



Newsletter

10 April 2019 Newsletter No 6

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Another very busy term is nearly at an end. We had a great day yesterday at our Wheelathon. A big thank you to the Home & School and to all those parents that volunteered their time and support to make it a successful day. Thank you very much to Mrs Gordon, Mr Ford and Reon Keenan who designed and organised the two interesting and challenging tracks for the children to cycle/scooter around. Thank you to the staff who helped put the challenges out on the track.

We would also like to acknowledge your support for the mufti day that we held last week, in support St John and their Heart of Gold Annual Appeal. We raised \$436.80.

Next term we have Mr Steve Fennessy starting at Grantlea Downs as our new Principal. I would like to welcome him to our school, and I am sure he will realise how fortunate he is to come to such a great school with wonderful students.

I have enjoyed the experience of Acting Principal and have certainly learnt a lot. However, I could not have done this job without all the support that I have had. I would like to thank and acknowledge the Board of Trustees, the excellent staff and the students. Mrs Gordon stepped up to the role of Acting Deputy Principal and did a great job. Mrs Willocks and Mrs Garven were very supportive and patient with me. Mr Ford and Reon ensured that the school was well-maintained and tidy. The teaching staff and teacher aides were extremely supportive, and all went the extra mile to ensure that the school ran smoothly. Our school community is very fortunate to have dedicated and hard-working staff.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable holiday break. Take time to relax and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2.

Nga mihi nui
Sandra Annett



ADVANCED NOTICE!
TEACHER ONLY DAY
TERM 2, WEEK 6 –
TUESDAY 4TH JUNE
(QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)

REMINDER - GRANTLEA DRIVE CAR PARK

The school car park at the bottom of Grantlea Drive is for staff and the School Bus only. If you meet your children at this entrance please park on Grantlea Drive **not** in the car park.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please take the time over the holiday period to check all school clothing is clearly named. We again have a large number of unnamed or not clearly named items in our lost property box that we are not able to return to it's owner.

POPPIES

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



STUDENT SUCCESS

SC Primary Schools Swimming 2019

Congratulations to the twenty children that represented us at the annual SC Primary Schools Swimming Sports. Well done to all the children who put in a fantastic effort and represented our school with pride.

Top placings:

Miglia Schicker – Under 9 Girls Age Group first place in 25m freestyle, 25m breaststroke and 50m breaststroke; second place in 25m backstroke
Thank you to the parents who came and supported their children as well as to Keri Palmer, Li Kuan Lo and Sonya Hopkinson for helping with supervision and organising the children into their races.

WHEELATHON

We wish to kindly thank the all the people who helped donate their time and resources towards our annual Wheelathon, including Temuka Transport for the use of their BBQ...we are extremely grateful for your generosity!



ART CLASS – TERM 2

**Starting Week 2 – Thursday 9 May until
Week 7 - 13 June
3.05pm - 4pm**

Limited spaces available

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 beside and bring to office asap with money included.

Key Dates

12 April	Assembly 2.15pm
12 April	Last day of Term 1
Term 2	
29 April	First day of Term 2
3 May	Grandparents group Morning Tea
8 May	Home & School AGM 7pm
9 May	Sneeze safe – Opihi and Waipopo Syn
10 May	Visiting Performer – NZ Playhouse
10 May	Assembly 2.15pm
14 May	Reading Together Workshop begins
17 May	Sausage Sizzle - H & S Fundraiser
21 May	Book Night
24 May	Assembly 2.15pm
27 May	Visiting Performer – Rhythm Interactive
31 May	School Cross Country
3 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 June	Teacher Only Day – School closed
7 June	Mufti Day – Heart Kids
7 June	Grandparents Group Morning Tea

ANZ Olympic Schools and Awards Programme

Please note if you are thinking of getting a home loan or business loan through ANZ just tell them that Grantlea Downs School is on the Awards programme and if the loan qualifies our school can receive 800 credits that can be spent at the ANZ Awards Centre. For four loans referred this could mean that the school can redeem enough points for an iPad or Smart TV.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 1 – Week 9

