



## 16 June 2021 Newsletter No 10

### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to our school: Bhavya Gopakumar.

### Teacher Only Days – 2021

In 2019 when NZEI, the Primary Teachers Union, signed their Collective Agreement, as part of that agreement the following Accord (agreement) was reached.

*that any one principal or teacher is entitled to a maximum of eight teacher-only days to be taken between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2022.*

*These days are to provide teachers and principals with additional time to:*

- Refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards)
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching.
- Respond to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report
- Familiarise themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

The following dates will be Teacher Only Days in 2021 when the school will be closed to students for instruction.

**Friday 4 June 2021** (Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend)

**Friday 1 October 2021** (last day of Term 3)

**Friday 5 November 2021**

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### BOT MEETING

Our next Board of Trustees Meeting is next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6.30pm, in the School Meeting Room. All welcome!

### 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 first published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to:

*E Johns, Presiding Member (BOT Chairperson)*  
Grantlea Downs School Board  
65 Grants Road  
Timaru

or by emailing  
[office@grantleadowns.school.nz](mailto:office@grantleadowns.school.nz)  
(subject heading - E JOHNS-PRESIDING MEMBER)

by: 22 June 2021

## WANTED

CLEAN, COLOURFUL



## PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

**FOR UPCOMING ART PROJECTS  
PLEASE BRING TO THE OFFICE**

**This will be an ongoing project so keep the  
tops coming in as you collect them.**

## Student Reporting to Parents/Caregivers in 2021

As you will be aware we changed our Student Management System to HERO in 2020. This year we are trialling a new layout of how we will report your child's progress to you through the HERO app and website. As we are still implementing this new format, we will be reporting on certain areas at different points of the year, this year. We will encourage any feedback you have about this trial later in the year and would like to remind you that you are welcome to contact your child's teacher at any time should you wish to discuss their progress.

The outline of reporting is as follows:

### Term 2 - Mid-year –

- **General Comment**
- **Progress Graph for Reading, Writing and Pr1me Maths**
- **Sharing of current goals in Pr1me Maths**

### Term 3 –

- **Parent Interview to take place Week 2, Term 3, 4th and 5th August**
- **Sharing of current goals in Reading and Writing**

### Term 4 – End-year -

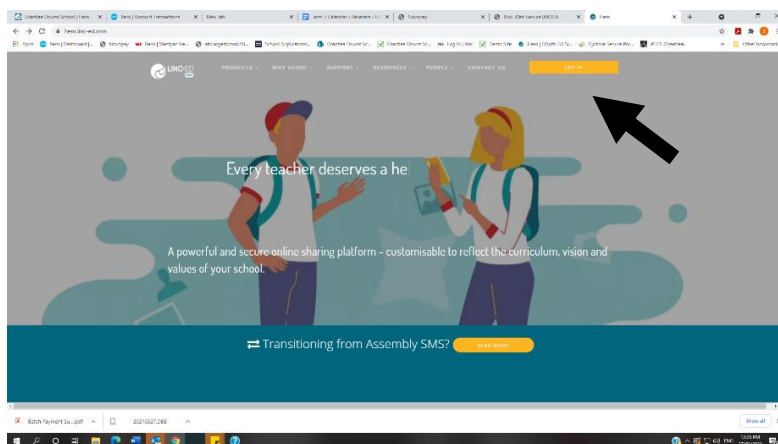
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**Please make sure you have the HERO app on your phone. You can also use your login on a laptop etc by going to <https://hero.linc-ed.com>**

### Pr1me Maths:

This is a new programme that we are running in our school.

We will be having an introduction to Pr1me Maths for the community. This aims to be during Week 3 of Term 3, to tie in with Maths Week.



## Jump Jam 2021

What a successful Jump Jam we have had! All the before school, morning tea and lunch time practises over Term 2 paid off. We had three teams compete in the different categories. Congratulations to our Year 3-4 team performing the 'Coconut Song', the Year 5-6 team performing 'Party Rock Anthem' and the Year 7-8 team performed 'Shake it Off'. Thank you to all the parents who helped with getting these children ready for the event at Mountainview High School. This year's event was different from prior years and was about participation so there were no trophies presented. A big thank you to Miss Austin, Miss Lester, Miss Davie, Miss Shaw and Mrs White for taking these teams.





## Assembly Awards

### Principals Award Term 2 Week 6

Aria Henry Evans, Gabriella Milne, Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby Team, Arina Lyakh.

### Term 2 - Week 5

Luka Pratley, Kayden Young, Sophie Flannery, Jaxon Bell, Wairingiringi Ryan-Wahanui, Tawhirimatea Whyte, Marley Henry, Mikaela Hurst, Kieran Dewit.

### Term 2 - Week 6

Lucy Clark, Hunter Bubbett, Zachary Halliwell, Ella Shand, Kauri McCoy, Chevelle Thomas, Jasmyn Cleland, Shyla Page, Tylah Whakarau, Riley Wentworth Smith, Heyven Timoti, Liam Pratt, Drew Thornley, Hollie Todd.



