



Newsletter

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Hi All,

Welcome back to Term 3. Hard to believe that we are half way through this year! We hope that you had a restful break and ready to get back into learning.

Staffing news:

Mrs Claire Farr is very excited to announce her pregnancy. Claire will be taking maternity leave from the 26th August 2019 until the end of 2020. Mrs Andrea Heinicke has accepted the maternity leave position in Room 9. Mrs Heinicke had a student placement at Grantlea Downs when she was training to be a teacher and also worked in both part time and fixed term positions here in 2018, so is well known to the school.

We are happy to announce that Mr Reon Keenan has been appointed as the permanent Caretaker taking over from the retirement of Mr Garry Ford. Reon has been at Grantlea Downs in a number of roles including assisting the Caretaker, Teacher aide, sports coordinator and bus driver over the last 10 ½ years.

Steve Fennessy

NEW STUDENT

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs: Chase Oldham, Wairingiringi Ryan-Wahanui, Hadlee Wilson

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who received their Gold Award.

Harrison Butler, Montana Davis, Koda Davis, Tawhai Reihana, Mikayla Willetts, Bella Hopkinson, Tamaki Karauria, Lachie Kotua, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Olivia Ryan, Rebecca Bramley, Faliqh Faris, Khya Ross, Miglia Schicker, Billy Sherborne, Briar Taylor, Jack Bennett, Alex Elder, Ryan Goodman, James Grice, Orla Motley, Latisha Put, Hunter Tee, Holly Thin, Joe Cao,

Daniel Chernetski, Deacon Cooper, Ella Craig, Charlotte Hallberg, Mia Holden, Kawend Kuang, Dyllin Morris, Chelsea Nicholls, Blake Parker, Ruby Allison, Kassidy Anderson, Summer Culshaw, Mercedes Karauria, Oliver Kirke, Tyla Murray, Mikayla Ryan, Keanu Smith-Allan, Bella Thin, Madison Wills.

Jump Jam 2019

What a successful Jump Jam we have had! All the before school, morning tea and lunch time practises over Term 2 paid off. We had three teams compete in the different categories. Congratulations to our Year 3-4 "GD Cocoa's" team who placed second in their section performing 'Chocolatte'. The Year 5-6 "GD Amigo's" were in the final of their category with 'I know you want me' and the Year 7-8 "GD Hypnotists" performed 'Magic'. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transporting these children to and from the Theatre Royal. A big thank you to Mrs Kingan, Miss Austin, Mrs Farr and Mrs White for taking these teams.



STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Liam Nesbitt who competed at the Karate Nationals Championship in Auckland 12-14 July. Liam won a Bronze medal in the kumite (sparring).

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

Thanks to parents who came along to our Keeping Ourselves Safe parent information evening last night. The website that Deb (Community Constable) referred to for finding the programme and resources is : www.schools.police.govt.nz



Kereta Syndicate Mini-Fair

On the 2nd of August the students will be holding their annual Mini-Fair from 12pm until 1.30pm to help with camp costs. We would appreciate any donations of old toys, books and plants you may have for us to sell on the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle, selling food items, crafts and a variety of games for children to participate in. There will also be raffles, mystery bottles and a cake walk. Please let your family and friends know, and come and support our students on this day, we look forward to seeing you here.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders and payment due by **Friday 2nd August 2019**

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

Our next Home and School meeting is being held next Wednesday 31st July at 7pm, in the Staffroom. All welcome!

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Friday 2nd August

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren next **Friday 2nd August at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Wendy Pickard and Mrs Cathy Moffat for cleaning the school during the holidays for us to come back to a lovely clean environment. Thank you also to Mr Reon Keenan for maintaining the grounds while we were all on holiday and ensuring our rooms were all lovely and warm on Monday.

CAMP FEES AND CAMP FEE ASSISTANCE – Year 5, 6, 7 & 8

This is an advance notice that payment for camps will need to be received by the school office

no later than Friday 20th September for Year 7 & 8's and Friday 15th November for Year 5 & 6's.



SPORTS UNIFORMS

We have a large number of sports uniforms that have not been returned since the end of the season. These include touch, basketball and uniforms used for interschool events. Please return any uniforms to the office as soon as possible.

ABSENCES

If for any reason your child is going to be absent **please** contact the school office. Please advise their **name and ensure you give a reason for absence ie sick, doctors appt. etc.** You can call 684 7706 any time, our phone system is automated to take absence messages before school opens, text on 027 684 7706, or send us a message through the Skool Loop App.