Alex Elder, Ella Lambert, Hunter Hopkinson

Term 1 - Week 9

Araliyah Karena-Jamison, JJ Milne, Freya Forward, Amelia Forward, Jaxon Wickenden, Koukou Wereta-Ruru, Thomas Hendry, Cooper Kelliher, Matthew Gregory, Nikolas Wallis

Term 1 – Week 10

Sophia Bubbert, Brodie Fox, Amelia Piggin, Aria Lister, Janaya Smith-Allan, Hayleigh Bentley

ART CLASS

I would like _____

of Room _____ to attend Art Classes starting on

Thursday 9th May 2019 from 3.05 – 4pm.

I have **enclosed \$10** to cover materials.

Signed _____ (parent/caregiver)

How about becoming a trustee and using your skills and experiences to help shape a positive future for our children?

What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees. Boards bring families, communities and schools together to work for a quality education for our children.

The board of trustees is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The school's principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school operations in line with the board's policies.

Who can become a trustee?

The membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal.

What do trustees do?

School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child at the school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. If you want to know more about what trustees do,

view <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0080/latest/DLM187929.html>.

Here are some of the things they do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and inform parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Select the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- Ensure the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff, and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

How do I become a trustee?

Ask your school about going along to a board meeting to see how it works. The board chair or any other board member can also answer questions about what the board does. Contact your school if you want to find out about standing for election, nominating someone else or voting in the election - they will be happy to help.

Please read the Policy below as a reminder when taking photos/recordings at school events.

This can also be viewed on School Docs at <http://grantleadowns.schooldocs.co.nz/> with the Username - grantleadowns and Password - grantsroad

Grantlea Downs School

Sharing Images of Students


Grantlea Downs School follows guidelines to protect students' privacy and safety at school when we **publish student information**. This includes sharing **photos** of our students. We encourage parents to also consider privacy issues when sharing **photos** and videos taken at school events.


We are happy for parents to take **photos/videos** of their children at sports day, cultural day, or other public school events. If copyright issues apply, such as at a school play, which forbid **photos** or videos to be taken, the school makes this known.

If parents want to share **photos/videos** on social media, they should consider the following:

- Show the images to your children and discuss them before posting them on social media. This will help your children understand that they should always think about what goes out to the public on the internet.
- If the images have pictures of other students, think about editing to remove them.
- Make sure that other students are not named in any online posts.

Parents should remember that posting **photos** of other people can amount to harassment and they should take care to ensure **photos** are fair to other people. This ensures everyone can enjoy school events without worrying what will end up on social media.

Also see  **Parent Involvement**.

Students are also expected to consider privacy and cybersafety issues when sharing **photos** and using social media. See  **Digital Technology and Cybersafety**.

What's in the latest issue of Tots to Teens Magazine

In this issue, we give parents the quick facts about the current **measles** outbreak. We also share a no-nonsense guide to **screen time** for kids: How much is okay? Diana Noonan pleads with parents to please keep **reading to your kids**, even as they get older, as the benefits are beyond convincing. And while we're on that note, **singing with your children** connects the mind with the heart and the heart with the soul - so sing (we dare you)! If you love chocolate, then we have some super-healthy **cacao recipes** for lunchboxes and after-school snacks, and all the deets on why this wonder food is so good for us. We also cover off **elimination diets**, facing the **braces** journey, and take you on a truly New Zealand family adventure: Walking the **Tongariro Alpine Crossing**. We have plenty of prizes to **win**, holiday ideas to help **entertain the children**, and a **kids' fun** page to enjoy. We now also have a fantastic new smartphone- and computer-friendly digital version of Tots to Teens for parents to view!

