



# Newsletter

**27 March 2019**  
**Newsletter No 5**

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that Garry Ford, our wonderful caretaker, is going to retire as from 31st May 2019. We will be very sad to farewell Garry as he has been a very important person at Grantlea Downs for many years. Many of the Junior children believe that Mr Ford is in charge of the whole school and are always quite surprised to know that he is married to Mrs Ford. We will also miss Sophie, the school dog. However, it will be a wonderful opportunity for Garry to play more bowls, go camping at the lake and spend time with his grandchildren. He has promised to come back and visit us.

The whole school walked down to the corner of Grants Rd and up as far as Harvey Norman and watched the Classic cars drive past on their way to Geraldine on Friday 15th March as part of the Rock and Hop Weekend. The children enjoyed the trucks honking at them as well as watching



the variety of brightly coloured cars go past. It was a great oral language experience and some classes included the experience in their writing programme.

Last Friday the students and staff participated in "Colour Your Day" by wearing brightly coloured clothes to support the Muslim community after the tragic incident on 15th March. The school gathered at the old school bell to sing the

National Anthem and stood quietly for one minute to show our respect to those people that lost their lives. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$640.20 to go towards the Christchurch City Council Mayoral Fund 'Our People, Our City'. Below some students with the paper chain hung outside school showing messages of support.



We are looking forward to our Wheelathon next Friday (note change of date). Make sure that you come along and support the cyclists. More information included with this newsletter.

With Wheelathon being moved to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, our mufti day supporting the St John Heart of Gold Annual Appeal, will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Nga mihi nui  
Sandra Annett



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Support the St John Heart of Gold Annual Appeal.

1 - 7 April 2019  
0800 ST JOHN  
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## **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Kyle Hauptfleisch, Cole Oliver, Lucy Thornley and Keeva Fitzgerald.

## **STUDENT SUCCESS**

### PCT Challenge

Ruby Allison, Madison Wills, Blake Parker and Caleb Fairhall represented Grantlea Downs at the annual PCT Challenge (Police Competency Test) on Thursday 14th March at the SBS Netball Grounds. The children competed against 19 other schools to complete a physical course in a record time of 2 minutes 56 seconds, making them 5th overall. They worked well as a team by lifting tyres, walking across beams, jumping through windows and over fences. Thank you to Robin Parker for supervising the children at this event.

### U9 T/Ball

Congratulations to the Under 9 T/Ball team who won their competition last Friday. The team went through the season with only two losses, beating the top team in the semi-final. Last week they won the final convincingly. Players of the season were, Rebecca Bramley and Oscar Bennett. Well done!



## **POPPIES**

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



## **GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren next **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat before Wheelathon.



## **ADVANCED NOTICE!**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**TERM 2, WEEK 6 –**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**(QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)**



# **WHEELATHON CARDS AND ANY DONATIONS, DUE IN THIS FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

## **CAMP SURVEY**

Thank you to everyone who offered feedback to our review of camps.

After careful consideration we have decided that camps will be held for Year 5-6 classes and Year 7-8 classes during odd years (2019, 2021 etc). During even years (2020, 2022 etc.) Education Outside the Classroom activities will take place making the most of our local facilities and opportunities.

## **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 the correct contact details if required.

## **CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCESS**

A reminder to everyone about the process to follow if you have any concerns or complaints. We have included a flow chart on the last page of today's newsletter for your information. This can also be viewed on our School Docs website as below or a copy is on the notice board in the foyer.

Please use the following link and username and password to view this chart.

<http://grantleadowns.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username grantleadowns

Password grantsroad

You can view all school policies on this website at any time.

