



# Newsletter

## 29 March 2023 Newsletter No 5

Tena koutou katoa

Term 1 is nearing an end and it is time to look forward to Term 2. This term we have focused on trying to connect with our school community and the Open Hour held last week was an example of this. Thank you to those that managed to come, we hoped you enjoyed the opportunity to see your children working in their classes.

Just a reminder that Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26th April, the day **after** Anzac Day. The junior block renovations will hopefully be finished by the start of Term 2 which will allow the junior classes to move back into their rooms during the first week of next term.

Yesterday we had a group of students competing in the local literacy quiz held at Bluestone School. The children had fun testing their literacy skills with children from other schools. Thanks you to Mrs Lees for organizing this.

On Friday we have a group of swimmers competing in the South Canterbury Schools swimming sports, we wish them all the best.

At the end of this term, we will farewell Mrs Emma Kingan from Rm 11 and Mrs Claire Flynn, one of our Teacher Aides. Emma is expecting her second child and Claire is leaving to take up a new opportunity. We thank them for the contribution they have made to Grantlea Downs School and wish them well in the future.

Lately, in the media, there has been a lot of discussion about education policies and the curriculum schools are expected to teach. All any of us that are involved in education want, is some consistency and certainty around the curriculum. Already the NZ curriculum is being refreshed and all schools are expected to get up to speed with these changes. On Monday 24th April, staff will be involved in looking at these changes and the implications for teaching and learning at our school.

Regards  
Richard

### SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE

**We have two Teacher Only Days in Term 2. School will be closed on MONDAY 24 APRIL - First day of Term 2 for a Ministry Directed Teacher Only Day (also Tuesday 25 April, school closed for ANZAC Day). The second Teacher Only Day is in Week 6 FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE (the Friday before Kings Birthday Weekend)**

### KIDS LIT QUIZ



On Tuesday eleven students participated in the Kids Lit Quiz at Bluestone School. Twenty-three teams from ten schools around the South Canterbury District competed. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day.

### POPPIES

In support of the Returned Services Assn we have Poppies available in the school office for a gold coin donation. The school office will not be open during the holidays before ANZAC Day so get your Poppy early. Classes will have an ANZAC service on the first day back in Term 2, Wednesday 26 April.



### DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES

It was exciting to receive the first books for the year from the Duffy Books in Homes Programme. These books are for the children to keep at home and are from their own selections made earlier this term.



## UNIFORM

A reminder as we move into the cooler months, that the correct uniform is required to be worn. Hats are not required during Term 2 and 3. **Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named** to help us get these back to the rightful owner if misplaced.

### Grantlea Downs School Out of Zone Enrolments Term 3 & 4 2023

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for Term 3 & 4 2023.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 17 July to 15 December 2023. We currently have places available in Year 0 and Year 1. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school zone.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **Tuesday 2 May 2023**.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 9 May 2023. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Application forms are available at the school office or by calling 03 684 7706.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Errol Johns, Presiding Member

## Principals Awards, Class Awards and Values Champions

### Principals Awards

Week 8 – Azaria Kleinow, Sophie Scott, Jaxon Wickenden, Vann Agnew, Xavier Barrett

### Class Awards - Week 7

Chase Reweti, Blake Gordon, Mahara Tungia, George Beeby, Jaxon Spivey, Violet Fifita, Emma Wilkins, Casey Holden, Maynard Jamieson, Danni Steedman, Jess Beeby

### Values Champions – Week 8

Bella Ford, Finn McAuliffe, Charlie Dunnage, Athena Rejeesh, Sophie Flannery, Wiremu Thomson, Lera Muston, Scoutt Tee, Jesse Agnew, Annabelle Gilmour, Kade Kerrison

### HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Advanced notice of the Home and School AGM, to be held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm** (Week 3 – Term 2) in the School Office Block. Come along and see what we are about. All welcome!

## GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



## FAMILY FUN RUN

The school fun run that was planned to be on the last day of this term, has been postponed due to the difficulty sourcing the materials needed to run it. It will now be held in Term 4.

## CAROLINE BAY ROCK AND HOP CRUISE

The children enjoyed supporting the Hospice in welcoming the participants in this years Rock and Hop Cruise.



