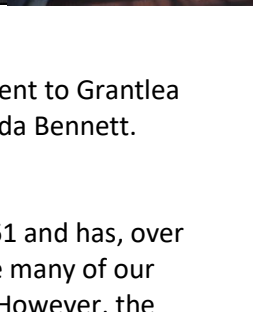




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Newsletter

21 June 2023 Newsletter No 10

Tena koutou katoa

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Open Hour last Wednesday. It was a good opportunity to see the children working in their classes and the different teaching programmes we offer. We hope that you found it beneficial. We have another open afternoon planned in Term 3. More details about this will come out next term.

Last week we had some of our Year 5-8 children participating in the South Canterbury Cross Country. Thank you to the parents that helped with transport and well done to all the children for competing to the best of their ability.

Next Thursday, Waimataitai School is holding a whanau session on digital safety from 6:30pm. If you are interested in going along, please do so, as Netsafe who are running the event are experts in digital safety and give good practical tips to parents. Please RSVP to Waimataitai School 6845566 if you are intending on going.

On Friday we have our hāngī planned. Children can bring a small amount of food if they want to participate. The food must be wrapped in tin foil and be clearly named. If the weather doesn't allow us to go ahead with the hāngī, we will notify you as early as possible.

Regards
 Richard

ADVANCED NOTICE!
School will be finishing at 12.30pm for students on Wednesday 2nd August for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences.
Lunches will still be provided and the bus will run at the earlier time of 12.40pm.
Booking information to follow in the first newsletter next term.

NEW STUDENT

We welcome the following student to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Freida Bennett.

SCHOOL POOL UPGRADE

Our school pool was built in 1961 and has, over the years, been the place where many of our children have learned to swim. However, the concrete shell of the pool has developed some leaks, the pipes leading to and from the filtration plant are corroding, and the chlorine treatment system needs to be replaced. The school applied for funding from the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) and was recently awarded a generous grant of \$15,000 to help with the costs of upgrading the pool. This work can now commence during the winter holidays, with a new fibreglass lining to be installed before the swimming season in November. Grantlea Downs School would like to publicly thank the NZCT and particularly the Ascot Sports House and Eatery for their amazing support to help keep our children water safe.



HĀNGĪ – This Friday 23 June

The school hāngī has been moved to this Friday 23 June. The school kitchen will be providing a small lunch on hāngī day. We will also provide a small portion of hāngī kai for the students. If students want to bring their own food to be cooked on the hāngī, they are welcome to. Check out the Hero Community Notices for a short video from Chef Skea on how to prepare your food for the hāngī.

There will be one hāngī basket per syndicate and any food that is to be cooked in the hāngī must be at school on Friday the 23rd before 9:00am.

JOB VACANCY – FIXED TERM CLEANER

To cover periods:

Mon 17 July - Fri 18 Aug (5 weeks)

Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sept (1 week)

Due to annual leave entitlements, we require someone who is willing to clean the School Admin/Hall, seven classrooms and adjoining toilet/cloak bays for a fixed term on the above dates. All equipment is supplied. This cleaning position is for weekdays from 2 - 6pm. If you are interested, please contact the school office before the end of term (Fri 30 June).



SC PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Congratulations to the 16 children that represented us at Waihi School for the annual Primary Schools Cross Country last Tuesday. The children ran through an extremely tough course with two water crossings and obstacles to climb over in cool temperatures. Well done to all the children who put in a fantastic effort and represented our school with pride. A special mention to Ruby MacGregor who placed 4th in the Year 5 Girls' race.

Thank you to the parents who came and helped with supervision and transport – Tamara Bennett, Kelly MacGregor and Nicola Warren – it was very much appreciated.

Principal Award

Maliyah Kleinow, Aiden Scott, Caiden Hough, Nevaeh Minchington Wallis

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 7

Connor Bruce, Franklin McArthur, Elexir Jamieson, Aaliyah Nausu, Jaxon Bell

Values Champion – Week 8

Bonnie Cross-Papanui, Charlee Woods, Aaliyah Stott, Blake Gordon, Vanessa Yorston, Kayden Young, JJ Leger, Jasmyn Clelland, Kate Hoare, Polly Hendry

BOARD NEWS

School Donations – Government Scheme

The Grantlea Downs School Board, at their last meeting, decided to continue to 'opt in' to the Government Donations Scheme. By our school 'opting in' this means that we will not ask parents for school donations except for overnight camps (as per the Education (School Donations) Amendment Bill).

What is **not covered** by School Donations and is **still payable to school** is the following:

- Any voluntary stationery e.g., new entrant stationery packs.
- The 'take home' component of TTEC (Technology fees) – please note you have agreed to pay these fees on your enrolment form when you enrol your child.
- Weekend or after school sports fees e.g., netball, touch rugby, basketball, softball/t-ball etc
- Visiting drama or music groups (**please note we currently do not ask for payment for this**)
- After-hours/lunchtime culture activities
- After-hours/lunchtime sports activities
- School uniform

In addition to the government donations scheme, our students are fortunate to be receiving free fruit in schools and free school lunches – not all schools receive these benefits.

Please note: if at any time the government does not offer the School Donations – Government scheme, or the Board decides to opt out of this scheme, then donations will need to be requested to provide the opportunities that your child currently receives.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of drink bottles in the lost property at the moment. Please check there if you are missing anything. A reminder also to check the names on your childrens uniform over the holidays, (sweatshirts and polar fleeces especially) that they are clear and easily identifiable. We will return items to the children if they are clearly named and end up in the lost property.