## It's Time to Recognise Outstanding Teachers

New Zealand's longest running teaching awards are encouraging parents, and all school community members to nominate extraordinary educators who have displayed outstanding dedication, passion and creativity in the past year.

For 27 years the Futurity Investment Group supported, **National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA)** has recognised Australia and New Zealand's most inspirational educators.

This year, NEiTA is recognising the critical role early childhood, primary and secondary teachers and principals have played in children's lives throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

Nominations can be made until 18 August 2021 via [www.neita.com](http://www.neita.com).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Holiday Programme

Day	Activity	Time	Price
Full day HP		08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$50.00
School Day Hp.		08:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$40.00
Half Day (AM) HP.		08:00 a.m.-01:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Half Day (PM)		01:00 p.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$30.00
Trip Day		08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$55.00

**Bird.**

Mon 12 Jul

Lets learn how to make Pottery clay Birds. Bird feeders, Birds and bush calls.

**Kids Cook.**

Tue 13 Jul

Who will help me make this bread? Who will make the best sausage car. And then lets eat.

**Trip.**

Wed 14 Jul

Lets flip out. Please bring your own socks. Drink bottles and lets bounce. \$ 5 dollar travel fee has been added.

**Tinker and Cardboard**

Thu 15 Jul

Tinker table on the tools Tape and construction with cardboard.

**Active.**

Fri 16 Jul

Sports day. Bike day. Roller blades. Lets race.

**Emergency.**

Mon 19 Jul

Clue...it is red and makes a sound and has flashing lights. And they may visit this day..

**Wilderness survival.**

Tue 20 Jul

Survival skills thru play today...fake blood, role play with survival first aid skills also.

**Trip**

Wed 21 Jul

Pool party. Togs and towel day.

**Bees.**

Thu 22 Jul

Bees wax bowl workshop with Kim. The place is going to be buzzing.

**Escape.**

Fri 23 Jul

Escape room is our child pick day for these holidays... come along and join in the fun school is back next week.

Playwork at its best where mess is success and kiwi kids love to play.

For more information, call 0276011247. Or +64-212899229 or email [waimataitai@skids.co.nz](mailto:waimataitai@skids.co.nz)

Register now at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) click on **Parent Login**

MSD-Approved  
Work & Income NZ OSCAR Subsidy available!



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**Grab a free coffee and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodiverse child, or a child with health impairments.**

Parent to Parent hosts monthly Parent Support Groups in Timaru during the school term, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. And did we mention there's free coffee??

**Upcoming dates:**

**Dates:** Fri 11 June | Fri 9 July | Fri 13 Aug | Fri 10 Sep | Fri 5 Nov  
**Time:** 1pm—2:30pm  
**Venue:** PiqueNique Café, 300 Hilton Highway, Timaru

**Feel free to just show up on the day!**

**Or contact Jo for more info:**  
[gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz](mailto:gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz) | 022 088 0327

**2021 TIMARU CBD**

# MATARIKI

## NIGHT MARKET

- MULTI-CULTURAL FOOD VENDORS + CRAFT STALLS  
(COURTESY TIMARU ARTISAN FARMERS MARKET)
- LIVE MUSIC (THE GROOVE)
- KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCES
- KIDS PAVEMENT ART
- FIRE DANCE PERFORMERS

ROYAL ARCADE, TIMARU,  
**FRIDAY 9TH JULY 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

...IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE  
 CONTACT VISH GUPTA ON (03 687 2682) OR  
 EMAIL [vish@venturetimaru.nz](mailto:vish@venturetimaru.nz)




## PREMIUM BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



**BEFORE SCHOOL**

6.30 am until school drop off  
 Includes breakfast (cereal & Toast),  
 drink and drop off

**\$21.00 per day**

**\$24.00 casual rate per day**



**AFTER SCHOOL**

2.50 pm until 6.00 pm  
 Includes school pick up, healthy  
 afternoon tea, play and homework

**\$21.00 per day** (must be a permanent  
 booking at least 1 day a week)

**\$24.00 casual rate per day**

Head to [chipmunks.aimyplus.com](http://chipmunks.aimyplus.com) to register your interest. Once you've registered yourself and child/ren you should be able to follow directions on screen to book. The booking calendar has five days in which you can book. To do this you need to click on to the day/s you require and drag across to the calendar, or individually click on the day you require on the calendar itself. If you are entitled to a WINZ subsidy we do have the forms available in the office.

[timaru@chipmunks.co.nz](mailto:timaru@chipmunks.co.nz) | 03 688 8848



# Change the Game

Let's help our young people find the secrets to sporting success and participation:

**Balance, Fun & Friendship**

**6.00PM THURSDAY 24 JUNE**

Doors open from 5.45pm  
 Craighead Diocesan School Auditorium  
 (entrance off Wrights Ave, Highfield)  
 Cost: Free

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
 Andrew Ellis  
 BBL Ambassador  
 & Ex-First Class Cricketer,  
 Mike Stevenson  
 Sports Medicine Physiotherapist,  
 Athlete Conditioning Specialist

**FREE ENTRY**  
**CLICK HERE to register**  
 For info: [balanceisbetter.org.nz](http://balanceisbetter.org.nz)

