



# Newsletter

**30 August 2023  
Newsletter No 14**

Tena koutou katoa

With spring just around the corner, we will hopefully see longer and warmer days and a reduction in the winter sniffles.

With the Metro bus now picking up and dropping off children at school it is a reminder to please not park in the bus stop space between 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm. Ensuring children arrive and depart to and from school safely is of paramount importance to us. Last week there were occasions when the Metro bus was required to park in the middle of the road due to cars parking in the designated bus stop. Please help to keep our students safe.

Next week we have the Book Fair. This is a great opportunity to come into school and look at all the wonderful books available for purchase. These books make great birthday and Christmas presents.

On Thursday 14th September we are hosting another Open Hour between 2pm- 3pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's class and interact with them during class time. We look forward to seeing you.

Last week saw the Year 7/8 Science Fair projects displayed in the hall. The finished projects were the culmination of a lot of hard work and covered a wide variety of science topics. Congratulations to the children that were judged as the winners.

Regards  
Richard



**NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Theo Hart, Aroha Blissett and Irie-Reign Corbett.

**DISCO**

Thanks to all those who supported the two Discos on Thursday 17 August. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to the Student Council and group of teachers for organising this fun event.



**Coming Next Week!**



**The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Office Foyer next week.**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> September,  
3pm-4.30pm daily**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1.30pm – 3.30pm**



**BOOK FAIR**

**ART CONTEST**

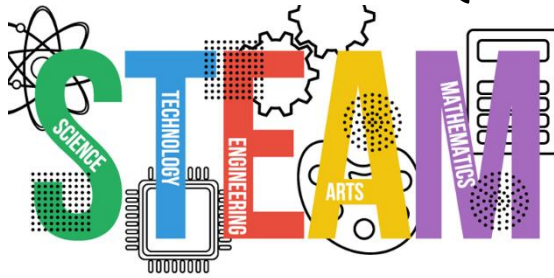
**HAT CONTEST**  
make or decorate a hat to represent your favourite character or book.

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

**CLOSES THIS FRIDAY**



# STEAM RESOURCES REQUEST



## WHAT IS S.T.E.A.M.

S.T.E.A.M. is an approach to learning that involves Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. Students are presented with a problem or challenge where they use the engineering process to create a solution. Students learn needed knowledge in S.T.E.A.M to be able to help them reach and test their solution.

Through S.T.E.A.M. students learn important skills such as problem solving, creating, teamwork, communication, and innovation.

## WHAT WE NEED

To conduct STEAM challenges a steady supply of recycled materials is needed. Recycled materials need to be clean and easy for children to use (thick cardboard is too hard to cut etc). Type of materials that would be appreciated: Newspaper, cardboard tubes, wool, shoeboxes, food packaging boxes, fabric etc

## WHERE TO TAKE IT...

If you can supply any of the above-mentioned items you can drop them off at office. Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please contact Hamish Campbell at [hamish@grantleadowns.school.nz](mailto:hamish@grantleadowns.school.nz)



## **FONTERRA HELPING OUR CREEK!**

Last week, Te Ahi Tarakihi Creek at the back of our school grounds had a section weed-eated and tidied up by a keen group of Fonterra volunteers as part of their "Giving Back to our Community" program. This work has exposed the native plants and seedlings that survived an earlier planting effort a few years ago. The next step is to prime the area for additional new plantings before the end of term. This is part of our Enviroschool program.

A big thank you to Fonterra's South Canterbury Ambient DC Hub team for getting us going on our creek project.

## **Principal Award – Week 6**

Frankie Mc Arthur, Violet Fifita, Oliver Brown-Innes, Fletcher Tee

## **Class Awards and Values Champions**

### **Class Awards - Week 5**

Theo McCarthy, Pandorah Pairama-Wishnowsky, Ivy-Leigh Lord, Kohbin List

### **Values Champion – Week 6**

Te Aika Reihana, Pascoe Smillie, Honey Cross-Papuni, Gypzy Smith, Manaia Evans, Izabella Simms, Carter Brown





## KERETA SCIENCE FAIR

For the past 8 weeks, Grantlea Downs Seniors have been working incredibly hard on their science fair projects. They followed the scientific method and presented their boards to a high standard hoping to come out on top. Our Property Manager and ex-scientist, Mr Vogel, spent hour after hour taking time to judge our Science Fair boards.

