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Tena koutou katoa

Thank you to everybody that supported our book fair last week. It was fantastic to see so many children and adults viewing and purchasing the books on offer. The Book Fair, like any school activity, takes a lot of organising so it is rewarding for the us, the staff, to see it so well supported.

We have a busy last two weeks of Term 3. On Thursday (tomorrow, 14 September) we are holding another Open Hour from 2pm to 3pm and the Opihi Syndicate has their tabloid sports. On Friday, the Kereta Syndicate are heading to Waimataitai School for a sporting exchange. Friday is also a mufti day (Jeans day) with the money raised going to the South Canterbury Hospice.

Next Tuesday 19 September, some children will be involved in tree planting down at the Te Ahi Tarakihi Stream, that borders our school.

Every school is required to have a strategic plan and our school's strategic plan has three goals. These are to have skilled and capable staff, develop strong relationships with the community and explicitly tailor learning to ensure that our teaching and learning programmes meet the needs of our students. The Board of Trustees and the staff plan to carry out community consultation next term to gain feedback on our strategic goals and we would really appreciate your input.

Regards Richard

WELCOME

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Athreya Ashwinkumar and Annie Richmond.

JEANS DAY - MUFTI DAY

This Friday 15 September we are holding a Mufti Day in support of SC Hospice Jeans Day. Wear your jeans or something denim and bring along a donation in support of this local cause.

OPIHI SYNDICATE SPORTS DEMONSTRATION

Opihi Syndicate (Rooms 1-6) are holding their Sports Demonstration **tomorrow**, **Thursday 14 September**. They are starting at 11.00am and will stop for lunch at 12.30pm. You are welcome to come and watch and then join your child for lunch. At 1.30 they will start the sprint races. Children are encouraged to wear their shorts and House colour tops to school.

FONTERRA – HAPORI PROGRAMME

Last term we were fortunate enough to receive funding from Fonterra through their Hapori programme. Hapori – meaning community, kinship and coming together for a common cause.

The funding received enabled us to purchase a container to house donated bikes and scooters for students to use on our amazing bike track. The container is currently in our staff car park waiting for the ground to be suitable to move it to its permanent position closer to the MeWheels track.

We greatly appreciate and thank Fonterra for their generous support towards our school community.





A huge thank you to everyone who purchased books during the Scholastic Book Fair last week. Our commission based on overall sales and hosting the Book Fair equated to over \$880.00 worth of books (approx. 60 books) for our Library. This could not have gone ahead without all the hard work and time put in by Mrs Lees and Mrs McGillivray.

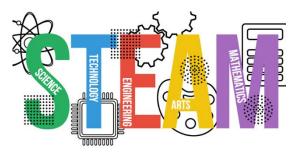




Congratulations to all the students who submitted creations in the Hat Commpetition. Below are the first and second place getters and runners up.



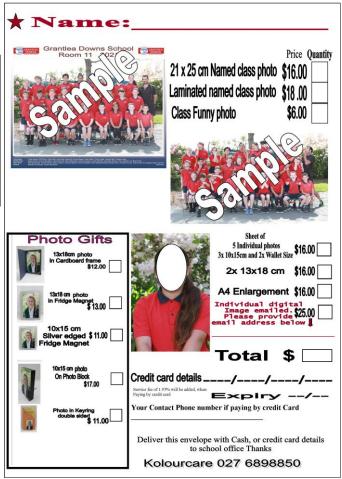
STEAM RESOURCES REQUEST





KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are booked for Thursday 12 October (Week 1, Term 4). We have added below a copy of the order form from Kolourcare. This is to give you advanced notice of prices and choices available for ordering when your order forms come home next term.



WHAT IS S.T.E.A.M.

S.T.E.A.M. is an approach to learning that involves Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. Students are presented with a problem or challenge where they use the engineering process to create a solution. Students learn needed knowledge in S.T.E.A.M to be able to help them reach and test their solution.

Through S.T.E.A.M. students learn important skills such as problem solving, creating, teamwork, communication, and innovation.

WHAT WE NEED

To conduct STEAM challenges a steady supply of recycled materials is needed.

