

## 28 March 2018 Newsletter No 5

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter we will be welcoming the ERO Review Team to our school in week 11 on Monday 9th April. We look forward to them being on site and sharing with them all that we are doing. This external review compliments our continuous internal self-review.

Please find attached in this week's newsletter a survey that we would like all families to fill out. As an added bonus there will be a prize draw of a family movie pass. We are wanting your feedback and your children's feedback on some of the whole school events held during Term One. It has been a very busy term for staff, students and families and we are very lucky at Grantlea Downs to have so many fun and interesting activities and we want to ensure that we are maximising our time and resources in the best possible way. We want to ensure we are providing students with a rich broad curriculum that provides a range of opportunities for our diverse learners. Your feedback is important to us so please have your say - thank you!

As we come into the colder months it is a good time to be reminded about our uniform policy. It is important that our children wear their uniform with pride. Staff have noticed a decline in acceptable standards of the uniform, and in particular we have noticed many children are wearing a multitude of coloured socks and hair ties. For ease of clarification our school sock colour is navy blue ankle socks. Hair ties are red or navy as per our school colours but neutral colours of black, brown or white are quite acceptable. The Board of Trustees is due to review the Uniform Policy next term. We thank you for your support in this matter.

'Take Notice' is this fortnight's Wellbeing/Hauora focus. As we head into this Easter weekend 'Take Notice' and remember the simple things that give

you joy. Have a well-earned break with your family and loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all back next Wednesday.

Nga mihi nui  
Collette Sandilands



### Take Notice - Me aro tonu

*Remember the simple things that give you joy  
me aro tonu ki ngā mea māmā noa i ngākau harikoa ai  
koe.*

Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment, whether you are walking to work, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

**REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR  
EASTER BREAK THIS FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>,  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL AND TUESDAY  
3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL (Ministry of Education School  
Holiday)**



### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Keely Kubala, Braxton Smith, Alissi Fagalima and Ambrose Bryan.

### GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



## Newsletter is Going Fully Digital!

We are in the process of making our newsletter fully digital. This is in-line with what the majority of schools are now doing. It is a more efficient way of ensuring that you get the newsletter and has considerable other benefits. These benefits include more environmentally friendly, saves paper and photocopying, easy access - as it will be emailed to you (a copy is also currently on our Website and school app.) The savings made by not photocopying the newsletter will be better used in providing resources for students in our school. As you can imagine the cost over the year is quite substantial. We appreciate that not everyone has a computer or smartphone to access the newsletter digitally so we will be able to accommodate those families with a modified black & white paper copy still. Please contact the school office if you do not have internet access and will require a paper copy.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

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- \* Notices
- \* Notifications
- \* Absentee
- \* Newsletters
- \* Permission Slips



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In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' and choose our school once installed.

### STUDENT SUCCESS

#### PCT Challenge

Mia Quirke,  
Niamh Motley,  
Maddox  
Peneamene and  
Matt Gonzales  
represented us at  
the annual PCT



Challenge (Police Competency Test) Wednesday 21st March at the SBS Centre. The children competed against 16 other schools to complete a physical course in a record time of 2 minutes 19 seconds, making them 1st overall. They worked exceptionally well as a team and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship skills by cheering on all the other schools. Lifting tyres, walking across beams, jumping through windows and over fences were just some of the physical challenges that they faced. Congratulations to these four on their successful win!



#### South Canterbury Triathlon

Well done to the twelve members of the SC Triathlon team on their excellent effort in this event. The children had to swim in the outdoor pool at CBay, then run to their bikes and bike two laps of Ashbury Park and completed the event with a running lap around the park. Congratulations to Niamh Motley who was first in the Year 7/8 Girls, Orla Motley who was second in the Year 5/6 Girls, Orla Motley, Charlotte Blake and Bella Thin



who were second team in the Year 5/6 Girls and Niamh Motley, Mollie Phillips and Amelia Maynard who were also second team in the Year 7/8 Girls. A huge thank you to Kyra Owen-Cooper for marshalling on the day and to Galea Kilgour, Sonyia Ramsay and Tamara McGarry for helping with transporting children and their bikes to the event.

#### 2018 Great Kiwi English, Science, and Mathematics Competitions



This year we are giving students the opportunity to take part in the Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions. These competitions are run by the University of Canterbury and have the advantages of being a New Zealand competition linked to our curriculum. It is more flexible about when we can deliver the tests and is available for students to complete online. It also gives more feedback to the school on student performance, and also a lower administration cost to the school.

If you are interested in entering your child in this competition, a copy of the handout that was included in the last newsletter is available at the school office. **Return slip with payment is due by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please note also that these tests have a reasonably high level of difficulty, so generally students who are achieving particularly well are entered.

Any questions please contact [sandra@grantleadowns.school.nz](mailto:sandra@grantleadowns.school.nz)

#### POPPIES

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



# HOME & SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

## Wheelathon

Congratulations to all children & parents who obtained sponsorship for Wheelathon, it was a marvellous effort from you all and everyone had a really enjoyable day. Our profit for the day was around \$6,200!

Congratulations to all our Raffle Prize winners – we hope you enjoy what you received!

