



Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

I hope you had a good long weekend and had the opportunity to connect with friends and whanau.

The Board of Trustees are just about to begin the process of consulting with you, our school community, to develop a new school strategic plan for 2024-25. We plan to do this over the next couple of weeks. We would really appreciate your feedback on the future aspirations for your child at Grantlea Downs School and some of the skills, attributes and values you would like to see developed.

From next Monday we are running Project Zebra. The purpose of Project Zebra is to encourage and educate the children on safe crossing of all roads, not just pedestrian crossings. Project Zebra is running in conjunction with the Travel Survey that has been shared recently. Thank you to those that have filled out this survey. A reminder that it is not too late to do so, just scan the barcode which is included in this newsletter.

Later in the term we plan to hold our first Colour Fun Run. This has now been rescheduled to Friday 1st December.

Regards
Richard



NEW STUDENT

We welcome the following student to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Tanha Meherunnesa

PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 3 November** please.



COLOUR FUN RUN – CHANGE OF DATE

Due to a clash of events the School Colour Fun Run has been moved from 23 November to Friday 1 December. More information to follow.

MUFTI DAY This Friday

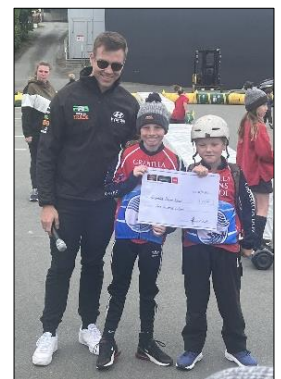
This Friday 27th October our students are welcome to wear black to support the All Blacks as they play South Africa in the 2023 Rugby World Cup final in Paris. They can wear face paint or colour their hair. If they are a South African supporter, they are encouraged to wear the colours of South Africa. There is no donation expected, it is a fun day to show our support for the All Black team.



MITRE 10 GO KART RACE

Well done to Vann and Jaxon coming 5th on Friday at the Mitre 10 Push Cart Race.

We also won the best dressed cart competition! Romeo and Bailey did a great job with Miss Penni's help!!! Thank you to everyone who joined in with the fun and a HUGE thanks to CSR for sponsoring our cart!!!



Pictured is Jaxon and Vann with Hayden Paddon and Romeo and Bailey with the cart they helped to decorate.



100 METRES SPRINTS EVENT

Waipopo / Acacia / Kereta Syndicates

(Rooms 7 - 15)

2nd November



On Thursday 2nd November Waipopo, Acacia and Kereta Syndicates are having their Sprint and House relay races.

We are starting at 1.30pm and you are welcome to come and watch down at the rugby field. It includes all students in Waipopo, Acacia and Kereta. The races will begin with the Under 8 Girls and go up to the Over 12 Boys. Heats will run first for every age group and then we will hold the finals. House Relays will be after this.

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate shoes for running.

TRAVEL SURVEY

Our school is involved in a School transport study being conducted by Te Whatu Ora and the Timaru District Council. The purpose of this study is to find out the actual and preferred ways that students travel to school and the perceptions of travel in relation to safety, enjoyment, traffic and ease of crossing streets. Our students were surveyed last term, and they would like to collect data from whanau as well. Please click on the link to do the survey or scan the QR code.

If you participate in the survey, there are five \$100 Pak'nSave vouchers available to be won.

Hard copies of the survey are available at the office if needed.

Survey closes next Wednesday 1 November.

[Grantlea Downs School Travel Whānau Survey](#)

GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL
TRAVEL SURVEY

Be in to WIN!!!

Timaru District Council and WAVE invite whānau to take part in a survey about how your children travel to and from Grantlea Downs, and what we could do to make this journey safer. We'd love you to take part, and are offering five spot prizes of \$100 Pak'nSave vouchers to say

😊😊😊😊 THANK YOU!!!! 😊😊😊😊

Please scan the QR code below to complete the survey:



Te Whatu Ora
Timaru District Council

Reminder: Staff Only Day

Friday 24 November 2023

School is closed to students

MUFTI DAY – GUMBOOT FRIDAY

We are holding a mufti Day in support of I Am Hope. Gumboot Friday is next Friday 3 November. For a gold coin donation you can wear mufti and/or your gumboots and let's support this great cause.



Principal Award – Week 2

Arlo Thornton, Lucy Clark, Deklyn Ballantyne

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 1

Theo Hart, Sage Fish-Jackson, Nina Richards, Marina De Jesus, Klaus de Har

Values Champion – Week 2

Sophia Leslie, Bianca Valentine, Fletcher Jackson, Luka Pratley, Leila Fitzgerald, Jack Ryan

STEAM RESOURCES REQUEST

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



ANNUAL SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers

You are invited to the Annual Grantlea Downs Athletics Sports for students **Years 4-8**. The sports will be held at school, on Tuesday 7th November (postponement date: Thursday 9th November).