## **Assembly Awards**

### **Principals Award – Term 1 – Week 5**

Blake Fairhall, Murphy Geary, Vann Agnew

### **Term 1 - Week 7**

Brodie Penty, Lydia Nelson, Archie Kotua, Dominic Esler, Bailey Clarkson, Jaxon Cullen, Carter Brown, Brianna Latu, Morgan Nixon, Mikayla Willetts, Reece Mitchell, Blake Milligan, Tyla Murray

### **Term 1 – Week 8**

Romeo Yerbury, Aaliyah Raukawa-Goodman, Charlee Rogers, Tara Milne, Alyssa Maraku, Katie Allison, Tylah Whakarau, Jorja Kelliher, Ramayne McCully-Winiata, Mikayla Ryan

## **BOT CORNER**

### 2019 Board of Trustee Elections

In 2016 the Board opted to become part of the stagger (mid-term) election cycle. This means that every 18 months the Board will hold elections for 2 or 3 members of their Board ensuring that all Board members terms do not finish at the same time.

This year the Board will be looking for three positions for a three year period.

#### The Board

- Is accountable for student achievement
- Sets the vision for the school or kura
- Ensures the school or kura complies with legal and policy requirements.

A parents guide has already been sent out to all parents. There is more information below

The following is the Board of Trustees Election Timeline

- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Call for nominations
- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Nominations Close
- 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Voting Papers sent by
- 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Election Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Votes counted

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*How about becoming a trustee and using your skills and experiences to help shape a positive future for our children?*

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### **What is a school board of trustees?**

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees. Boards bring families, communities and schools together to work for a quality education for our children.

The board of trustees is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The school's principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school operations in line with the board's policies.

### **Who can become a trustee?**

The membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal.

### **What do trustees do?**

School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child at the school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. If you want to know more about what trustees do,

view <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0080/latest/DLM187929.html>.

Here are some of the things they do:

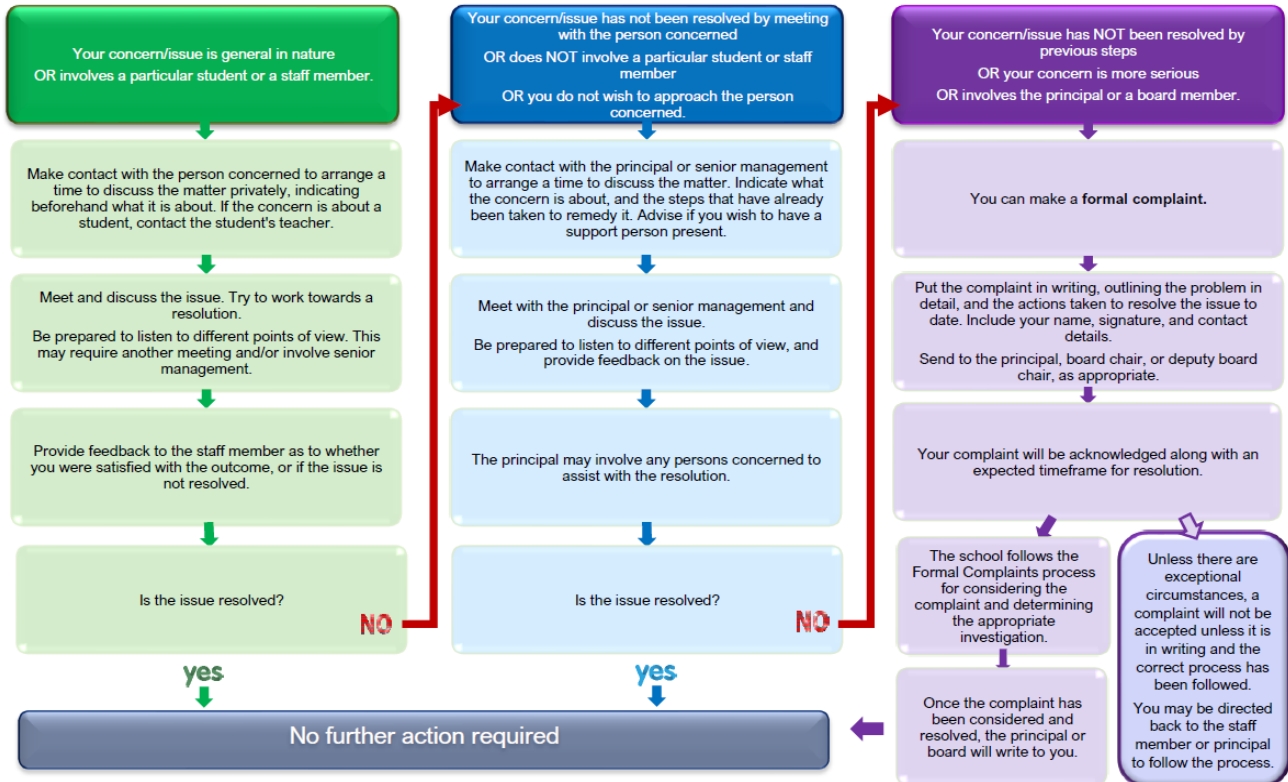
- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and inform parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Select the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- Ensure the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff, and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