## Key Dates

31 March	SC Swimming Sports
3 April	Grandparents Group Morning Tea 9am
6 April	Last day of Term 1
7 April	Good Friday
<b>Term 2 - Tentative dates for Term 2</b>	
<b>24 April</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – School Closed</b>
25 April	Anzac Day
<b>26 April</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
1 May	Grandparents Group Morning Tea 9am
5 May	Assembly 2.15pm
11 May	Home & School AGM 7.30pm
8-19 May	Acacia Swimming
16 May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
18 May	Cross Country
19 May	Pink Shirt Day – Mufti Day
19 May	Assembly 2.15pm
22 May- 1 June	Kereta Swimming
23 May	Book Night
29 May	Grandparents group Morning Tea 9am
<b>2 June</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – School Closed</b>
<b>5 June</b>	<b>Kings Birthday Holiday</b>
9 June	Life Education Visit starts
18 May	Cross Country PP
13 June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
30 June	Last Day of Term 2

## **JUNIOR NETBALL 2023 - YEARS 1-8**

Netball season is nearly upon us. If you would like your child to participate, click on the link below. **Registrations close on Monday 3 April.** No late entries will be accepted.

### **When:**

Yr 1&2 Term 2 (date and time to be confirmed)  
Yr 3&4 28 April to 30 June – Friday afternoons, 3.30-4.45pm  
Yr 5&6 6 May to 19 August – Saturday mornings  
Yr 7&8 6 May to 19 August – Saturday mornings

**Where:** Netball courts at Aorangi Park off Morgans Road

**Cost:** The cost to play netball this year is:

Yr 1&2 \$50 per student  
Yr 3&4 \$80 per student  
Yr 5&6 \$95 per student  
Yr 7&8 \$105 per student



<https://forms.gle/xXZcBEPu5CntJtPE7>

If you require any further information, please contact Stacey Herd.

[stacey@grantleadowns.school.nz](mailto:stacey@grantleadowns.school.nz)

### ***CAMP WRITING FROM ROOM 11***

With camp activities, group one did go-karts. As I put my helmet on, my heart was pounding with fright but some of it was excitement. When Derek helped buckle me up, I was ready to go. Derek said "Are your ready?". I said "Yes" but in a high-pitched voice. Then vroom, I tried so hard not to crash into a tyre. I saw so many tyres. I felt so proud for trying new things. When I had my last turn, I bumped into a stack of tyres. I could taste the air that went to the back of my throat but I could hear people cheering my name.

By Aliyah

As I climbed the stairs that lead to the top of the zipline, my heart was pounding like a bomb setting off. I'd never been so high. When I got to the top I was very nervous and I was shaking like jelly. I saw an adult standing to help me. I heard people cheering for me to go down. After I started to shake, then Cody said that nothing would hurt me. After I went it was like I was walking on a cloud.

By Payton

### ***PRE-ENROLMENTS***

We are currently in the process of forward planning and request you fill out the form below (copies available from the school office) if you have any children that you will be enrolling at Grantlea Downs in the future. Our School has an Enrolment Zone, so in order to ascertain if we will have available spaces for out of zone students in 2024 and 2025, we would appreciate you returning this slip as soon as possible.

### **Pre Enrolments – Current Grantlea Downs Families**

Pre school child/ren I intend enrolling at Grantlea Downs

1) His/her name is \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Expected start date \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling of \_\_\_\_\_

2) His/her name is \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Expected start date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports – 23rd March 2023