Information about the "Standards Events"

The "Standards Athletics Sports" that your child will be competing in is designed to have each child compete against prearranged standards, but it also accommodates those who excel and are more competitive. In standards events students are competing to a standard rather than just against other students. Each child will score 1, 2 or 3 for every event. All those achieving a 3 will then compete for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing.

The athletics sports is also an Interhouse sports competition with a shield up for grabs. The winning house will be decided by all the students' individual points being added together. The students are encouraged to dress in the colour of their house as this promotes house spirit and competition.

Your child will need the following:

- Students are required to **wear shorts**, not track pants.
- All students must wear both **sunscreen and a sunhat**.
- They will need a **drink bottle** to ensure they drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Students will need warm clothing for between events or if the weather changes.
- Postponement will be announced on our Facebook page/Hero community post

Any questions please email Sam Carlaw or Alice Austin

sam@grantleadowns.school.nz

alice@grantleadowns.school.nz

Order of Events

		Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12	Over 12
Round 1	9.10 - 10am	HJ	LJ	200	SB Throw	Shot Put
Round 2	10 - 10.50am	LJ	HJ	SB Throw	Shot Put	200
Break: 20mins	10.50-11.10am					
Round 3	11.10 - 12pm	200	SB Throw	Shot Put	HJ	LJ
Break: 50mins	12 - 12.50pm					
Round 4	12.50 - 1.40pm	SB Throw	Shot Put	LJ	200	HJ
Round 5	1.40 - 2.30pm	Shot Put	200	HJ	LJ	SB Throw

ROUNDS

High Jump (H J)
Long Jump (L J)
Softball Throw (SB Throw)
200 metres (200)
Shot Put

Important Note:

The SC Athletics Sports age groups are Under 9, Under 11 and 11 & Over. Therefore the U10 students are competing against the U11 students and the U12 students are competing with the O12 students for a place in the school SC athletics team.

We require some parents to help on the day. If you are able to assist, please contact Sam or Alice via email as above.

BOARD NEWS

The first meeting of the Board this term will be **Tuesday 31 October 2023 at 6.30pm** in the Administration Office Board Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Policies for review this term are concerning **Curriculum and Student Achievement**

All Grantlea Downs School Policies are located on the SchoolDocs website. Below are instructions on how you can view these.

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on Search for your school in the top right-hand corner
2. Type in Grantlea Downs, and click on the prompted school name
3. Username is grantleadowns
4. Password is grantsroad

There is a Quick Links for Parents topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

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POOL UPDATE

During the Term 3 holidays, a crew from Industrial Fibreglass Solutions worked very hard to grind off sixty years of rubberized paint in our school pool before applying a new fibreglass lining that we hope will last another sixty years. Earlier, the Pool & Leisure Centre team replaced old piping, skimmer boxes and filter systems that will make the pool easier to manage. Before the water is put in, the pool edge will be painted and the handlebars/ladder will be returned in readiness for the summer swimming season. We are very grateful that funding for the school pool upgrade has come from a NZ Community Trust grant, the Home & School Program and through the Board of Trustees.



TREE PLANTING

Last Wednesday, a selected group of keen Acacia and Kereta students joined the Arowhenua Native Nursery team to plant more than 120 native seedlings of flax, juncus, tussock grass, muehlenbeckia, ribbonwood and cabbage tree along the previously prepared section of Te Ahi Tarakihi Creek behind the school. The students learned the best method of planting seedlings and then also installed tree guards to protect them until they get more established. Once the plants get bigger, it will improve the overall health of the creek by reducing weed and algae growth, preventing erosion, providing shelter for native wildlife and slowing damaging floodwaters downstream. We hope to gradually tackle other sections of the creek banks in years to come.

Thanks again to the students who did a magnificent job, and the Arowhenua Native Nursery team who donated their time, hard work and expertise to our Enviroschool project. We hope to get funding for the native plants and guards from local businesses.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Want to learn new skills, get outdoors, and have fun? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club, South Canterbury Amateur Athletics Club, is welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active.

Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available at athletics.org.nz/clubs/find-aclub/ and become a member.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Introduction to Music Class 2024

Have your child discover music by experiencing and playing it.

Timaru School of Music runs government funded music tuition for primary-school-aged and homeschooled children who live in South Canterbury.

We are once again offering our Introduction to Music Class for year one and two primary-schooled-aged children. There are a limited number of spaces available in these classes for students who are new to our school.

Classes run Wednesdays: 4:00-4:30pm /4:30-5:00pm during term time.

Apply through our website and select "Introduction to Music" as an instrument:

<https://timaruschoolofmusic.com>

Lessons will be held at our new host school Waimataitai School from 2024.

\$40 administration fee applies.



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**Grantlea Downs
Years 1-6**

ELLOUGHTON

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

TRICK OR TREAT LOLLY SCRAMBLE

**ELLOUGHTON GARDENS
Halloween Party
TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER**

FROM 3.30PM TO 4.15PM, 1 PAGES ROAD

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