VISITING PERFORMER – THE MAGICAL WORLD OF CRAZY SCIENCE

On Thursday we went to the hall to see the crazy science show. First Richard showed us how to make elephant toothpaste and it was a chemical reaction. Then he showed us a dangerous thing what is called grain and it's a dangerous thing for kids because it makes fire and fire is dangerous for kids. Next he showed us a nappy trick in a bag because he wanted us to know about polymer, and it was amazing! Because when the pee goes in the polymer it becomes solid.

By Manvi

On Thursday the school went to the hall because there was a magic show. First Richard did elephant toothpaste. Then he made fireworks and it was cool! Next he did a trick and it was cool. He put water in a bag and nothing came out. Then it was a nappy inside. Then he did smoke rings and I touched one. After that he did an optical illusion so he could hypnotise us and it was amazing because his head got bigger. Finally he made bubbles and when he did little ones he catch one because it was glass. I liked it because it was cool, super cool.

By JJ



Key Dates – Events Coming Up

23 June	Hāngī
30 June	Assembly 2.15pm
30 June	Reports go live
30 June	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	
17 July	First day of Term 3
25 July	Matariki Breakfast – Opihi Syndicate
26 July	Matariki Breakfast – Waipopo Syndicate
27 July	Matariki Breakfast – Acacia Syndicate
28 July	Matariki Breakfast – Kereta Syndicate
28 July	Assembly 2.15pm
2 Aug	Parent/Teacher Conference 1-7pm
3 Aug	Parent/Teacher Conference 3.30 – 5.30pm
7 Aug	Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren Group 9am
8 Aug	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
11 Aug	Assembly 2.15pm
25 Aug	Assembly 2.15pm
4-8 Sept	Scholastic Book Fair
5 Sept	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
14 Sept	Opihi Tabloid Sports
14 Sept	Open Hour 2-3pm
15 Sept	Mufti Day – Jeans Day SC Hospice
22 Sept	Assembly 2.15pm
22 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

IN THE GARDEN - POPCORN DAY!

Popcorn day finally arrived! The tamariki have been patiently waiting for the popcorn ears to dry and finally they got to eat the rewards....from seed to plate. They watched the seed sprout, the plant grow, they harvested the ears of corn, waited for the ears to dry, then stripped each grain of corn off the ears – we heated the oil and butter on a camp stove, put in the grains of popcorn and crossed our fingers that it would pop! Success! - It was gone in a blink of an eye!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



July School Holiday Programme

All around the World

Timaru Children's Library

Tuesday 4th & 11th and Thursday 6th & 13th

10:30 - 11:30am & 2:30 - 3:30pm

Bookings: call 03 687 7202 or email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

Geraldine Library

Wednesday 5th & 12th and Friday 7th

10:30 - 11:30am

Bookings: call 03 693 9336 or email libger@timdc.govt.nz

Temuka Library

Tuesday 4th & 11th and Friday 7th

10:30 - 11:30am

Call 03 687 7591 for more information



Fun tech sessions @ the Library

Come along to explore some of the STEM technology the library has to offer.

From Merge Cubes and Bee-Bots, to Nao the Library robot!

No booking required.

Geraldine Library **Temuka Library**
Monday 3rd July **Monday 3rd July**
10am - 12pm **2pm - 4pm**

Timaru Children's Library
Monday 10th July
2pm - 4pm



FREE event
for parents

Supporting Young People to Be Safer Online

Join us for a free presentation & discussion for Parents & Whānau



Thursday 29th June-2023 at 6:30pm



Waimataitai School Hall, Trafalgar Str.

Netsafe's Education Advisor will talk about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can help young people to be safe online. There will be plenty of time to answer your questions.

Light Meal & Tea or Coffee provided.

RSVP (phone Waimataitai School 684 5566)

Looking forward to seeing you there!



FREE event
for parents

SOUTH CANTERBURY
Roller Sports Club Inc.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Sail and Anchor

Wednesday 28th June 2023

7.00pm Sharp

\$10 per person, teams of 4-5

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9 August to 22 November 2023
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

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These 14 week programmes will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.
Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours, (excluding school holidays).

To enrol or for further information call
Liz Munro **NOW** at Family Works
03 688 5029 / 0274 688200
email: liz.munro@pssc.co.nz

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CONTACT SCOUTER MEGAN 0272253000

CUBS AGE 8-10 TUESDAY 5PM - 6:15PM
CONTACT SCOUTER GUY 0272374936

SCOUTS AGE 10-14 TUESDAY 6:30-8:30
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WEEK 1



THEME DAY - LEGO MANIA
With a variety of fun and exciting lego themed activities on offer.



EXCURSION - CBAY POOL
Children will enjoy a fun-filled outing to CBay Pool.



THEME DAY - MID WINTER CHRISTMAS, Exciting xmas themed activities.



THEME DAY - UNDER THE SEA
A day spent exploring under the sea and creating sea creatures using different materials.



TRIP - KICKING IT OLD SCHOOL & DOBSON PARK.
Old School games and a fun trip to Dobson Park.

WEEK 2



ON SITE VISIT - ART LESSON
An artist will come to the programme and children will get an art lesson.



THEME DAY - MAD SCIENTIST
A fun day spent doing different and creative science experiments.



EXCURSION - CHIPMUNKS
A day filled with excitement and adventure at Chipmunks.



THEME DAY: BRAIN TEASER
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