

## **14 February 2018**

### **Newsletter No 2**

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

I thought I would start the newsletter with this lovely Maori proverb. It is such a beautiful one and it reminds us that throughout the year we should always be kind to each other. I think we are lucky to see so many examples of kindness around our school.

#### **Manaakitanga – Kindness**

**He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai**

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

We had a wonderful sunny day for our Top Teams with lots of fun had by all!

A big thank you goes to Mrs Gordon for coordinating the event and to all the staff that helped set up and run the events. Thank you also to those parents/family members who were able to help on the day. We simply could not run these wonderful events without your help! We were very proud of the way our students conducted themselves with excellent behaviour and manners. We were also impressed with the outstanding leadership shown from our House Leaders and other senior students who supported their teams and helped with the junior event in the afternoon.

We had a great turn out for our annual school picnic. A lovely warm night and a nice way for everyone to reconnect for the start of the new school year. Thank you to Home & School for organising the Bouncy Castle. As usual it was a big hit! Thank you also to our House Leaders for organising sporting equipment and games.

Just a reminder that all parents and families are very welcome to attend our Friday Assemblies. Dates are in the newsletter and on our App. The Assemblies are an opportunity for the whole school to come together and share what has been happening here at Grantlea Downs,

celebrate successes and share learning from classrooms. Please join us.

'Give' is this week's Wellbeing focus and it fits well because in this week's newsletter the Home & School have put out a 'Helpers List'. This list worked very well last year, where people could see what was coming up for the year and how they could help and support the school. To continue to have a great school, with lots of opportunities for our students, we do rely on the positive partnership with our school community and your support at these events is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance, for taking the time to fill in the form and return to school!

Nga mihi nui

Collette Sandilands



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

#### **Give – Tukua**

**your time – te wā ki a koe,  
your words – ō kupu,  
your presence – ko koe tonu.**

Do something nice for a friend or family member. Smile. Say thank you. Volunteer your time. Look out as well as in.

Seeing yourself and your happiness linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you.

#### **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students and their family to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Eilah Holden, Chloe Holden and Astle Holden.

#### **BOT News**

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is to be held in the Meeting Room, School office on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm. All welcome.

# TOP TEAMS!

We had an excellent day last week for our Top Teams - not too hot, not too cold! It was pleasing to, once again see not only all the children having a fun time, but also to see such great behaviour from our students and leadership from our seniors.

**A massive thank you to the parents who helped out,** without you our event simply could not run.

Thanks to those who helped in the morning (Erin Anderson, Joanne Hatata, Ellie Shenton, Rechelle Rogers, Galea Kilgour and Lydia Goodman), and to those who helped in the afternoon (Gail Webb, Rechelle Rogers, Tracy Black, Fiona Hurst and Michelle Allison)


Well done to "Evans 2" who were the top team for the senior competition, and "Jellicoe 3" who were top in the junior event. Overall, Evans House won the senior event and Jellicoe House won the junior event. When we combined the points, Jellicoe House were the overall winners!

## TREEmendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners

Below are the recipients of Week 2's draw of the TREEmendous Green Card Draw. Children are given a green card when they are observed showing actions in line with our school values. The cards are placed in the students House box and each week these are collated to find the winning House and five names are randomly drawn, these students get to choose a prize from the Prize Box.

Holly - Room 11  
 Briar - Room 12  
 Hunter - Room 3  
 Rebecca - Room 9  
 Irihapati - Room 11  
 Winning House - Jellicoe

TREEmendous Behaviour	
Name: _____	Room: _____
was Caught in the Act showing:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Respect	by _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Responsibility	
<input type="checkbox"/> Honesty	
<input type="checkbox"/> Independence	
Jellicoe _____	Evans _____
Grant _____	Gould _____
Initiated by: _____	Date: _____



## GROW IT NEWS

Refer to the 'Grow It Newsletter' that came home last Friday for all information required concerning Grow It, being held on 8<sup>th</sup> March. We hope your creations are starting to take shape!



## ABSENCES 2018

Each day we have to account for every student on our roll. If for **any reason** your child is going to be absent **please** contact the school office. You can call any time in the morning before 9.00 am as our phone system is automated to take messages before school opens or you can text on 027 684 7706 **stating your child's name and reason for absence.** Staff often have a meeting between 8.00 and 8.30 am so are unavailable at this time to personally answer phones.



## UNIFORM – SCHOOL SHOES

We have noticed a number of children with ill-fitting shoes, both too tight and too loose. This is a concern as this can cause long term problems in later life.

Below are some guidelines from a local Podiatrist:

- Must have a fastening i.e. lace, buckle, velcro-strap, boot.
- Leather is always best as it breathes and is more hygienic
- Buy the best you can afford as the shoes are more durable.
- Slip on shoes are dangerous for school and promote no support to a growing foot. They also encourage claw toes from gripping to hold them on.
- Supportive shoes prevent many problems in a growing foot i.e. Achilles problems, shin splints, arch pain, knee pain.

