



Newsletter

30 May 2018 Newsletter No 9

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

We are inviting all our families to attend a Family Open Day on Thursday 21st June from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come and look around the school and spend some time in your child's class. You are very welcome to bring your lunch and have lunch with us too. We will have full details in our next newsletter but mark the date in your calendar now. 😊

We will also be running our first Family Forum on our Open Day. This will be a relaxed, informal opportunity for you to come along and have a chat and hear about any significant things that are happening. This term we will be discussing the removal of National Standards and what that means for you and your child, Wellbeing initiatives in the school and our ERO Report. We will run two forums on the Open Day, one from 12:00 to 12:30pm and the other from 2:30-3:00pm. These will be in the hall with a cup of tea and supervised childcare will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

We have our annual Cross Country tomorrow Thursday 31 May. We hope you can come along and support our students. The weather forecast is looking sunny, but wrap up warm!

Our Wellbeing focus for this fortnight is 'Be Active – Me Kori Tonu.' Great week to think about being active with our Cross Country!

Nga mihi nui
Collette Sandilands



Scholastic Book Fair
At School 18th-21st June
More details to follow

Be Active - Me Kori Tonu



Go for a walk or run. Step outside. Cycle. Play a game. Garden. Dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity you enjoy and that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

Did you know? Having a healthy, active body is linked to having a healthy, happy and active mind. People think the two are separate but actually they are not. Scientists believe that physical activity causes mood-enhancing chemical changes in your brain. Have you heard of endorphins? These are 'good mood' hormones present in physically active people.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Mason Adonis, Bryce Barrett and Jeremiah Barrett.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 1st June

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren this **Friday 1st June at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



ROAD PATROL – THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

We still require a volunteer to supervise Road Patrol on a **Thursday afternoon for the remainder of Term 2**. Road patrol consists of you monitoring the crossing as the trained students control the crossing and ensure that students are crossing safely, taking 15 minutes of your time – 3:00pm to 3:15pm on this one day a week for the term. Please contact the office if you are available to help.



BOT News

We are very pleased with our ERO Report and a copy will be available shortly for our community to read and then it will go on the ERO website. Here is an excerpt of it.

ERO Report Excerpt

School conditions for equity and excellence – processes and practices

The school has a range of systems and practices in place that are effective in progressing the goal of enabling equity and excellence for all learners. The school effectively addresses pastoral care needs and other factors that may impact on student success and learning.

Students benefit from a broad, localised and responsive curriculum that provides for their strengths and needs. Their learning benefits from the caring and inclusive relationships they have with their teachers and each other. Students are supported well to know and understand their learning journey and how to improve. Māori children feel their language and culture is valued and celebrated.

The school develops strong connections and relationships with parents, whānau and the wider community in a variety of ways.

School Donation

The School was disappointed that there was no provision in the latest budget for schools to receive the \$150 per student that was talked about pre and post elections. This would have alleviated the need for the school to ask for donations. As you will be aware, we held off sending out a donation request earlier in the year in the hope that we would receive funding from the Government. Unfortunately, as this did not happen we are now in a position to ask our families for their annual donation to help with school resources. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Code of Conduct Policy for Parents, Caregivers and Visitors

The Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring it provides a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and our community. We ask that all members of our school community familiarise themselves with our Code of Conduct for Parents, Caregivers and Visitors which is included in this week's newsletter.

Teachers NZEI Meeting Friday June 22nd

As a good employer the Board supports the right of our teachers to attend their local NZEI meeting. On Friday 22nd June, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school at 1:30pm to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

We strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school between 12:30 and 1:30pm on the Friday 22nd June. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3pm. Please note there will be no formal instruction in the afternoon only supervision.

We appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, we encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Please let us know if your child will be picked up or staying at school. Enter the link below into your browser if you wish to reply via Google Docs, this link is also under the Notices tab on the Skool Loop App or please fill in the form included with this newsletter to confirm your decision. Please reply by Friday 15th June.

<https://goo.gl/forms/MauQOzilDrBL5T4G2>

CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow - Thursday 31st May

The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held tomorrow, Thursday 31st May. All students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country will begin at 1:00pm and we expect to be finished by approximately 2.45pm.

Race Events (girls and boys will run separate races):

- Year 7 and 8
- Year 5 and 6
- Year 3 and 4
- Year 2
- Year 1
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Please note the change of event order - 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.