Recycled materials need to be clean and easy for children to use (thick cardboard is too hard to cut etc). Type of materials that would be appreciated: Newspaper, cardboard tubes, wool, shoeboxes, food packaging boxes, fabric etc

WHERE TO TAKE IT...

If you can supply any of the above-mentioned items you can drop them off at office.

Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please contact Hamish Campbell at hamish@grantleadowns.school.nz

Grantlea Downs School

School Board Elections Parent Election Notice

Nominations will be open for the election of two parent representatives to the school board on Monday 18th September.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form via email. Please let us know if you do not receive this by the end of next week.

Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on Wednesday 11th October 2023. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on 15th November 2023.

Shelley Willocks Returning Officer

Principal Award - Week 8

Rustyn List, Abby Thornton, Manaia Evans, Maddy Butt Bain, Theo Armstrong

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 7

Bonnie Cross-Papanui, Olivia Marshall, Anastacia Hayes, Harry Thornton, Sophia Paul, Brooklyn Thompson, Bailee Armstrong, Araliyah Karena-Jamison, Jaydie Taylor-Dinsdale, Alissi Fagalima

Values Champion - Week 8

Irie-Reign Corbett, Ashton Ottley, Tyler Ferguson, Jada Wills, Luca Thomas, Wiremu Thomson, Ella Shand, Sophia Corcoran, Dominic Esler, Lucy Thornley, Charlie Palmer

Grantlea Downs School Board Mid-Term Elections

JOIN THE GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL BOARD

We have two seats up for re-election on our school board.

Nominate yourself or someone else for this rewarding role

- Full training provided
- Learn about and have a say in the future of our kura, school
- Two meetings per term (Week 4 and Week 8)

If you want to know more, you can talk to our Presiding Member, Errol Johns (contact through the school office) or email

boardchair@grantleadowns.school.nz



REMINDER - UNIFORM - Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn next term. Please ensure your child has one and it is

clearly named. Please also take the time during the holidays to check all uniform items are **clearly and correctly**

named as we have an increasing number of unnamed sweatshirts and polar fleeces that we are unable to reunite with their

owners.

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK PERFORMANCE





FLAVA FESTIVAL

The Kapa Haka group performed for the school last week as a dress rehearsal for Flava Festival held on Friday.





STUDENT SUCCESS

Jr.

Congratulations to Kean who was successful auditioning for this year's South Canterbury Drama League's Junior Primary upcoming production of Disney's Finding Nemo



OPEN HOUR

Tomorrow Thursday 14 September our school is holding another Open Hour. This will run from 2pm-3pm. You are welcome to visit classrooms in the school to see what each class is doing and how our programmes run at Grantlea Downs School.

KEY DATES — Term 3		
I 14 Sept	Opihi Tabloid Sports	
14 Sept	Open Hour 2pm-3pm	
15 Sept	SC Hospice Jeans Only Day – Mufti Day	
22 Sept	Assembly 2.15pm	
22 Sept	Last Day of Term 3	
Term 4		
9 Oct	First Day - Term 4	
12 Oct	School Photos	
20 Oct	Assembly	
23 Oct	Labour Day Holiday	
31 Oct	Board of Trustee Meeting 6.30pm	
2 Nov	Whole School Sprints	
3 Nov	Gumboot Friday – Mufti Day	
3 Nov	Tu School of Music Show	
3 Nov	Assembly 2.15pm	
7 Nov	Senior Athletics	
9 Nov	Senior Athletics P/P	
10 Nov	Waipopo Athletics Day	
14 Nov	Waipopo Athletics P/P	
17 Nov	Assembly 2.15pm	
23 Nov	Colour Fun Run	
24 Nov	Staff Only Day – School Closed	
28 Nov	Bot Meeting 6.30pm	
1 Dec	Assembly 2.15pm	
6 Dec	Yr8 Dinner	
7 Dec	Talent Show	
8 Dec	Yr8 Boating Day	
14 Dec	Junior Prizegiving 2pm	
14 Dec	Senior Prizegiving 6pm	
14 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – 12.30pm finish	

TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE

Spring time is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents

https://issue2309.totstoteens.co.nz What's in this issue for parents?

