



Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

Over the next couple of days, we are holding parent teacher conferences and we look forward to seeing you. Your child's education is a partnership between school and home, and we value your attendance at these interviews. It is important when discussing your child's progress to look firstly at the positive things they are doing at school, of which there will be many. Praising your child for all the good things they are achieving, signals to them that you value learning and helps boost their self-confidence. Every child will have areas to improve on at school and with support from school and home, progress in these areas will be made. It is also important not to compare your child with an older sibling or another child, as every child is unique and learn in different ways and at different rates.

It was fantastic to see so many whanau come along to our Matariki breakfasts last week. The staff enjoyed the chance to connect with you over breakfast. We hope you enjoyed it too.

Regards
Richard



NEW STUDENT

We welcome Maddison Scott to Grantlea Downs this week.



Scholastic Book Fair
At School 4th – 8th September
More details to follow in the next newsletter

HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING – WHANAU SURVEY Survey closes this Friday 4 August 2023.

Our school is involved in a government well-being initiative called Healthy Active Learning (HAL). This initiative is in its third year and is in 900 schools in the country. This survey is for you to fill in, to the best of your ability, about what you know about Healthy Active Learning and Health and Physical Education programmes at Grantlea Downs School. We appreciate your responses as it helps guide our future Health and PE programmes. The survey should take about five minutes to complete and everyone that does, will go in the draw to win a \$50 Supermarket voucher. Click on the link below or go to the Community Notices on the Hero App and follow the link from there.

Link to survey: [Whanau Survey](#)

BOOK FAIR

ART CONTEST





HAT CONTEST

make or decorate a hat to represent your favourite character or book.

Prizes

Hats will be on display during Book Week.
Entries to Mr Campbell (Room 4) from 28th August to 1st Sept








Board News

The first meeting of the Board this term will be Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Administration Office Board Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Policies for review this term are concerning **Inclusive Education, Recognition of Cultural Diversity, Māori Educational Success and Learning Support**

All of our School Policies are located on the SchoolDocs website. Below are instructions on how you can view these.

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on Search for your school in the top right hand corner
 2. Type in Grantlea Downs, and click on the prompted school name
 3. Username is grantleadowns
 4. Password is grantsroad
- There is a Quick Links for Parents topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

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Board of Trustee Elections

For school boards that carry out mid-term elections these will be coming up at the end of this year or the beginning of next year (date is yet to be confirmed).

If you are interested in finding out how our School Board works, you are most welcome to come along to a meeting either on **Tuesday 8 August or Tuesday 5 September 2023**. The meetings are held in the School Administration Office Boardroom starting at 6.30 pm.

If you want to find out more you can contact our Presiding Member, Errol Johns, by emailing boardchair@grantleadowns.school.nz or calling 022 531 8770



MATARIKI BREAKFASTS

Thank you to all the families who supported the Syndicate Matariki Breakfasts last week. It was great to be able to sit and enjoy breakfast together.



VISITING PERFORMER – THE NZ PLAYHOUSE – TREASURE ISLAND

We had the NZ Playhouse visit yesterday with their performance of Treasure Island. The students enjoyed these talented actors.





GDS DISCO
NEON THEME

WHEN: Thursday 17 August 2023
WHERE: GDS SCHOOL HALL
JUNIOR DISCO: 4-5pm
SENIOR DISCO: 5:30-6:30

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **GAMES**
- **BEST DRESSED**
- **VIP PACKS**
- **MUSIC YOU LOVE!**
- **FUN DANCE COMPETITIONS**

Tickets and vip packs will be on sale soon, so make sure you PRE PURCHASE them before the disco.

\$5 VIP Pack includes: a drink, chips and entry (pre-purchase only)
Entry Ticket only = \$2 gold coin

Principal Award – Week 2

Ayson Kannemeyer, Henry Morris, Archie Kotua, Chloe Holden

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 1

Sophia Leslie, Dakota Richardt, Carter Halkett, Mia Thompson, Neiko Jacobs, Jaxon Hough, Kingsley O'Neill, Ben Wade, Tabitha Firmin-Tavener

Values Champion – Week 2

Elexir Jamieson, Antonio de Jesus, Anika Reihana, Monica Backhouse, Greer Hurst, Mason Fitzgerald, Chase Harris, Lydia Flavell, Will Pelvin



Every school day is a big day

One day away from school a fortnight is a month missed each year
Together we'll change that

Te Mahau
Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

COMMUNITY NOTICES

On call Kiwi Can leader – Graeme Dingle Foundation Canterbury

- Do you have a passion for making a difference?
- Do you love working with tamariki?
- Are you looking for employment that are school hours only?

Then this role just might be for you!

We seek an energetic person to fill an on-call role to deliver our Kiwi Can programme in South Canterbury.

The Graeme Dingle Foundation provides young people with the opportunity to build self-confidence and learn valuable life skills by participating in a weekly Kiwi Can session. Kiwi Can is a life skills and values programme delivered to the whole school by trained Kiwi Can leaders with every child attending a Kiwi Can lesson once a week, every week of the school year.

- Previous experience and/or knowledge of health education, physical education or child-based learning environments would be helpful, but not essential.
- Ability in other areas such as sport, music, art or drama would also be an advantage.
- Is enthusiastic about making a difference to young peoples' lives.
- Demonstrates and role-models the values of the Kiwi Can programme.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with both children and adults.
- Awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity.
- A 'can do' attitude.
- Own reliable transport and a current, clean driving licence are required.

If this sounds like it could be a fit for you, please send a cover letter and CV to Karla Guerin on karla.guerin@dinglefoudation.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BULLETIN SPECIAL EDITION

LIFE EDUCATION Learning with Harold

THE TIME HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!

Ethel & Bethel™ Bingo Babes

- 16th Sept
- Caroline Bay Hall
- \$35.00 per ticket
- Doors open 6:45pm

Bingo card and supper provided. Prizes, auctions, raffles and a bar!

Bring your friends and have a great time while supporting a friend!

ITICKET

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<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/sep/ethel-and-bethel>

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PARTNERSHIP (CHANGING COMMUNITIES)

ORIGIN



[HTTP://WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ/EVENTS/2023/SEP/ETHEL-AND-BETHEL](http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/sep/ethel-and-bethel)

Join a Fantails Hub today!

FANTAILS TIMARU
 Wednesdays (6 weeks)
 August (2, 9, 16, 23)
 September (6, 13)

3:30pm-4:30pm
 Southern Trust Event Centre - Morgans Road

Register Now: www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/236460
 Contacts: westendsoccer.rego@gmail.com or jessica@southernfootball.co.nz

New Zealand Football



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Whānau Wellbeing Support


Skylight is offering whānau wellbeing support sessions for parents/caregivers.

The sessions will be with a trained counsellor and are fully funded by the Awhi Mai Awhi Atū, Counselling in Schools Programme.

The focus of these sessions is to:


- Strengthen existing parenting skills
- Develop parenting strategies
- Support whānau to awhi their child through their wellbeing journey.

For further information contact

 **Skylight Office 0800 299 100**

Your School Counsellor is:

Name: Catherine Coster
 Email: catherine.coster@skylight.org.nz



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Whānau Support Referral:

Date: _____

School: _____

Parent/caregiver name/s: _____

Childs name: _____

Contact number: _____

Contact email: _____

Reason for referral:

Please email the completed form to: vonnie.marshall@skylight.org.nz
 OR return to your school counsellor.