Your link to the new APRIL ISSUE digital magazine is available here <http://issue1904c.totstoteens.co.nz/>



COMMUNITY NOTICES

April Holidays

Gleniti 8am-3pm Session \$40.00
 Gleniti 8am-6pm Session \$45.00
 Gleniti 8-30am-3pm Session \$35.00
 Gleniti 8-30am-6pm Session \$40.00
 Trip fees extra as advertised

GLENITI SCHOOL
 BRINDING IN THE FUTURE

GLENITI SCHOOL HALL
 Heath Street

<p>Sense-Sational Day Mon 15 Apr</p> <p>Look, Listen and Lick! Today we are experimenting with all our senses! Let's have a sense-sational day at MASH.</p>	<p>Familan Park Tue 16 Apr</p> <p>All about the animals today at Fovilan, we will even get a bag of food each to hand feed the animals. \$8 Trip Fee.</p>	<p>British Bonanza Wed 17 Apr</p> <p>Today isn't just about a scene and a cup of tea, we're diving into all things British today. Think food, royalty and culture!</p>	<p>South Canty Museum Thu 18 Apr</p> <p>We're heading to the museum today for an array of quizzes, crafts and a guided tour! \$5 Trip Fee.</p>	<p>Easter Friday Fri 19 Apr</p> <p>It's a public holiday today so enjoy the day off :-)</p>
<p>Easter Monday Mon 22 Apr</p> <p>It's a public holiday today so enjoy the day off :-)</p>	<p>Cinema Day Tue 23 Apr</p> <p>We are off to watch the latest film at Movie Max Theatre today! Movie TBC \$10 Trip Fee.</p>	<p>ANZAC Celebrations Wed 24 Apr</p> <p>A day to remember and a day to be proud! We are going to be creating all things ANZAC, including baking poppy cookies.</p>	<p>ANZAC Day Thu 25 Apr</p> <p>Last we forget</p>	<p>Awesome Autumn Party Fri 26 Apr</p> <p>The leaves are falling, and we are partying! All things Autumn today for our MASH party. Don't forget to bring a plate for the shared lunch.</p>

For more information call
 03 3669408 or email us at info@mashkids.co.nz
MASHKIDS.CO.NZ

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15-18 April 2019
 Southern Trust Events Centre,
 Morgan's Road, Timaru

**The April Holiday break is only weeks away!
 Let us help while you work!**

Sign up your child to experience a huge range sports & fun heaps of activities!!!

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years.

Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.

REGISTER TODAY

Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751
 Limited Spaces available.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8th April 2019

THE FREE YMCA YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS BACK!!!!!!

Week 1 15th to the 18th of April
Week 2 23rd 24th and 26th of April
WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!!!!!!

Are you aged between 11 and 17? Keen to keep busy, meet new friends and have a load of fun? Then come and join us! We are based at Mountainview High School with full access to the gym, turf and other facilities. This, along with visits to C'Bay will ensure, as one participant described, a "fun programme" that is "great for making new friends". Secure your place now by filling out application form at www.ymcasec.org.nz or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TIM-Breakaway-April2019> If you need further info please contact James at the YMCA on 027 808

Oceans is a peer support programme for children, youth, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses covered may come from the death of a significant person, or your experience of separation/divorce. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s that have occurred by meeting once a week (eight-week children's programme and six-week adult's programme). We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped (Almost 400 since Oceans started in 2006).

Please visit our website for more information, including an Online enrolment form: www.anglicanlife.org.nz. Alternatively, email oceans@anglicanlife.org.nz or phone Matt Cameron on 0800 OCEANS (or text 0274 623267)

April School Holiday Programme

Timaru Children's Library

- * Tuesday 16 & 23 at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm
- * Thursday 18 at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm

*To book your session, email: anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz or phone 03 687 7498

Temuka Library
 Wednesday 17 & 24 at 10:30 am
 Friday 26 at 10:30 am

Geraldine Library
 * Wednesday 17 & 24 at 10:30 am
 * Friday 26 at 10:30 am

*To book your session, ask at the desk, email: libgar@timdc.govt.nz or phone 03 693 9336

Any enquiries, please ask at the desk or phone 03 687 7591

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