### **How do I become a trustee?**

Ask your school about going along to a board meeting to see how it works. The board chair or any other board member can also answer questions about what the board does. Contact your school if you want to find out about standing for election, nominating someone else or voting in the election - they will be happy to help.

# Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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Heath Street

## April Holidays

Gleniti 8am-3pm Session \$40.00  
Gleniti 8am-6pm Session \$45.00  
Gleniti 8:30am-3pm Session \$35.00  
Gleniti 8:30am-6pm Session \$40.00  
Trip Fees extra as advertised



**Sense-National Day**  
Mon 15 Apr  
Look, Listen and Look! Today we are experimenting with all our senses! Let's have a sense-national day at MASH.

**Famlan Park**  
Tue 16 Apr  
All about the animals today at Farnham, we will even get a bag of food each to hand feed the animals. \$8 Trip Fee.

**British Bonanza**  
Wed 17 Apr  
Today isn't just about a scene and a cup of tea, we're diving into all things British today. Think Food, royalty and culture!

**South Canty Museum**  
Thu 18 Apr  
We're heading to the museum today for an array of quizzes, craft and a guided tour! \$5 Trip Fee.

**Easter Friday**  
Fri 19 Apr  
It's a public holiday today so enjoy the day off :-)

**Easter Monday**  
Mon 22 Apr  
It's a public holiday today so enjoy the day off :-)

**Cinema Day**  
Tue 23 Apr  
We are off to watch the latest film at Movie Max. Theatre today! Movie TSC \$10 Trip Fee.

**ANZAC Celebrations**  
Wed 24 Apr  
A day to remember and a day to be proud! We are going to be creating all things ANZAC, including baking poppy cookies.

**ANZAC Day**  
Thu 25 Apr  
Lest we forget!

**Awesome Autumn Party**  
Fri 26 Apr  
The leaves are falling, and we are partying! All things Autumn today for our MASH party. Don't forget to bring a plate for the shared lunch.

For more information call 03 3669408 or email us at [info@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:info@mashkids.co.nz).

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**15-18 April 2019**

Southern Trust Events Centre,  
Morgan's Road, Timaru

The April Holiday break is only weeks away!  
Let us help while you work!

Sign up your child to experience a huge range sports & fun heaps of activities!!!

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years.

Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.

**REGISTER TODAY**



Full details and to register on line go to [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751  
Limited Spaces available.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

## THE FREE YMCA YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS BACK!!!!!!

**Week 1 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of April**

**Week 2 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April**

**WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!!!!!!**

Are you aged between 11 and 17? Keen to keep busy, meet new friends and have a load of fun? Then come and join us! We are based at Mountainview High School with full access to the gym, turf and other facilities. This, along with visits to C'Bay will ensure, as one participant described, a "fun programme" that is "great for making new friends". Secure your place now by filling out application form at [www.ymcasc.org.nz](http://www.ymcasc.org.nz) or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TIM-Breakaway-April2019> If you need further info please contact James at the YMCA on 027 808 4311, 021 245 0499 or email [james@ymcasc.org.nz](mailto:james@ymcasc.org.nz).