Mr Vogel has chosen four scientists to now go on to compete in the Sanford Science Fair. Here are the winners:

First place: Tabitha and Jess- "Veggie Vision"

Second place: Chloe- "Plants Are More Aware Than You Think"

Third place: Laila and Pyper- "Electroculture"

Fourth place: Morgan and Polly- "I Worm To Know The Truth"

Fifth equal: Makayla- "Hey Kids Do You Like Water?" and Murphy: "Floating Lego"



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On Saturday my uncle and I went to a Karate Tournament at Roncalli College. We got in the hall and got changed into our Gi's. First we had these things called Kata. I did well and got a 6.5 on my 1st Kata then I went to the playoffs and scored a 6.2 on my second Kata. After that we got changed into our gear and got ready. Then we had fighting. The first fight was me going against a Sadio Brown Belt. I managed to win. I waited six matches until I fought again. I walked back up and sat by the fighting mat and got ready to fight but the next fighter didn't want to fight me, so I got told to not go hard on him. I won. Then I knew I was the winner of 1st place in the Fighting Cup for 12-13 year olds in the South Island. My uncle went against a black belt and he lost but still won two cups. We gave it our all and we did well.



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## METRO SCHOOL BUS SERVICE – T3 ROUTE TRIAL

Due to the Metro School Bus trial, we ask that parents **do not park on the bus stop** and keep it clear for the bus to drop off and pick students up, before and after school.

The Metro School Bus Service is trialling extending the T3 route to include Grantlea Downs School. The trial started 21 August and runs until the end of Term 3. The trial enables children to catch the bus from any bus stop along the T3 route in the mornings and then be picked up from School in the afternoon (around 3.15pm) and follow the route back. For more information including maps and times, please see the post on the Community Notices tab on HERO 21 August. If there is enough demand, this service will become permanent.

Thanks to the introduction of the Government's 'Under 13 Free' concession, Timaru children can hop on board the Metro School buses for free (this does not include the MyWay Service). Each child will need their own Metrocard to travel for free and present it to the ticket machine each time they ride. The Metrocard can be purchased from the information Centre at a one off cost of \$5.00.

## Board of Trustee Elections

For school boards that carry out mid-term elections these will be coming in November (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.

The next meeting is on **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](mailto:boardchair@grantleadowns.school.nz) or calling 022 531 8770



**Get on board!**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Coleriti SPRING HOLIDAYS

25th SEPT - 6th OCT

BOOK TODAY



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MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

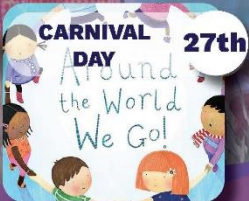
### WEEK 1



**CLOSED 25th**  
SOUTH CANTERBURY  
ANNIVERSARY DAY!



**SINGING LESSON 26th**  
**SPECIAL DAY- SINGING LESSON (CLAIRE BURT)**  
Local award winning singer, she will sing and do some vocal training with the kids!



**CARNIVAL DAY 27th**  
**THEME DAY - AROUND THE WORLD**  
Celebrating all the different cultural activities, Henna designs, flax weaving, GAMES.



**LOCAL HEROS 28th**  
**TRIP DAY - LOCAL HEROS-**  
Visit some of our local heros, and see what they get up to on site.



**READY STEADY COOK 29th**  
**THEME DAY - READY STEADY COOK**  
Cooking, science and taste testing today!

### WEEK 2



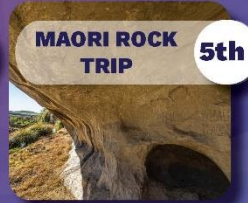
**SECRET AGENT 2nd**  
**THEME DAY- SECRET AGENT**  
Make some top agent gadgets!



**PAMPER DAY 3rd**  
**THEME DAY -PAMPER DAY**  
You'll be pampered to perfection



**MAKING MEMORIES 4th**  
**THEME DAY- MAKING MEMORIES.**  
Memories last a life time.



**MAORI ROCK TRIP 5th**  
**TRIP DAY - MAORI ROCK**  
Retrace the seasonal journeys of our ancestors, make your own rock art and hold an ancient moa bone!



**MASH MOVIES 6th**  
**THEME DAY- MASH MOVIES**  
Tickets, popcorn, bean bags, projector. Publish your own review in a book form. 4 corners movie themed.