The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 12th June. We will be sending a delegate of top boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8.



ADVANCED NOTICE!

**SKI/SKATE DAY, Thursday 9th AUGUST -
TERM 3 WEEK 3**

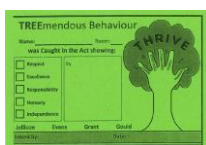
Payment will be required by Wednesday 25th July (Term 3 – Week 1)

Further Information to follow in the next newsletter



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 3 Term 2

Winning House: Jellicoe

Olivia Room 8
Dasha Room 9
Addisyn Room 7
Monique Room 7
Caiden Room 6

Week 4 Term 2

Joint Winning House:

Grant and Jellicoe
Jessie Room 6
Chase Room 4
Griffin Room 7
Salafai Room 4
Cooper K Room 6

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Week 4 Term 2

Jacob Hall

Excellent Effort – Week 3 Term 2

Jasmyn Cleland, Scarlet Hayes, Nevaeh Minchington-Wallis, Khan Wills, Amelia Piggan, Taylor Hurst, Michelle Van Rooyen, Tylah Whakarau, Latisha Aldridge, Rebecca Cole, Hunter Tee, Lochie Wilson, Mikaylah Donaldson, Summer Culshaw, Oscar Whyte, Blake Milligan, Bella Thin, Jacob Hall, Amiee Honatana, Joe Cao, Daniel Chernetski, Sophie Todd, Matthew Joubert

Values Focus Award – Week 3 Term 2

Jaydie Taylor-Dinsdale, Greer Hurst, Heidi Fuller, Lachie Bain, Oscar Bennett, Jamall Eddy, Warner Phillips, James Grice, Daniel La Grange, Deacon Cooper, Ase Kuruduadua, Vlad Crummer, Kawend Kuang, Madison Wills

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 3 Term 2

Ashton Duncombe, JJ Gates, Savannah Annear-Mason, Jaxon Cullen, Carter Brown, Morgan Nixon, Olivia Ryan, Jake Rogers, McKenzie Don, Khya Ross, Emily Flavell, Zannyx Geary, Maddox Peneamene

Excellent Effort – Week 4 Term 2

Anaru McCoy, Zanikx Wilson, Ola Latu, Izabella Simms, Pyper McGiffert, Murphy Geary, Monique Legge, Ashton Winter, Elina Carson, Koda Davis, Victoria Kyle, Jackson Guthrie, Eamon Carson, Orla Motley, Blake Fairhall, Cassidy Anderson, Tom Taylor, Ebony Strudwicke, Bailey Campbell, Cjay Taylor, Danny Lee, Kartya Henry, John Liu

Values Focus Award – Week 4 Term 2

Alexis Davis, Shyla Page, Liam Cunningham, Chase Harris, Elijah Stevenson, Arina Lyakh, Blake Dale, Leon Liu, Liam Nesbitt, Holly Thin, Cody Clements, Latisha Put, Caitlin Bentley, Jessica Aldridge

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 4 Term 2

Mason Fitzgerald, Freya Forward, Kean Cinco, Rhea Huriwai, Bailey Clarkson, Cooper Borcovsky, Farhin Faris, Leon Liu, Oscar Johns, Tayla Wilson, Josh Aguirre, Rebecca Bramley, Ashton Sandford, Niamh Motley, Noah Carnegie

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HeartKids Awareness Week Events

4-10 June 2018

Tuesday 5th June
Movie night @ Movie Max Timaru 7:00pm

Thursday 7th June
Quiz night @ The Sail 7:00pm

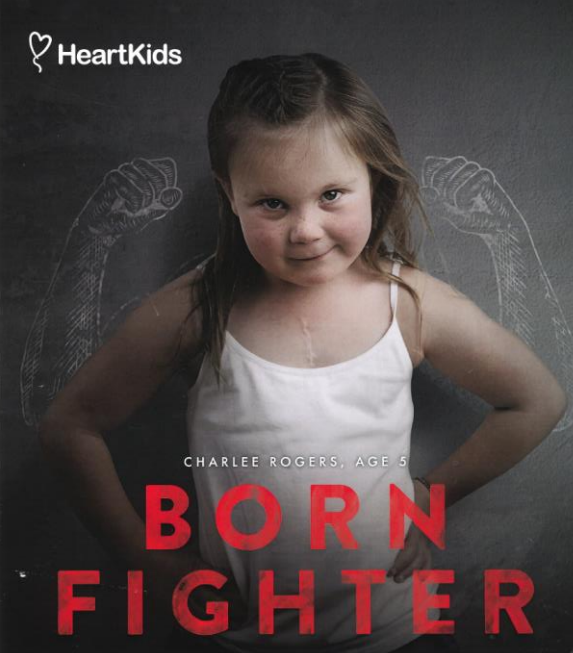
Friday 8th June
Street Collection in Timaru, 9am-4pm

