



# Newsletter

## 7 June 2023 Newsletter No 9

Tena koutou katoa

Last Friday staff participated in the Timaru Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) professional development day at Timaru Boys High School. It was an opportunity to collaborate with other teachers from other schools in a variety of workshops. We also hosted school administrators at our school, and they took part in workshops around attendance and well-being.

In the next couple of days, you will receive a link to participate in a Healthy Active Learning survey. Healthy Active Learning is a government well-being initiative which our school is involved in. The survey is about physical activity, Health and PE and community involvement in these areas at Grantlea Downs School. We would appreciate as much feedback as possible as it helps us shape the future direction of our physical education and Health programmes. If you do take part, you will go in the draw to win a \$50 supermarket voucher!

Thank you to everyone that came along to the cross-country last week. It was a fantastic event, and the children certainly appreciated your support.

Next Wednesday morning between 9-10am we are holding another Open Hour. It is an opportunity for you to come into school and see your child working in class. We look forward to seeing you.

Regards  
Richard

### OPEN HOUR

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June our school is holding another Open Hour. This will run from 9am-10am. You are welcome to visit classrooms in the school to see what each class is doing and how our programmes run at Grantlea Downs School.

This also gives you a chance to look inside our classrooms and see the environment where your children do their learning.

### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Sophia Leslie, Oakley Walkinshaw and Aurora Morey.

### DONATION FROM ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL

We would like to thank the members of Altrusa International of Timaru for their kind donation of 20 pencil cases. These have been hand made by the members and filled with stationery items for us to give out to children.



Tori and Poppy with the donated pencil cases.

### DUFFY BOOKS ROLE MODEL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 24 May we had Diana Queenin, a Duffy Books Role Model, come to talk to the children and present Duffy 'Caught Being Good' certificates to some of the children. Diana is a Palaeontologist (a scientist who studies the history of life on Earth through the fossil record) and spoke about her work and had some fossils to show the children.





# UPDATE FROM THE VEGE GARDEN

Tena Koutou Katoa

Wow half a year is nearly gone already! Even though winter is here the vegetable patch remains a little hive of activity with tamariki excited to spend their lunchtimes in the garden munching whatever the garden has to offer (not much at this time of year, but some carrots are being eaten).

A lot has happened in our lovely garden so far this year! Mr Vogel has installed an awesome garden shed to keep our supplies safe from the weather and free up the glass house just for plants! The lovely people from Don Mclean flooring donated enough old woollen carpet for us to cover all the garden paths, which have now been fully barked (thank you Mr Vogel and Mr Cassidy) The garden is looking amazing and no more weeding the pathways!! The old bathtubs are filled with soil and compost ready for planting, the worm farms have been re-established and we look forward to using the worm castings to feed our glasshouse crops this spring.

The Tamariki have harvested the crop of popcorn and are patiently waiting for it to dry out enough to pop - we will try popping it in the next couple of weeks.

Over the summer we let our crops go to seed and the tamariki collected many different seeds - carrots, spinach, broccoli, salad mix, sweet 100 tomatoes, capsicum! These seeds are now available to purchase from the school office for \$2 a pack, a great way to support our garden efforts if you have a garden at home.

For those that don't know, the garden is located behind the school pool, beside the lunch kitchen and is open Mon/Wed/Thur. It is there for the whole community to be part of, so feel free to come and get your hands dirty.

Nga mihi nui Tamara



## HĀNGĪ – CHANGE OF DATE

The school Hāngī has been moved to Friday 23 June. Please see the Community Notices on Hero for requests for help, with more information to come.

## BOT MEETING – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Our next Board of Trustee meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in the Board Room in the main office. All welcome!

## Class Awards and Values Champions

### Class Awards - Week 5

Carter Halkett, Dotte Cadigan, Isabella Zandbergen-Krause, Lawson Kavanaugh, Aria Henry Evans, Sophie Rewetti

### Values Champion – Week 6

Ayson Kannemeyer, Mikayla Rose, Tessa Fifita, Skyler Felizardo

**Our lagoon needs help**

Let's make a plan

Come along to a community drop-in event to learn more and share your ideas for the future of the lagoon and its catchment.

**Tues 13 June**  
4pm - 7pm

CBay Trust Aoraki Centre  
Conference Room,  
Te Weka St, Timaru

[ourwaitarakao.co.nz](http://ourwaitarakao.co.nz)

**Our Waitarakao**  
WAIKATO LAGOON CATCHMENT







# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Join a Fantails Hub today!**

**FANTAILS TIMARU**  
**Wednesdays (4 weeks)**  
**31 May - 21 June**  
**4pm - 5pm**  
**Venue: West End Park**

Register Now: [sporty.co.nz/viewform/234346](https://sporty.co.nz/viewform/234346)  
 Contacts: Amanda Davies, [brad\\_amanda@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brad_amanda@xtra.co.nz) or  
 Jessica Fuller, [jessica@southernfootball.co.nz](mailto:jessica@southernfootball.co.nz)

New Zealand Football

**SOUTH CANTERBURY Roller Sports Club Inc.**

Come on down and have some **FREE!** fun trying out skating with your friends!

**OPEN DAY**

**Demos**

**PARENTS**  
 The Information You Need!

When? Sunday 11th June 2023 from 2pm to 4pm  
 Where? Skating Rink, Marine Parade, Timaru  
 Cost? No Charge for Entry or Skate Hire  
 Bring? Long socks and a helmet

**Register TODAY**  
 to secure your placement

Timaru  
 2023 **Parenting Programme**

**The Incredible Years**

The Incredible Years Parents, Teachers, and Children Learning Series

Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Programme in Timaru dependent on sufficient enrolments.  
 20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

**For Parents of:** Children 3 - 8 years:

**Tuesdays:**  
 8 August to 21 November 2023  
 9:30am to 12:30 pm

**Wednesday nights:**  
 9 August to 22 November 2023  
 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesdays ONLY: Childcare provided if required. (by pre-arrangement only)

These 14 week programmes will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.  
 Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours, (excluding school holidays).

To enrol or for further information call  
 Liz Munro **NOW** at Family Works  
**03 688 5029 / 0274 688200**  
 email: [liz.munro@pssc.co.nz](mailto:liz.munro@pssc.co.nz)

**Family Works**  
 PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT  
 SOUTH CANTERBURY

**VENUE:** Family Works,  
 26 North Street, Timaru

**Free**

[www.pssc.org.nz/family-works](http://www.pssc.org.nz/family-works) FW\_21ze

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