Event/Group	Age Group	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Freestyle Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Manaia Evans	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms	Ava Maraku	Kassi White
	12+ Girls	Morgan Palmer	Annabelle Gilmour	MC
	9 & under Boys	Henry Thomas		
	10 Boys	Vann Agnew	Caleb Gavan	Ali Anderson
	11 Boys	Hunter Hopkinson	Charlie Palmer	Oscar Bennett
Backstroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Manaia Evans	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms	Ava Maraku	Kassi White
	12+ Girls	Morgan Palmer	Annabelle Gilmour	MC
	10 Boys	Caleb Gavan	Vann Agnew	Mason Fitzgerald
	11 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Liam Phillips	Khan Wills
Breaststroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Manaia Evans		
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms		
	12+ Girls	Annabelle Gilmour	Lydia Flavell	
	10 Boys	Vann Agnew	Ali Anderson	
	11 Boys	Khan Wills		
Freestyle 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & under Girls	Manaia Evans	Ruby MacGregor	Keeva Fitzgerald
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms		
	12+ Girls	Morgan Palmer	Lydia Flavell	Alyssa Maraku
	9 & under Boys	Henry Thomas		
	11 Boys	Hunter Hopkinson	Oscar Bennett	Charlie Palmer
Backstroke 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & under Girls	Manaia Evans	Ruby MacGregor	Lucy Thornley
	11 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Kean Cinco	Liam Phillips
Breaststroke 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & Under Girls	Manaia Evans		
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms		
	12+ Girls	Annabelle Gilmour		
Medley	9 & Under Girls	Manaia Evans		
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms		
Freestyle 4 Lengths (100m)	9 & Under Girls	Manaia Evans	Ruby MacGregor	
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms		
Butterfly 25m	9 & Under Girls	Manaia Evans		
	10 Girls	Izabella Simms		
	12 + Boys	Oscar Bennett		
House Relay	1 <sup>st</sup> Jellicoe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gould	3 <sup>rd</sup> Evans	4 <sup>th</sup> Grant

Well done to all the students for an excellent effort in their swimming sports, with some fantastic results. Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day, this was very much appreciated by the students and staff. 😊



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**SUNDAY  
02 APR  
2023  
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**APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME  
IN THE JUNGLE**

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## Week 1

Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	<b>EASTER FUN</b>	<b>T-SHIRT DESIGNING</b>	<b>TRIP DAY: GREEN SPACE</b>	<b>CALLIGRAPHY ART</b>
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  CLOSED.	Easter extended... We will carry on the fun you have had over Easter with more fun activities today.	Make your best design and we will put it onto a T-shirt. Lots of different ways to create your designs.	Are you good at exploring? If so come along and explore with us today, and see what we will find.	It's not all about letters, there is lots of different ways to create with calligraphy.
				

## Week 2

Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
<b>PLAYING PIRATES</b>	<b>ON-SITE TRIP DAY: VISITING ARTIST</b>	<b>SAMOA DAY</b>	<b>SHRINKING CREATIONS</b>	<b>PRESENTS FOR PETS</b>
Come and sail the seven seas with us for the days. Be the best pirates that you can be. Arrrr!	Biscuit club is BACK! Our artist is the best decorator and wants to share her skills with you all today. YUMMY!	We have a new staff member who wants to share her culture, so come along and meet her and have fun.	It's like magic!! Make something go from big to small with a little heat. Wow how does that happen come and see.	Whether it's a pet cat, a parrot or your favourite soft toy. Today you will make a special gift for them.
				
	<b>Manager:</b> 027 601 1247 (12pm - 3pm)	<b>Onsite:</b> 021 289 9229	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:waimataitai@skids.co.nz">waimataitai@skids.co.nz</a>	

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**CASH PRIZES > CASH PRIZES > CASH PRIZES**  
**ENTRIES CLOSE 4pm Friday 12 May**  
Entries must be delivered to The Y @ 23 Butler Street TIMARU

**ENTRY CRITERIA**

- > Open all young people aged 12-24 years in South Canterbury.
- > Judging will give preference to works based on the Youth Week 2023 theme: 'Leaders of tomorrow? Leaders of today!' or Te Rito's anti-violence message.
- > Entries must be ready for display. Image entries on paper must be mounted.
- > No limit to size of exhibit or number of entries.

**CATEGORIES**

- > Image: Painting/Mixed Media
- > Image: Drawing/Printmaking
- > 3D Works: Sculpture/Installation
- > Digital Media: Film/Photography/Design & Image
- > Creative: Writing/Poetry/Rhyme
- > Group Exhibit: single work by more than 1 artist
- > Special Awards: Te Rito Award & People's Choice Award

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