



Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

Thank you to all the children and adults that came along to Book Night last night. It was a fantastic night and one we hope you and the children enjoyed. Promoting a love of reading in your child is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. Reading a book to your child every night or giving them a chance to read a book independently before bedtime will go a long way to helping your child develop a positive mindset towards literacy.

Due to staffing circumstances, this Thursday we have decided to postpone the cross country until next Tuesday 30th May. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope you can come along next Tuesday.

Next Friday 2nd June, School will be closed as staff are involved in professional development activities with the Timaru Kahui Ako. The Kahui Ako involves most schools in Timaru and the purpose of the day is to collaborate with other educators on a range of educational topics.

Regards
Richard

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Niklaus de Har, Riley Welbourn, Chloe Welbourn, Connor Bruce and Eli McInnes.

PINK SHIRT DAY – Mufti Day

On Friday 19th May we held a Mufti Day in support of Pink Shirt Day. We raised \$333.90. Thank you for your donations to this cause. **Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**



SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE

**We have a Teacher Only Day
scheduled for next week -Week 6
FRIDAY 2nd JUNE (the Friday before
King's Birthday Weekend)**

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

A reminder to remember the importance of some basic road safety rules around school. **Please drive carefully remembering the 40km/h speed zones.** Be mindful of children and their parents walking and cycling to school, as well as those students catching buses, being dropped off or waiting to be picked up by parents in vehicles. Schools can be very busy places at drop off and pick up time, and your courtesy and patience are appreciated. Please also be respectful of our neighbours and **do not** park over driveways, on yellow lines near the crossing or climb on fences.



Principals Awards - Term 2 Week 2

Mia Thompson, Azariah Vakalala, Jack Johnston, Jeremiah Barrett

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 3

Harry Thornton, Sophia Paul, Ronald Milne, Skyler Felizardo, Maddy Bain

Values Champion – Week 4

Tane Honatana-Smith, Taleah Frew, Luke MacGregor, Morris Kennerley, Charlee Rawson, Henry Morris, Leo Dunnage

Book Night

Last night we had our Grantlea Downs Book Night. It was a roaring success. We were delighted with the turnout from the community on a cold evening.

Children, parents, and staff turned up in their pyjamas. A huge variety of pyjamas was on display!

Children and parents brought books to read and we also had books available to read. There was also the opportunity to do some drawing and colouring-in.

A highlight of the evening was when our adult readers shared their favourite book with groups of children and parents. Thanks to Mrs Gordon, Mr Vogel, Mr Kidd, Mrs Fennessy, Mrs Harper and Mr Campbell for reading to us.

Supper was popular and thanks to the kitchen staff for the yummy biscuits and to Miss Guise for preparing the fruit platters. Also, a big thank you to the staff that came and did the milo and the dishes.

At the conclusion of the evening, we had a lucky number draw which resulted in many children selecting books and treats to take home. Thanks to Duffy Books and Mrs Lees for supplying the prizes.

Once again thank you to all those people that came last night and a big thanks to all the staff for their help.



COMPETITIVE CROSS COUNTRY

Due to offsite commitments of staff, we are going to postpone the School Cross Country and Fun Run day to **TUESDAY 30 MAY**

The timetable will remain the same as below

The children may bring house coloured clothes to change into for the fun run.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

The competitive cross country will run in the order below from 11am.

The Cross Country will be run differently to previous years. The junior events will take place first and then the senior events. After the completion of the first round the junior children will return back to their classes and then the seniors will begin.

11am start: Race Events: Girls and Boys will race together.

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 7
- Year 8



This is the confirmed order of all races

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for after the race)
- Water bottle

Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students in both events.

The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 13th June and the top four boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8 will represent the school at this.

NON - COMPETITIVE HOUSE FUN RUN

This year for those students not competing in the Competitive Cross Country we are offering a non-competitive "House Fun Run" where the students will complete as many laps of an obstacle course as possible. Each lap, the students will drop a popsicle stick into their house bin and collect points for their house! All students are expected to participate in this event and wear house colours to show their support! There will be spot prizes for the best dressed and students displaying the values!

1.15pm - 1.45pm (approx) - Opihi and Waipopo Syndicates (Rooms 1 - 9)

2.00pm - 2.30pm (approx) - Acacia and Kereta Syndicates (Rooms 10 - 15)

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Monday 29th May

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren next. **Monday 29th May at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NZ's BIGGEST LIGHT SHOW

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25th-28th May
Timaru Botanic Gardens

Tickets online @illuminateshow.co.nz

Event Hire | CAUSADERS | PROUD PARTNERS



Venture Timaru | CHRIS LYNCH | HOREFM | SPYTOWER | actionsigns | SOLLYS | Lightchasers.

Join a Fantails Hub today!



FANTAILS TIMARU
Wednesdays (4 weeks)
31 May - 21 June
4pm - 5pm
Venue: West End Park

Register Now: sporty.co.nz/viewform/234346
Contacts: Amanda Davies, brad_amanda@extra.co.nz or
Jessica Fuller, jessica@southernfootball.co.nz

New Zealand Football

 SOUTH CANTERBURY
Roller Sports Club Inc.

Come on down and have some **FREE!** fun
trying out skating with your friends!

OPEN DAY

Demos

PARENTS
The Information You Need!

When? Sunday 11th June 2023
from 2pm to 4pm
Where? Skating Rink,
Marine Parade, Timaru
Cost? No Charge for Entry or
Skate Hire
Bring? Long socks and a helmet