Saturday 9th June
Street Collection in Timaru, Temuka and Geraldine 9am-12pm
Parents & Caregivers Meal

Sunday 10th
Heart Beats memorial fun run/walk at Caroline Bay 10:30am
\$5 Entry Fee

Keep an eye out for details on our facebook page

✉ HeartKids.SC@gmail.com
f heartkids.southcanterbury



HeartKids

CHARLEE ROGERS, AGE 5

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Discover a better future at Timaru Boys' High School

Activate Success

Join us at our Information Evening
Thursday 31 May, 6pm

www.timaruboysschool.nz



Digital Natives to Screenagers

Online Opportunities and Challenges
FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
for parents/whānau and community members

WHEN: Monday 2 July 2018 7.00pm – 9.00 pm
WHERE: Room 1, Education Centre, Timaru Hospital
Enter through Main Hospital Entrance

Facilitated by Netsafe, this free presentation will discuss ways to support and enable our children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

This presentation will cover:

- Awareness of the needs/activities of younger children, preteens, and teens online
- What research is telling us about how young people experience digital technologies and online spaces
- How parents/whānau can support their children and help them develop skills, knowledge and values to manage risks, challenges and opportunities online
- The Harmful Digital Communications Act (2015): what parents and young people need to know
- Helpful support options for young people and families in cases of online challenge, risk or harm.

Facilitator: **Anjie Webster**



Anjie Webster is an Educator Advisor at Netsafe and has worked in schools for over 25 years. She has taught across all education sectors from ECE to Secondary, and held a variety of leadership roles. She recently completed her M.Ed. with a focus on children, young people and privacy, and what's needed to navigate and manage challenges and opportunities in online space.



To register: email your contact details and name of the workshop to ally.pieromaldi@cdhb.health.nz or phone Ally on 687 2606

RSVP: By FRIDAY 22nd JUNE




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POLICY

**CODE OF CONDUCT
for PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, VISITORS**

Grantlea Downs School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors.

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical well-being, and not harm it in any way. The school's board has set this Code of Conduct as a condition of entry.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, action, and communication, including speech, emails, texts, phone calls, and social media
- while on school grounds or at another site where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (e.g. a camp or sports events).

Standards of conduct

Grantlea Downs School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements.

Examples of inappropriate conduct includes:

- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums.
- threats, bullying, harassment, intimidation
- discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- offensive language and/or physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources

Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct

How Grantlea Downs School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples include:

- documenting each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded

- holding a meeting with the relevant person, the principal, and/or board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member to discuss the problem and possible resolution
- issuing a warning letter that outlines the problem and required resolution, and reminds them of the possible outcomes of repeated misconduct
- arranging a meeting, which may include restorative practices, as an alternative or in addition to the processes above.

Outcomes of breaching the Code of Conduct

If a parent, caregiver, or visitor acts or speaks in a way that contravenes the Code of Conduct, possible outcomes may include:

- The school, through the board, may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds, then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- In some cases, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.
- All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or student removes such comments immediately.
- In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites, under the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by any member of the school community to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature may result in the police being informed. For example, under section 139C of the Education Act 1989, it is a criminal offence to assault, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to harassment, a restraining order may be sought.

Further information

Supporting policies and procedures

These policies and procedures are available on our SchoolDocs site.

See GrantleaDownsSchool.schooldocs.co.nz

- Employer Responsibility Policy
 - Complaints
- Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy
 - Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
 - Digital Technology and Cyber Safety
 - Harassment
 - Smokefree Schools
 - Visitors
- Legislation and Administration Policy
 - Communication
 - Privacy

Relevant legislation

- Education Act 1989, section 139C
- Trespass Act 1980, section 3