A reminder that no fashion shoes are allowed at school.

# Grantlea Downs Triathlon – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February



## YEARS 5-8

10:00 – 12:00pm

Competitors need to remember their bikes (make sure tyres are pumped up!!!), helmets, togs, towel, running shoes and a drink bottle. Senior children will need to ensure they have their uniform at school to change into after their event.

We encourage parents and family members to come along and support their child. Below is a copy of the morning's programme so that you can get some idea of when your child will be racing.

Any questions can be directed to the classroom teacher.

Event		
Year 5/6		Girls
Individual		Boys
Year 7/8		Girls
Individual		Boys
Year 5/6 Teams		Mixed
Year 7/8 Teams		Mixed

## YEARS 1-4

1:00 – 3:00pm



*Due to the 1pm start we will be having an early lunch at 12pm.*

Once again we are offering the Year 1 and 2 students a chance to experience competing in a school triathlon. For the cycling leg of the race they will be able to use bikes or scooters and must have helmets.

*Bike/Scooter – Year 1 & 2 - one lap around the outside of the netball/basketball courts*

*Year 3 & 4 - one lap of the field*

*Swim one length running of the school pool (helped in and out by senior students)*

*Run one lap of the soccer field*

On the day the children will need to remember their bike/scooter, helmet, togs, towel, running shoes and a drink bottle.

Event	
Year 3 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 4 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 1 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 2 Individual	Girls
	Boys

Any questions can be directed to the classroom teacher

**All students to remain until the end of the day**

**PLEASE DO NOT RING THE OFFICE TO ASK WHEN A SPECIFIC YEAR LEVEL WILL START – RACES WILL BE RUN IN THE ORDERS ABOVE UPON COMPLETION OF PREVIOUS RACE**

Please complete and return the slip in our newsletter if you are able to help with either the senior or junior race. This would involve either directing children, counting lengths or helping move bikes.



# HOME & SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

## Meeting

Our first meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm**...if you are thinking about joining the Home & School please come along and suss it out. All Welcome!

## Parent Help Survey

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Help Request form for some events we have got going on throughout the year, please give us an indication if you are available to help or not.

If you prefer you can complete the survey online <https://goo.gl/forms/c3uxOy5mI5Ptaouo1>

(the link is also on the School Facebook page)

We are aware that you may not know your schedule this far out but if your name is there we will be in touch with you (via email preferably) before the event to determine if you can actually help on the day.

**REMEMBER:** Without Parent Help some events/fundraisers are unable to take place.

## Wheelathon

One of the main school fundraising events, our ever-popular **Wheelathon** is to take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at Levels Raceway. The purpose of this fundraiser is to involve all students in a physically active fundraiser that is FUN!

**Sponsorship cards are coming home this week, each are individually named and there is one per child.**

Students are asked to obtain sponsorship as a donation for their efforts.

**All Sponsorship cards & donations gained for sponsorship MUST be returned to the school office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.** Please ensure that monies & card are in a clearly named envelope or bag. **Even if no sponsorship is collected we still require these forms to be returned.**

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## Senior Swimming Sports Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March



The Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports will be held on Friday (9<sup>th</sup> March) at CBay on Te Weka Street.

All children in Rooms 10-15 will be swimming. In previous years we found that some children got quite cold waiting for their next race so it might be a good idea if they could bring 2 towels, one to keep them warmer between races and a dry one to use at the end of the day. The swimming sports will begin at 9.30, and we expect to be finished by approximately 11:40pm.

Family and friends are welcome to attend and support the students in this event.

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 complete and return the slip below to the office or to Miss Jeffrey in Room 13.

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*Please return to the office or Room 13*

I am able to assist with the running of the **Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports**:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Grantlea Downs Triathlon- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

We are looking for parents to help with our school Triathlon 23<sup>rd</sup> February (Week 4).  
If you are available, please fill in and return the slip to the school office.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am able to assist with the Junior/Senior  
(circle one) school triathlon

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Time to ring: \_\_\_\_\_

## Assembly Awards

### Principals Award – Week 2 Term 1

Mollie Phillips, Maddox Peneamene, Niamh Motley

### Excellent Effort – Week 1 Term 1

Aaliyah R-Goodman, Auberon Kleinow, Jack Ryan, Kyson Taylor, Izzy McGinnis, Ashton Winter, Dasha Chpilko, Ollie Agnew, Blake Coombes, Khya Ross, Bailey Patterson-Page, Skye Murray

### Values Focus Award – Week 1 Term 1

Jaydie Taylor-Dinsdale, Nevaeh Minchington Wallis, Lachie Bain, Miya Coulston, Latisha Aldridge, Miglia Schicker, Mikayla Ryan, Mason Griffiths

### Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 1 Term 1

Ava Marakau, Dominic Esler, Gabby Milne, Amelia Piggin, Farhin Faris, Koda Davis, Alex Elder

### Excellent Effort – Week 2 Term 1

Zanikx Wilson, Fynn Jackson, Madison Ford, Jesse Agnew, Riley Wentworth Smith, Ethan Wilkins, Emilee Wood, Jamall Eddy, Riley Egerton, Cadence Murray, Makea Patterson, Annachez Jones, Montana Davis, Orla Motley, Summer Culshaw, Cassie Thornley, Corbin Thorn, Ruby-Jane Allison, Maddox Peneamene

### Values Focus Award – Week 2 Term 1

Archie Kotua, Charlie Palmer, Olly Brown-Innes, Dontae Hough, Alyssa Maraku, Isabelle Webb, Hunter Tee, Cameron Fuller, Flame Brazendale, Mia Quirke

### Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 2 Term 1

Alexis Davis, Heidi Fuller, Chase Harris, Greer Black, Liam Wright, Tylah Whakarau, Tristan Dyche, Matthew Joubert

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



MacSully's  
Personalise your hat  
with your name...  
STOP IT FROM BEING  
STOLEN! OR MIXED UP!  
UP TO 8  
CHARACTERS  
\$1 Post & Packing  
ONLY  
\$8  
Each  
Give Jo a call today on: 027 612 6036



MACKENZIE COUNTY  
A & P SHOW, FAIRLIE  
EASTER MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

SECTIONS AND CLASSES TO SUIT ALL AGES:

Wearable Art	Photography	Crafts
Art	Hobbies	Fruits/Vegetables
Floral Art	Wood Work	Card Making
Cooking	Animals	Jewellery

And many more.....

The Full Schedule can be viewed on <https://showday.online> or you can download it from our website [www.mackenzieaandpshow.co.nz](http://www.mackenzieaandpshow.co.nz) or contact the secretary Jodi Payne by phone 03 6858977 or by email [mackenzieaandsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieaandsociety@gmail.com)

ENTRIES CLOSE 23 FEBRUARY 2018

ENTRIES DON'T NEED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL SHOW DAY

ENTRIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO THE SHOW BY ARRANGEMENT

### Children's Day 2018

For families looking for fun activities on **Sunday 4 March**, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay Hall from 10am to 2pm.

This free annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply have a great time watching the selection of entertainment.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. Many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm.

### Celtic JAB Rugby Club

Registration Days

- Wednesday 21st February 2018 - 4:30pm to 6:00pm

- Sunday 25th February 2018 - 10:00am to 12:00pm

Celtic Clubrooms, Craigie Ave

Please bring birth certificate for age verification for new members only

Subs

\$35 - 1 player per family

\$55 - 2 players per family

\$65 - 3 players per family

Cash or cheque preferred - or eftpos available - must be paid for on the day.

If you have any queries regarding the attachment, please contact me on 6861858 or 027 4908724.

## Parenting Helpline

get support, advice  
and practical strategies

we can help  
with any of your  
parenting concerns

Call 0800 568 856

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

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Help  
New Zealand's  
Family Support



## Open Day

Sat 3rd March 2018  
(Alternative weather date Sun 4th March)

Unlimited lift access all day  
EFTPOS on site



- Summit Six Chairlift for Walkers & Bikers
- Super Slip & Slide (bring togs!)
- Live Music, Market Stalls, Bar & Café & BBQ
- Scenic Helicopter Rides
- Ski Area Inner-workings Tour

Event Partners:






All proceeds will be distributed to local community groups and causes by the Methven Lions Charitable Trust

**Shuttle Bus from Methven Travel**  
\$20.00 per person - Booking essential Ph: 0800 684 888

**Bike \$30.00** Per person

**Walk \$20.00** Per person

**Children Free** \* 10 yrs or under

**Heli Flight \$79.00** Per person  
10 or above  
10 mins only time



For additional information  
[discovermthutt.co.nz](http://discovermthutt.co.nz)




## mrs A's music school

*Students of all ages sing or play their way to something special*





Contact: Jannette Aldridge  
Cell: 027 6864877  
[jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz](mailto:jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz)



## 2018 Geraldine Rogaine Autumn Muster

*Looking for a fun, team building activity that's a little bit "outside the box" and guaranteed to get everyone off the couch?*

**What?** Rogaining is a cross-country map reading sport

**Who?** Everybody ranging from juniors up to super veterans with two time events to choose from; 3hr or 6hr events

**When?** Sunday 25th March 2018 (Entries close Sunday 18th March)

**Where?** In the foothills of South Canterbury near Woodbury

To register and to find out more information visit:  
<http://gram.org.nz/>

GRAM is a Geraldine High School PTA Fundraiser

## You may have noticed...

# The Parent Teacher Calendar App

## Is now... The Skool Loop App

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