- » Calm, cool, co-regulation tips
- » How tamariki learn to read
- » Is your kid ready for sleepovers?
- » Adorable and tasty slice recipes
- » What's on near you
- » Going outside for healthier eyes
- » Itchy, scratchy spring time support
- » Molluscum contagiosum... what is it?!
- » Slimy spooky craft







Week 1 September

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th

CLOSED South Canterbury Anniversary.

Do you like Aztec art or Nachos. Well today is the day to

find out. Join us for so fiesta fun.

INSPIRATIONS OF

COOKIE BAKING

Wednesday 27th

If you like baking and decorating cookies, then this is for you. We will be making 3D cookies.

TRIP: SHEARERS

Thursday 28th

Mini Golf Farm Animals and much more fun for us all for this trip day

Friday 29th SAND ART

paper glue and bottles, see what we are going to do with these.





Week 2 October

Monday 2nd Tuesday 3rd ESCAPE MAZE

Will you be able to find you way out, work out the clues. If you think you're up to the challenge, come along.

DAY

ONSITE TRIP: DANCE HIP HOP VISITING ARTIST

Wonderful day to learn a new skills and show us your rhythm and dance moves.

Wednesday 4th

DESIGN A TOTE BAG

You have the ideas, and we have the materials, so let's put the them together to make an awesome bag. Thursday 5th

CAMPING DAY

Who loves camping. WE DO. So, let's pretend we are camping and do some fun

Friday 6th

BUCKET SPRING GARDENS

Don't you just love that Spring is here. So, let's colour our world with some little spring









Manager: Mon-Thurs 12pm-3pm: 027 601 1247 Onsite: 021 289 9229

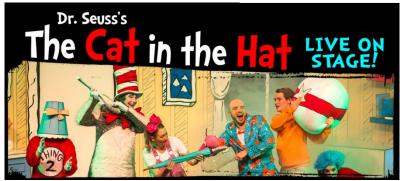
Emall: waimataitai@skids.co.nz





Call 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting your local school today!





For more information on the show please visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/Catinthehatnz or website: www.catinthehatlive.com

Plant Sale. St Stephen's Church 349 Wai-iti Road, Timaru.

9 am Saturday 16 September.

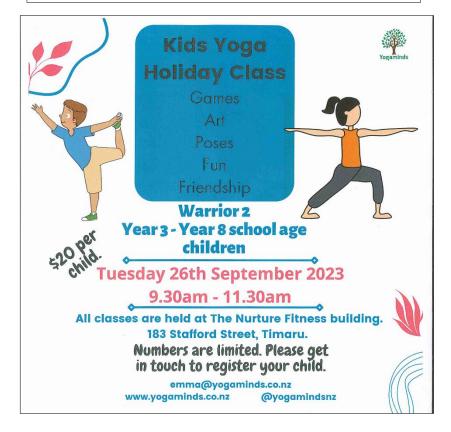
Vegetable seedlings, flowers, -- everything you need for a good healthy garden.

also -- a super baking stall.









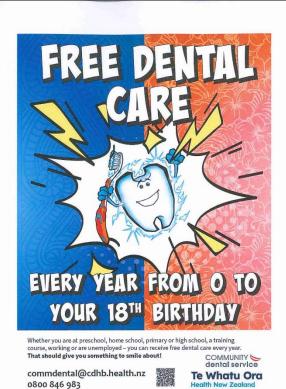




CELTIC CRICKET CLUB

JAB Registration Days Thursday Sept 14th 5pm – 6pm and Saturday Sept 16th 10am - 11am

At the Clubrooms on Craigie Ave, Subs \$40 payable at registration. Contacts Ants de Joux 0272294336 or Andrew Buckingham 02108399769



- Community Dental Clinics are closed from
 - o Monday 25/09/2023 reopening on
 - o Monday 09/10/2023.

We have limited appointments available over the Holiday period.

- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: <u>commdental@cdhb.health.nz</u> to book an appointment.
- If you <u>cannot attend</u> your booked appointment, please let us know so we can book another child.

5 Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush morning and night
- Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and fullstrength fluoride toothpaste (1000ppm)
- Spit don't rinse!
- Brush your baby's teeth as soon as they appear
- · Supervise brushing until eight years old