



Newsletter

11 April 2018 Newsletter No 6

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to making Term 1 so successful. We have managed to pack a lot in over the last 11 weeks and we certainly appreciate our families support with helping out at our numerous events and activities!

In our last newsletter we put out a survey for families to fill in for feedback on the activities which were held in Term 1. Thank you to those families who have returned them already BUT they are only a very small percentage of our school so make sure you get yours in by the end of the term please. All surveys will go into a draw to win a family pass to the movies. 😊 We have included another copy of the survey just in case you have misplaced yours.

This week we have the ERO Team of Murray South and Bev Mitchell on site conducting our external review. They have met with the BOT, staff and students over the course of week. We look forward to sharing their confirmed report with you next term when we receive it.

'Give' is this week's Wellbeing focus. It can be as simple as a smile and a kind word to someone else. It maybe just taking the time to listen or be there. It can also be a Random Act of Kindness. As we head into the holidays next week it is a good chance to do something for someone else. Random Acts of Kindness are a great way to spread kindness and make other people smile!

On behalf of the staff, we wish you all a very relaxing holiday. Stay safe if you are travelling over the break, as winter seems to have arrived early at the moment! We will see you all back at the beginning of Term refreshed and ready to go!

Nga mihi nui
Collette Sandilands



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.

Key Dates

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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 13 April | Assembly 2.15pm |
| 13 April | Last day of Term 1 |
| Term 2 | |
| 30 April | First day of Term 2 |
| 9 May | Home & School AGM 7pm |
| 9 May | Playhouse Performance of Red Riding Robin Hood |
| 10 May | Disco |
| 31 May | School Cross Country |
| 4 June | Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| 8 – 18 June | Life Education Visit |
| 5 July | Visiting Performer – The Magical World of Science |
| 6 July | Last Day of Term 2 10 May |

Have a



STUDENT SUCCESS

South Canterbury Swimming Sports

On Thursday 29 March a group of seventeen students represented Grantlea Downs in the Primary Schools Swimming Sports. Well done to Tim Kirke, Blake Fairhall, Victoria Kyle, Charlotte Blake, Jack Bennett, Ryan Donehue, Orla Motley, Summer Culshaw, Pippa Palmer, Caleb Fairhall, Blake Parker, Amelia Maynard, Abby Lister, Maddox Peneamene, Matt Gonzales, Celia Stowell and Jessica Aldridge for their excellent effort in their events. Extra congratulations to Amelia Maynard, Victoria Kyle, Maddox Peneamene and Matt Gonzales for their top 3 placings in their events as well as the 9 year old relay team. Victoria also broke records in 25m breaststroke and freestyle and the 50m backstroke and breaststroke with Amelia Maynard breaking the 25m freestyle record.



Thank you to Reon Keenan, Issie Kyle, Tamara McGarry and Rowena Maynard for their roles with the team and helping with the event.

POPPIES

In support of the Returned Services Assn we have Poppies available in the school office for a coin donation until the end of term.



EMERGENCY CONTACT LISTS

Please return your checked and updated Emergency Contact List to the school office asap. These were given out at the Goal Setting Conferences and ensure we have correct contact information when required.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please take the time over the holiday period to **check all school clothing is clearly named**. We again have a large number of unnamed or not clearly named items in our lost property box that we are not able to return to it's owner.

TREEmendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners

Below are the recipients of the TREEmendous Behaviour Values draw. Children are given a green card when they are observed showing actions in line with our school values

Week 9 Winning House: Jellicoe

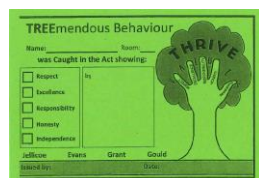
Liam – Room 10

Maddie – Room 4

Mikayla – Room 7

Jayda – Room 12

Miglia – Room 9



HOME & SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

AGM

9th May 2018 – 7pm in the School Office Block – All welcome to come along and join us for a cuppa ☺

Disco

Thursday 10th May – Jungle Theme

✓ Prizes for Best Dressed & Best Dance Moves

If you have indicated that you can help for this Disco, someone will be in touch with you via email at the beginning of that week. ☺



Wheelathon

We wish to kindly thank the following businesses and people who helped donate their time and resources towards our annual Wheelathon...we are extremely grateful for your generosity!

Thanks to...