ADVANCED WARNING

School will be finishing at 12.30pm for students on Thursday 22nd August for Student Learning Conferences. The bus will run at the earlier time of 12.40pm. More information to follow in the next newsletter

Please contact Mr Fennesy or Mrs Willocks in the office if you would like help with your child's/children's camp costs, as we have access to community trust funds that are given to the school that can be used for this purpose. Please contact us by 31st August so we can allocate funds for both camps. **The earlier you contact us the easier we can plan to help the most families.**

If you have had this assistance in the past this does not mean you are automatically registered for assistance this year, therefore contacting the office is essential.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 2 – Week 10

JJ Milne, Jessie Agnew, Tamaki Karauria, James Grice

Term 2 - Week 9

Azaria Vakalala, Hazel McGiffert, Freya Forward, Charlee Rogers, George Baxter, Connor Hoare, Holly Thin

Term 2 - Week 10

Eli Bowden, Fleur Skinner, Aaliyah Raukawa-Goodman, Emily Hughes, Braxton Smith, Topaz Davis, Sergio Bryan



Ski/Skate Day

(Years 3 – 8)

Thursday 8th August (Week 3)

No Postponement Date



Our ski/skate day is to be held during Week 3, on Thursday the 8th August. Both skiing and skating will be held at Lake Tekapo, with the skiing at Roundhill and the skating at Alpine Springs Ice Skating Rink.

Please read the following information carefully and then fill in all the sections on the forms.

OPTIONS

* Ice Skating for **Years 3 – 8**

* Skiing for **Years 5 – 8**

(Note - Year 4 students will be able to go on the skiing trip **only** if they are accompanied **by a parent who intends supervising them throughout the day**. Older siblings do not qualify)

We require definite bookings including PAYMENT before Friday 26th July (Week 1 Term 3), as payments will need to be made to both venues before we go. In previous years people have changed their minds within 24 hours of us going and this has disrupted travel arrangements and caused us last minute problems therefore no late bookings will be considered, the closing date will be Friday 26th July. If a medical certificate is supplied a refund will be made for the ski hire and lesson etc. No refund will be given for the bus.

Note – all prices are special prices for school groups. Costs include transport, equipment hire, lessons, lift pass (skiing) and entry (ice skating).

Please ensure that your child has the following clothing to ensure that they are warm throughout the day.

Skating (bus leaves at 9am, returns approx. 3pm)

Skiing (bus leaves at 7am, returns approx. 6-6.30pm)

BIKE HELMET – this is essential

Jacket
Warm Jersey/Sweatshirt/Polar fleece
Warm trousers (no jeans)
Warm Hat/Beanie
Gloves
Drink Bottle
Plenty of food to last the day



SUNSCREEN –this is essential

SUNGLASSES/GOGGLES - these are essential

Warm Waterproof Jacket
Waterproof trousers
Warm Jersey /Sweatshirt/Polar fleece
Warm Hat/Beanie
Waterproof Gloves
Plenty of food to last the day
Drink bottle



It is expected that parents skiing will assist any students who need help with boots, skis, guidance, etc...

If parents wish to attend but are not willing to help, they will need to organise their own transport and lift pass / ski hire at the normal rate.

Please complete the return slip and return to the school office WITH PAYMENT by this Friday 26th July.

If you have any questions please see Mrs White in Room 15

**Spare copies of the Ski/Skate Return Slip are available
from the school office**

SKIING – ROUNDHILL SKI FIELD Thursday 8th August

All sections of this table must be filled in.

Child – Skiing or snowboarding – Transport, lift pass, lesson, hire \$ 80.00

Adult - Skiing or snowboarding – Transport, lift pass, lesson and hire \$125.00

Adult - Skiing or snowboarding – Transport, lift pass, and hire (**no lesson**) \$100.00

Name	Room No	Year level	Shoe Size	Level (see below) (Please circle)	Skiing or Snowboarding (Please circle)	Please enter cost
				1 2 3 4 5	Skiing Snowboarding	\$
				1 2 3 4 5	Skiing Snowboarding	\$
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					Total	\$
<p align="center">If paying by Internet Banking please fill in date paid / / ... This booking will not be processed until payment is received</p>						

Level 1= never skied, Level 2= can stop but not turn, Level 3= can snow plough, Level 4= parallel turns, Level 5= short carving turns

Please note that all these prices are special prices for school groups. No discounts will be given for own transport or gear.

Please pay before FRIDAY 26th JULY – No late bookings



PARENT HELP SKIING

I am willing to assist as Parent Help Name _____ Phone _____

I will be travelling on the bus or taking my own car (please tick). If taking your own vehicle, please advise if your child/ren will also be travelling by car.