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# Holiday Programm

25 September – 6 October

MSD-Approved. Work & Income  
Tax AR Subsidy available!

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Waimataitai sKIDS  
School Hall  
25 Trafalgar St  
Timaru

**Prices**  
Full Day 8am-6pm: \$57  
School Day 8am-3pm: \$50  
Trip Day 8am-6pm: \$67

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### Week 1 September

| Monday 25th                                    | Tuesday 26th  | Wednesday 27th   | Thursday 28th  | Friday 29th   |
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| <b>CLOSED</b><br>South Canterbury Anniversary. | <b>INSPIRATIONS OF MEXICO</b><br>Do you like Aztec art or Nachos. Well today is the day to find out. Join us for so fiesta fun. | <b>COOKIE BAKING DAY</b><br>If you like baking and decorating cookies, then this is for you. We will be making 3D cookies. | <b>TRIP: SHEARERS QUATERS</b><br>Mini Golf, Farm Animals and much more fun for us all for this trip day. | <b>SAND ART</b><br>Coloured sand, paper glue and bottles, see what we are going to do with these. |
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### Week 2 October

| Monday 2nd   | Tuesday 3rd   | Wednesday 4th   | Thursday 5th  | Friday 6th  |
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| <b>ESCAPE MAZE DAY</b><br>Will you be able to find you way out, work out the clues. If you think you're up to the challenge, come along. | <b>ONSITE TRIP: DANCE HIP HOP VISITING ARTIST</b><br>Wonderful day to learn a new skills and show us your rhythm and dance moves. | <b>DESIGN A TOTE BAG</b><br>You have the ideas, and we have the materials, so let's put the them together to make an awesome bag. | <b>CAMPING DAY</b><br>Who loves camping. WE DO. So, let's pretend we are camping and do some fun camping activities | <b>BUCKET SPRING GARDENS</b><br>Don't you just love that Spring is here. So, let's colour our world with some little spring gardens |
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Manager: Mon-Thurs 12pm-3pm: 027 6011247

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# 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 Harold!

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**TYRE GENERAL** \*\*\*\*\*  
GREGSON DORMAN

**PARTNERSHIP** Chartered accountants

**ORIGIN**

[HTTP://WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ/EVENTS/2023/SEP/ETHEL-AND-BETHEL](http://WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ/EVENTS/2023/SEP/ETHEL-AND-BETHEL)

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**MT DOBSON**  
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**SKI RACE 2023**

Fairlie Primary School and Mt Dobson are proud to bring you the 2023 Ski Race

**Friday, 8th September 2023**

Age Divisions (Girls & Boys) - Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8

\$15 Entry Fee

Sausage Sizzle available

For entry form and further details visit [www.fairlie.school.nz](http://www.fairlie.school.nz)  
Entries close Friday, 1 September 2023 at 5pm



St Mary's Church,  
24 Church Street, Timaru

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Sunday 3rd September 2023 at 10am**

**8am Eucharist  
5pm Evensong**

**ST MARY'S JUNIOR CHOIR  
WILL BE PERFORMING**

All creatures great and small are welcome at our annual animal service, inside St Mary's Church. Bring your favourite "best friend" to this special service where they will receive a blessing from the Archdeacon and where we can celebrate them for the joy they bring.

Animals are a blessing to us so join us in blessing them.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
FOR OUR GROUPS BELOW**

Street Cats  
South Canterbury


SPCA

**Seeking Home Stay Families**

to join our pool for Timaru Boys' and Timaru Girls' High Schools

**LONG AND SHORT-TERM STUDENTS ARRIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

If you are interested in other cultures, enjoy interacting with students and can provide a bedroom in a safe, warm, caring home environment, please get in contact to see if becoming a home stay family is right for you. Board is paid to home stay families to reimburse costs.



**Andrew Gill - Director International Students**  
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**Hato Hone  
St John**

**TIMARU  
OPEN  
DAY**

**9th September 2023  
10am - 2pm**  
ST JOHN TIMARU  
9 JACKSON STREET, TIMARU

Are you aged 5-18? You are invited to attend an open day for St John Youth to find out about the new Timaru Rhodes Division that is due to open shortly. If you haven't heard about St John Youth before why not come and see what we do. First aid, drill, games, badges, leadership development, camps and making friends. All are welcome, we would love to see you there.

**For more information contact:**  
[youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) or visit [youth.stjohn.org.nz](http://youth.stjohn.org.nz)