



Newsletter

16 August 2023 Newsletter No 13

Tena koutou katoa

As you are no doubt aware the rules around Covid have changed as of Tuesday, 15 August. It is no longer a requirement to isolate for seven days however the Ministry of Health's guidance is that you stay home for five days if you are feeling unwell or have tested positive for Covid. We appreciate your support in keeping your child at home if they have cold or flu like symptoms as infections can spread quickly in a school setting.

Every fortnight on a Friday afternoon from 2.15pm, we have a whole school assembly. It is an opportunity for the children to display and share their work and a chance for family members to attend. We would love to see you if you have the time to attend, your child would appreciate it.

Thank you to everyone that came to Parent Teacher Conferences in Week 3. If you couldn't make it, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternative time.

We are looking forward to the school disco tomorrow afternoon. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun and show off their dance moves! The Junior Disco (Yr 1-4) runs from 4pm to 5pm and the Senior disco is from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Please make sure that you child is collected from the school hall at the end of the disco. A big thank you to the school leaders and the staff for all their work in organising the disco.

Regards
Richard



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Quinn Hansen and Max Willmott.



GDS DISCO
NEON THEME

WHEN: Thursday 17 August 2023
WHERE: GDS SCHOOL HALL
JUNIOR DISCO: 4-5pm
SENIOR DISCO: 5:30-6:30

Coming Soon!



**Scholastic Book Fair in the
Office Foyer**
**Mon 4th – Thurs 7th September,
3pm-4.30pm daily**
Friday 8th Sept 1.30pm – 3.30pm



BOOK FAIR

ART CONTEST

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

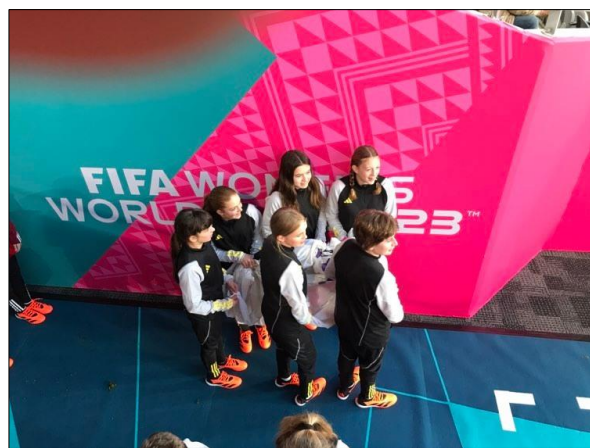
Prizes
Hats will be on display during Book Week.
Entries to Mr Campbell (Room 4) from 28th August to 1st Sept

My Women's FIFA World Cup Experience – Morgan, Room 13

It started with a long 2h and 35m drive for my first flag-bearing experience. By the time we got there it was 11am. We went to Countdown to get some snacks for the long day ahead. After that, we made our way to the Edgar Centre where we were to get picked up on buses, then head to the stadium. When we got to the stadium, we made our way to the Youth Programme Room. Once everyone was in the stuffy small room, the instructors introduced themselves and we got lockers, and kits.

After what felt like forever, we finally had some time to relax, our group was watching some Spongebob. Then, it was finally time for the real thing the pressure was on, we were walking in the bearing lines out on to the soccer field. We could hear the screaming and yelling of all the New Zealand and Switzerland fans in the stadium. The adrenaline was real alright!

There were two national anthems to go through, my arms were aching! And just like that.. the experience of a lifetime is over. It was amazing being picked out of so many people to do such an important thing. Even though I only got one chance, I'm very happy I did it.



SOUTH CANTERBURY BASKETBALL TRIAL!

On a Thursday last month Chase, Cruz, Nubian and Khan went to the stadium for the South Canterbury Basketball trials. We started off doing some running up and down the court to warm up, then went off to do some focused layup drills and worked on some defence. Next we did some passing drills like the three man weave, we also practiced our shooting form.

The next week we made the cut and got a second trial. We started with a warm up and stretches, then we got put into random teams and played 5 V 5 scrimmages, so the coaches could see our skills on the court. There were five teams picked and we will be playing at the end of the month against a lot of different representative teams from around the provinces.