I would be willing to be a safety vehicle if required Yes No (This may entail returning to Timaru early in the case of an emergency)

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ICE SKATING – ALPINE SPRINGS TEKAPO Thursday 8th August

Child Skating – Transport, entry, hire \$35.00

Adult Skating – Transport, entry, hire \$45.00

Name	Room Number	Year level	Shoe size	Please enter cost
			Total	\$
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ART'S WEEK

Photo's below of visiting Artists and class creations during our 'Pasifica – Slice of Heaven' Arts Week last term. Come in to the foyer and see the entries in the Photography and Poetry Competitions and congratulations to the place getters as below.

Junior Photography Competition

Macro Section

- 1st= Annabelle Gilmour
- 1st= Auberon Kleinow
- 2nd Laila Fifita
- 3rd= Filippo Albu
- 3rd= Auberon Kleinow

Water Section

- 1st Laila Fifita
- 2nd Makayla Winiata
- 3rd Filippo Albu

Landscape Section

- 1st Filippo Albu
- 2nd Jessica Beeby
- 3rd= Annabelle Gilmour
- 3rd= Auberon Kleinow

Winter Section

- 1st Laila Fifita
- 2nd Kassi White

Senior Photography Competition

Macro Section

- 1st Tim Kirke
- 2nd Orla Motley

Water Section

- 1st Makea Patterson
- 2nd Tim Kirke
- 3rd Oscar Johns

Landscape Section

- 1st Ollie Agnew
- 2nd Miglia Schicker
- 3rd Casimir Kleinow

Winter Section

- 1st Tim Kirke
- 2nd Makea Patterson
- 3rd Michelle van Rooyen

Junior Poetry Competition

- 1st Miya Coulston
- 2nd Annabelle Gilmour
- 3rd= Jessica Beeby and Makayla Winiata

Senior Poetry Competition

- 1st Chelsea Nicholls
- 2nd Oliver Kirke
- 3rd Cassie Thornley





COMMUNITY NOTICES

Piano Lessons

Would your child like to learn piano but can't get to lessons? They can learn from home! Online lessons suitable for complete beginners aged 3 yrs+ and parents with no previous musical experience. Watch step-by-step video lessons and get personalised feedback from me using a unique video-upload feature. Optional individual (webcam) lessons also available.



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Special introductory offer, get your first month free using the coupon "1monthfreeNZRS" (offer valid till end of Aug 2019)

A MESSAGE FROM NZ POLICE

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, **105**. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately. You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

Relax Kids SC Classes
Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes For
Positive Wellbeing

10 Aug - 14 Sept (6 weeks)
Little Stars 3-4 Yrs
12.45pm-1.15pm

Magical Adventures 5-8 Yrs
2pm-2.45pm

Chill Skills 9-12Yrs
3.15pm-4pm

Secure your place today, email:
relaxkidssc@gmail.com

BREADTAGS for wheelchairs

We are supporting this initiative as it is not only helping people in need but also our own environment. Bring your bread tags in to school, we have boxes in the office and in Ruma Ako.

For more information about the charity check out the website <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za> or the NZ Facebook page Bread Tags for Wheelchairs NZ .

The YMCA is starting a series of pop-up Sport & Recreation activities for year 7's to 13's, at either Lough Park or Marchwiell Park from 3:15 till 4:30. This FREE pop-up session is held on Wednesdays, from 3:15 - 4:30pm (weather permitting). Come and join in the fun 😊 😄 😁 for further details and weekly updates please check out <https://www.facebook.com/YMCASouthandMidCanterbury/>

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Pōari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 - Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 - Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 - Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 - Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Grantlea Downs Calendar Term 3 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	July 22 <i>Start of Term 3</i>	23 KOS parent evening- 6.30pm	24 <i>Newsletter</i>	25	26
2	29	30	31 Home and School Meeting 7pm	August 1	2 Assembly 2:15 Kereta Mini Fair 12 -1.30pm
3	5 Dental Van on site from today	6 Aoraki Maths Competition Boys High	7 <i>Newsletter</i> Extra Current Events Quiz Girls High	8 Ski/Skate Day	9
4	12 Author Visit BOT Meeting	13	14	15	16 Assembly 2:15
5	19	20	21 <i>Newsletter</i>	22 Student Learning Conferences 12.30-7pm	23 Daffodil Day-Mufti day
6	26	27 Reading Together	28	29	30 Assembly 2:15
7	Sept 2	3 Reading Together	4 <i>Newsletter</i>	5 Kereta Syndicate Science Fair in hall	6 Gymnastics Festival
8	9 School Photos	10 Reading Together	11 Sandford Science Fair	12 BOT Meeting	13 Assembly 2:15
9	16 Scholastic Book Fair in Foyer	17 Scholastic Book Fair	18 <i>Newsletter</i> Scholastic Book Fair	19 Opihi Tabloid Sports Scholastic Book Fair	20 Flava Festival
10	23 SC Anniversary Day	24	25	26	27 Assembly 2:15 End of Term