Listed below are the winners who completed the most laps in their class:

1. Vanessa Brown 18
2. Ava Marakau & Jax Rolton 21
3. Liam Cunningham 32
4. Blake Cunningham 26
5. Elijah Stevenson 42
6. Boston Davis & Jesse Agnew 33
7. Teo Bool-Turner 25
8. Annabelle Gilmour 41
9. Jack Bennett 29
10. Daniel La Grange 28
11. Chelsea Nicholls, Nathaniel Wickenden, Josh Aguirre 26
12. Khya Ross 34
13. Bailey Campbell 32
14. Nathan Hayes & Bayley Horder 20
15. Maddox Peneamene

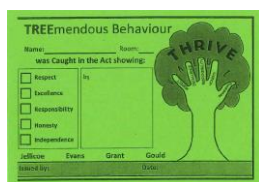
**Note:** Some sponsorship cards are still outstanding and we would appreciate if these were returned to the office asap (even if no sponsorship was collected). Please phone the office on 684 7706 if you have any queries, thank you.

## Cheese Rolls

Unfortunately, we will not be doing Cheese Rolls this year due to the amount of help that has been indicated at this point. If we were to proceed we would be sending order forms home before the end of Term 1 and at this reasonably late stage we still do not have anywhere near the level of help required to successfully run this fundraiser.

## TREEmendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners

Below are the recipients of the TREEmendous Behaviour Values draw. Children are given a green card when they are observed showing actions in line with our school values



**Week 7 - Winning House:**  
Jellicoe and Grant 1<sup>st</sup> equal  
Jack – Room 9  
Jake – Room 9  
Ashton – Room 13  
Latisha – Room 8  
Blake – Room 12

**Week 8 – Gould**  
Ava – Room 2  
Chloe – Room 8  
Molly – Room 13  
Khya – Room 12  
Flame – Room 12



## 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 last week and ensure we have correct contact information when required.

# Assembly Awards

## Principal Award Week 8 Term 1

Dyllin Morris and Hunter Morris

## Excellent Effort – Week 7 Term 1

Amelia Forward, Reid Brazendale, Gabby Milne, Oscar Bennett, Lydia Flavell, Charlie Pelvin, Jackson Guthrie, Kalo Siale, Mikayla Willetts, Pippa Palmer, Astle Holden, Vlad Crummer, Nathan Hayes, Bayley Horder, John Lui, Lukas Kelliher

## Values Focus Award – Week 7 Term 1

Aaliyah Raukawa-Goodman, Dominic Esler, Madison Ford, Bailey Clarkson, Charlie Hayes, Casimir Kleinow, Jasmine Sheppard, Latisha Put, Charlotte Hallberg, Nara Shenton

## Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 7 Term 1

Zanikx Wilson, Nevaeh Minchington-Wallis, Jack Ryan, Elijah Stevenson, Olivia Ryan, Angus Gould, Emily Flavell, Joe Cao, Ruby Allison

## Excellent Effort – Week 8 Term 1

Freya Forward, Chase Thomas, Izabella Simms, Phoebe Kiddey, Makayla Winiata, Liam Wright, Kale Smith-Baird, Keely Kubala, Amy Alden, Liam Nesbitt, Tamaki Karauria, Blake Fairhall, Kaitlyn Blissett, Teigan Bailey, Nathan Hayes, Danny Lee, Matthew Gregory, Mia Quirke

## Values Focus Award – Week 8 Term 1

Scarlet Hayes, Hunter Hopkinson, Poppy Pratt, Liam Phillips, Brianna Latu, Ashton Winter, Eamon Carson, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Harvee King-Brookland, Emma Reynecke, Tyla Murray

## Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 8 Term 1

Jaxon Wickenden, Fynn Jackson, Olly Brown-Innes, Caleb Gavan, Arina Lyakh, Annabelle Gilmour, Thomas Hendry, Orla Motley, Skye Murray, Abby Rempala, Niamh Motley, Steven Ramsay

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**School Holiday Programmes**  
at the  
**Timaru Children's Library**  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**What's new?** Due to the popularity of our School Holiday Programmes, children need to book to attend the craft sessions. Spaces are limited. Craft sessions are suitable for ages 5 and up.

**Tuesdays:** 10:30am - 11:30am  
2:30pm - 3:30pm (repeat of morning session)

**Thursdays:** 10:30am - 11:30am  
2:30pm - 3:30pm (repeat of morning session)

**Book now!** It's so easy to make a booking! Drop into the Timaru Children's Library, call 6877498 or email [anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz)

## ART CLASS – TERM 2

Starting Week 2 – Thursday 10 May until Week 7 -

14 June

3.05pm - 4pm

Class limit of 10

Those accepted will need to Bring snacks etc and protective clothing.

Suitable for 7 years and up

\$10 per child to cover materials

If numbers are small, younger children may be considered.

Any queries contact Raewyn Guise in Room 2

Please fill in form below and bring to office asap with money.

## ART CLASSES

I would like \_\_\_\_\_

of Room \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Art Classes starting on Thursday

10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from 3.05 – 4pm.

I have enclosed \$10 to cover materials.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/caregiver)

## SOUTH CANTERBURY RUGBY HOLIDAY

**PROGRAMME** April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

8-10 years old = will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

11-13 years old = will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

-The programme will run from **9.30am** till **12.30pm** each day, at Alpine Energy Stadium.

**Applications close on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. (2 weeks needed for orders)**

For more information and application form contact:

[caro@scrfu.co.nz](mailto:caro@scrfu.co.nz) any question please call 021 399 465