By Chase, Cruz, Nubian and Khan

Board of Trustee Elections

For school boards that carry out mid-term elections these will be coming up at the end of this year or the beginning of next year (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 or calling 022 531 8770



Principal Award – Week 4

Olivia Marshall, Ella Lindsay, Heidi Fuller, Jess Beeby

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 3

Willow Ormsby, Alizay Fahey, Vanessa Yorston,
Brooklyn Thomson, Zaliyah Karena-Jamison

Values Champion – Week 4

Bella Ford, Rustyn List, Ciaran Campbell, Axle Ramsey-
Turner, Jaxon Bell, Chloe Welbourn, Araliyah Karena-
Jamison, Jaydie Taylor-Dinsdale, Alissi Fagalima, Brianna
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LOST PROPERTY

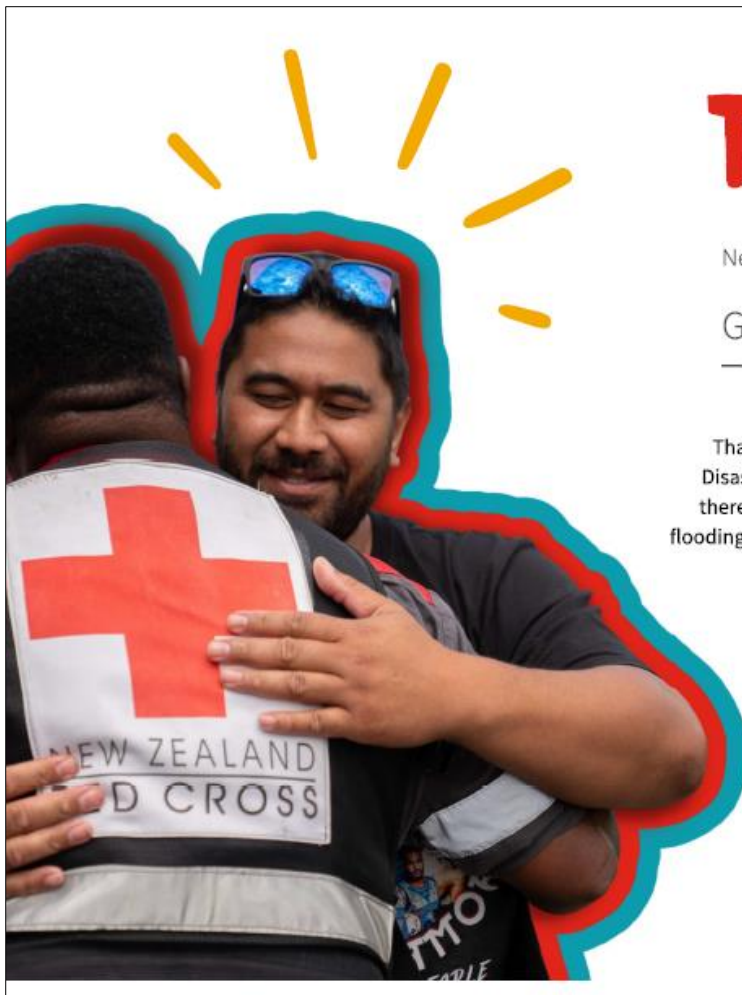
We still have a large amount of lost property in the office foyer. If your child is missing anything ie drink bottle, lunchbox, uniform, non uniform clothing, in-line skates, hats etc, please come and have a look.



These childrens Spiderman prescription glasses have also not yet been claimed.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



THANK YOU

New Zealand Red Cross recognises with gratitude:

Grantlea Downs School

Thank you for your generous support to the New Zealand Disaster Fund. You have helped New Zealand Red Cross be there to support people affected by the upper North Island flooding event and Cyclone Gabrielle and to prepare Aotearoa New Zealand for future emergencies.

Date: 28 March 2023

Signature:


Sarah Stuart-Black
Secretary General

Signature:


Kerry Nickels
National President

 **NEW ZEALAND
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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!

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Whānau Wellbeing Support

Skylight is offering whānau wellbeing support sessions for parents/caregivers.

The sessions will be with a trained counsellor and are fully funded by the Awhi Mai Awhi Atu, Counselling in Schools Programme.

The focus of these sessions is to:


- Strengthen existing parenting skills
- Develop parenting strategies
- Support whānau to awhi their child through their wellbeing journey.

For further information contact

Skylight Office 0800 299 100

Your School Counsellor is:

Name: Catherine Coster
 Email: catherine.coster@skylight.org.nz



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Whānau Support Referral:

Date: _____

School: _____

Parent/caregiver name/s: _____

Childs name: _____

Contact number: _____

Contact email: _____

Reason for referral:

Please email the completed form to: vonnie.marshall@skylight.org.nz
 OR return to your school counsellor.