- ✓ Hamish and Joy Bruce and the team of H & J Transport for helping to get all the bikes out to Levels – we definitely couldn't have done it without you!
- ✓ Jaime and Sara Linton from Linton Distributors for kindly donating us the bread and burger buns for the BBQ.
- ✓ Shane from The Cyclery who came along and helped with any bike repairs on the day!
- ✓ WAVE who lent us their Gazebo
- ✓ Temuka Transport who supplied the BBQ
- ✓ Russell Day from Fulton Hogan who set up all the road cones so the children knew which way to go
- ✓ And to everyone else who helped on the day ☺ (including all our fabulous parent help, thanks again)

Cheese Rolls

Unfortunately, we will not be doing Cheese Rolls this year. Due to the amount of help that has been indicated at this point, it is not sufficient to successfully run this fundraiser.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HOME & SCHOOL

Assembly Awards

Excellent Effort – Week 9 Term 1

Shyla Page, Ola Latu, Jorja Flannery, Vann Agnew, Cooper Kelliher, Riley Annear, Emilee Wood, Shikayla Dawson, Cooper Borcovsky, Dyllin Morris, Jacob Bain, Harriet Baxter, Bella Hopkinson, Tim Kirke, Jett Davis, Ashton Sandford, Kawend Kuang, Caitlin Bentley, Madison Wills, Keanu Smith-Allan

Values Focus Award – Week 9 Term 1

Eilah Holden, Savannah Annear-Mason, Chase Harris, Kyson Taylor, Riley Wentworth Smith, Hunter Simms, Harrison McCullough, Josh Aguirre, Khya Ross, Brookland Philip, Cjay Taylor, Andrew Blake

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 9 Term 1

Ashton Duncombe, Auberon Kleinow, Jaxon Cullen, Kate Hoare, Kade Kerrison, Griffin Johns, Annabelle Gilmour, Mercedes Karauria, Tim Kirke, Charlotte Collis, Amelia Maynard, Sophie Todd

Excellent Effort – Week 10 Term 1

Elena Wilkins, Polly Hendry, Will Pelvin, Jesse Agnew, Riley Wentworth Smith, Alyssa Maraku, Arina Lyakh, Jackson Collis, Elina Carson, Mia Holden, Jai Wilson, Janaya Smith-Allan, Jorja Kelliher, Zachary Penty, Summer Culshaw, Billy Sherborne, Jayda Hull, Max Gibson, Bailey Patterson-Page, Kartya Henry, Jayden Keen

Values Focus Award – Week 10 Term 1

Kean Cinco, Brylee Taylor, Carter Brown, Emerald Woodall, Sergio Bryan, Isabelle Webb, Koda Davis, Kayden Piggan, Lachie Kotua, Cassidy Anderson, Teigan Bailey, Maddox Peneamene

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 10 Term 1

Aaliyah Richardt, Khan Wills, Michaela Dockerty, Murphy Geary, Cadence Murray, Leon Liu, Mercedes Karauria, Deacon Cooper, Flame Brazendale, Mollie Phillips, Jessica Aldridge

Newsletter is Going Fully Digital!

We are in the process of making our newsletter fully digital. This is in-line with what the majority of schools are now doing. It is a more efficient way of ensuring that you get the newsletter and has considerable other benefits. These benefits include more environmentally friendly, saves paper and photocopying, easy access - as it will be emailed to you (a copy is also currently on our Website and school app.) The savings made by not photocopying the newsletter will be better used in providing resources for students in our school. As you can imagine the cost over the year is quite substantial. We appreciate that not everyone has a computer or smartphone to access the newsletter digitally so we will be able to accommodate those families with a modified black & white paper copy still. Please contact the school office if you do not have internet access and will require a paper copy. **This week we will still be sending home a paper copy but also trialling sending a copy via email.**

You may have noticed...

The Parent Teacher Calendar App
Is now... **The Skool Loop App**

The same fantastic app with a smart new look

✓ Remember to check your App/Play store regularly for updates.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



NETBALL SOUTH CANTERBURY

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR YEARS 5 & 6, 7 & 8

Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 April

Session Times:

| Wednesday 18 April | Thursday 19 April |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9.30-11.30am Year 5 & 6 | 9.30-11.30am Year 5 & 6 |
| 1-3pm Year 7 & 8 | 1-3pm Year 7 & 8 |

Register online by Tues 17 April via the link:
<http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballsouthcant/juniors-1/Holiday-Programme>

COST: \$5 per player

All coaches are encouraged and welcome to come along to observe or assist.
Please come to session with adequate sport shoes and drink bottle.
Players are welcome to attend both days if they wish.



