua, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Greer Black, Rebecca Bramley, Blake Dale, Kieran Dewit, Faliqh Faris, Tim Kirke, Asenaca Kuruduadua, Leon Liu, Hunter Morris, Jake Rogers, Khya Ross, Miglia Schicker, Billy Sherborne, Briar Taylor, Cassie Thornley, Michelle Van Rooyen, Jack Bennett, Bailey Campbell, Jett Davis, James Dyche, Alex Elder, Emily Flavell, Ryan Goodman, James Grice, Jackson Guthrie, Astle Holden, Jayda Hull, Annachez Jones, Tevita Latu, Orla Motley, Brookland Philip, Latisha Put, Ebony Strudwicke, Hunter Tee, Holly Thin, Ella Brown, Yizhou Cao, Daniel Chernetski, Deacon Cooper, Ella Craig, Angus Gould, Charlotte Hallberg, Caleb Hay, Czerina Hernandez, Mia Holden, Kawend Kuang, Abby Lister, Dyllin Morris, Chelsea Nicholls, Blake Parker, Emma Reynecke, Tayla Wilson, Ruby-Jane Allison, Kassidy Anderson, Summer Culshaw, Aaliyah Dewit, Oscar Johns, Mercedez Karauria, Oliver Kirke, Mikayla Ryan, Keanu Smith-Allan, Bella Thin, Oscar Whyte, Madison Wills.

### **South Canterbury Athletics**

Last Tuesday 3 December we sent a group of 28 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 number of students gaining places, we also won one of the relay events (these events are always the highlight of the day).



Well done to all students who competed, in particular:

Morgan Palmer – 1st U9 Girls Long Jump, 3rd U9 Girls High Jump

Bella Thin – 1st U11 Girls 100m, 2nd 11+ Girls Long Jump

Orla Motley – 2nd 11+ Girls 800m

Tevita Latu – 1st 11+ Boys Baseball Throw, 2nd 11+ Boys Shotput, 3rd O12 Boys 100m

Blake Coombes – 2nd AWID 50m, 2nd AWID 100m U9 Girls 4 x 100m Relay 1<sup>st</sup> place– Polly Hendry, Kate Hoare, Morgan Palmer and Katie Allison

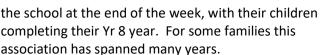
Thank you to Michelle Allison for marshalling the

children to their events for the day and to all the parents and family members who came along to support the children, it was very much appreciated.



# FINISHING THEIR TIME WITH GRANTLEA DOWNS

A number of families will finish their association with



We acknowledge the following families support and thank them for all they have contributed.

Barriball-Weavers, Blissett, Campbell, McKenzie, Philip, Niewuwenhuyzen, Cao, Chernetski, Cookson, Gregory, Hay, Kuang, Mason, Parker, Reynecke,

#### SCHOOL PICNIC

An important reminder to mark on your calendar for next year. Our annual school picnic will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from



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5.00-7.00pm. Bring a fish'n'chip tea or picnic and relax with your children and friends. It will also be the official opening of the Bike/Scooter Track at 6pm.

#### FRIDGE MAGNET - 2020 Term Dates

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



From the Grantlea Downs Home & School Committee. Thank you for your support during this year and we look forward to your continued support for our up and coming 2020 fundraising events.

#### TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE

A complimentary copy for each family of the Tots to Teens Magazine is included with this newsletter. The link to a digital copy is available

at <a href="http://issue1912c.totstoteens.co.nz/">http://issue1912c.totstoteens.co.nz/</a>

## **Assembly Awards**

Principals Award - Term 4 - Week 8

Hannah Kavanaugh, Harriet Baxter, Keanu Smith-Allan

Term 4 - Week 7

Alice Baxter

#### Term 4 - Week 8

Emily Hughes, Fletcher Tee, Tegan Graham, Zackai Salwy

#### STATIONERY 2020

Your child's class stationery list for 2020 will be included with reports coming home tomorrow. As an option for purchasing your stationery online, we have sent our class lists to the following stationery providers. You can visit on the following sites as below:

Officemax at www.myschool.co.nz **Eeny Meeny** at www.schoolpacks.co.nz Warehouse Stationery at

www.warehousestationery.co.nz



For orders over \$46\*







#### **KEY DATES 2019:** 12th Dec Junior Prize Giving 2pm 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Senior Prize Giving 6pm 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Reports sent home 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Bell Race 11am 13<sup>th</sup> Dec School finishes 12.30pm **KEY DATES 2020** 30<sup>th</sup> Jan School Office open for enquires 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb First day Term 1 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day holiday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Assembly 2.15pm 11th Feb School Picnic 5-7pm 13<sup>th</sup> Feb **Top Teams** 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Triathlon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Goal Setting Conferences 1-7pm

#### A LOT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL RECENTLY

SC Triathlon

13th Mar

The Bike/Scooter Track is well underway with the official opening at 6pm during the School Picnic 11th February. The school garden has supplied a lot of the veges for Year 8 Dinner. Opihi and Waipopo Syndicates put on another fabulous show.



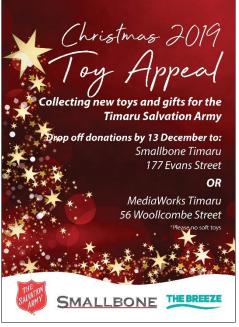




## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**







Parenting Place's Attitude team is excited to bring you Tī Kōuka - the ultimate parent-child adventure camp.

Most of us don't look forward to talking about self-esteem, technology, drugs, alcohol or puberty with our kids. We know it's really important, but it's difficult to find the

Ti Kōuka is for intermediate aged children accompanied by a parent/grandparent/caregiver/special big person in their life.

There will be challenging and fun activities, good food, great chats and the chance for you and your child to strengthen your relationship. **Join us at Ti Kōuka.** 

For dates and locations, check out parentingplace.nz/ti-kouka