Childrens Choir

Ages 5-15 (inclusive). A good starting place for young singers, being surrounded by young adults who in turn will gain confidence, being a role model and leading some of the songs.

Contact Megan 0273037247 or singwithmeg@gmail.com
Visit www.facebook.com/singwithmeg to see all the services offered and enter the April ***COMPETITION***



Mrs A's Music School

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

Students are taught by experienced musicians in our studio at 22 College Rd Timaru

Individual or Group Lessons: Singing; Piano; Guitar; Bass; Drums; Recorder; Ukulele, Violin and Theory.

Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 686

4877 Jannette@MrsAsMusicschool.co.nz

MASH
MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS
APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

- Awesome trips
- Great on site activities
- WINZ subsidy available
- Short day and full day sessions

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

MASHKIDS.CO.NZ (03)3669408

OSCAR
CHILDREN'S ORGANISATION

child, youth and family
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Work and Income
18 Waikato Tairāwhiti

Anglican Care
Building healthy communities

South Canterbury

OCEANS
Grief and Loss Programme
Facilitator Training

Twelve hours of training
Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th July
10:00am-4:30pm, **Timaru**

RSVP June 25th 2018

For all those who are caring and want to help people with grief and loss in their lives (Programmes for children and adults).

Training includes:

- Grief theory
- Boundaries
- Programme overview
- Group Facilitation
- Video clips
- "WATER" Questions – to keep conversation flowing
- Role play
- Art activities

There is no cost and places are limited to 12
Any questions or RSVP contact Matt Cameron, oceans@anglicanlife.org.nz

"Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim." - Vicki Harrison

**Timaru Girls' High School Open Day:
Wednesday 16 May 2018.**

We have organised the day for schools to visit in two sessions, as follows:

Session 1: 9.00am – 10.30am. Oceanview Heights, Waimataitai, Gleniti, Bluestone, Highfield, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's (Timaru)

Session 2: 11.00am – 12.30pm. St Andrews, Beaconsfield, Barton Rural, Grantlea Downs, Pleasant Point Primary, Timaru South, St Joseph's (Pleasant Point), Arowhenua, and any other school.

Hostel tours will be part of our Open Day.

Parenting Helpline

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856
9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

Parent Help
The best of family help

The Gypsy Fair is a great day out for the family and it is free entry. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, Clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids, awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music, which you can come up and have a go too, if you feel so inclined and lots of good old fashioned toys and entertainment in the green. So come along on 28-29 April 2018 at The Loop, Port Loop Rd, Caroline Bay, for a couple of hours or even the day and soak up the atmosphere of the Gypsy Fair.

JKA TIMARU FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY 13 APRIL AT 4-5PM OR 5-6PM

ENTRY ONLY \$12.00 AND RECEIVE A FREE PAIR OF FLIPOUT SOCKS
CALL OR TXT ALEX ON 0220600123 TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET NOW

Mt Dobson Ski Area have a Season Pass offer for all students enrolled in local South Canterbury schools. The offer is available throughout all of April. The price is just \$99 and the Season Pass can be used at Mt Dobson Ski Area any day of the 2018 winter.

The following is a private link so parents can purchase for their children:

<http://www.mtdobson.co.nz/product/local-schools-season-pass-2018/>

School Holiday Programmes
at the
Timaru Children's Library

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

What's new? Due to the popularity of our School Holiday Programmes, children need to book to attend the craft sessions. Spaces are limited. Craft sessions are suitable for ages 5 and up.

Tuesdays: 10:30am - 11:30am
2:30pm - 3:30pm (repeat of morning session)

Thursdays: 10:30am - 11:30am
2:30pm - 3:30pm (repeat of morning session)

Book now! It's so easy to make a booking! Drop into the Timaru Children's Library, call 6877498 or email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Chipmunks Timaru April Holiday Programme

Does your child need a break from the classroom?

\$40 Full Day
\$35 School Hours

Exciting trip days planned each day. Which includes Blue Eyed Penguin visit, miniature train rides and Real Fruit Ice Creams. Of course free entry into Chipmunks Playland everyday.

See our Facebook page or instore for our programme.

Our programme works around you and is flexible, you pick and choose if you would like your child to attend trip day or not.

Enrol at <https://chipmunks.aimyplus.com> or email timaru@chipmunks.co.nz