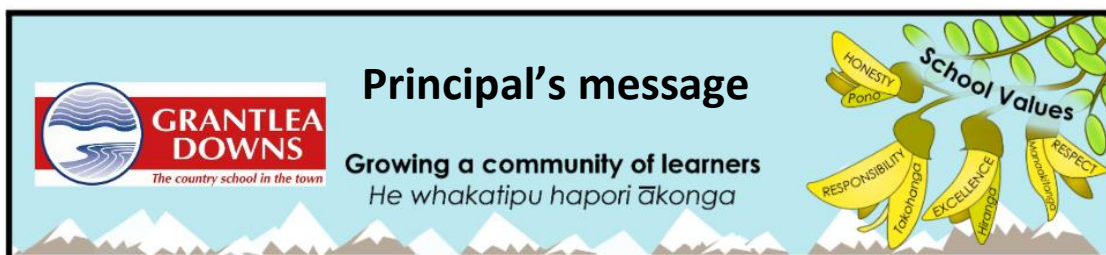




10 September 2025

Newsletter No 15



Tena koutou Katou, Mālō e lelei

I hope this message finds you in good health and unaffected by the illness that seems to be going around.

In this newsletter, we're excited to celebrate the diverse learning activities we've engaged in this term. Additionally, we'll provide you with updates on a few upcoming events scheduled for this week and the next.

FLAVA

We have an exciting week ahead with the much-anticipated **FLAVA Festival** taking place this Friday at 2:40 PM. You are more than welcome to collect your children early from school to head to the Sound Shell and watch the Grantlea Downs Senior Roopu group perform. It promises to be a memorable event, showcasing the talents of our students.



Farewell and New Beginnings

We have some important staff announcements this week. It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to **Miss Stocks from Room 3**.

At the end of Term 3, she will be moving to Christchurch to be closer to her family. We wish her all the best in her new journey.

We are delighted to welcome **Miss Rebecca Harvey** into Room 3 as the new teacher starting in Term 4.

Additionally, **Mrs Annett** will be stepping back into Room 1 until the end of Term 3 to welcome our new students. In Term 4, **Miss Alesha Manaton** will take over as the new teacher in Room 1, allowing Mrs. Annett to resume her Deputy Principal responsibilities.

Junk to Funk

This term has been an exciting journey into sustainability with our **Junk to Funk** initiative. Our students have shown incredible creativity in transforming everyday materials into amazing creations. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and commitment to recycling, reusing, and refusing waste. This learning has inspired our students to consider how they can contribute to making the world a better place.



Calendar Art

Our students are hard at work creating beautiful pieces of art that will soon be available for purchase. From calendars to diaries and cards, these items will make wonderful Christmas presents. Importantly all proceeds will go towards funding our junior playground, so your support will make a significant difference.



Virtual Reality Experience

Last week, our senior students had a unique opportunity to experience Antarctica through virtual reality, thanks to the **NZ Antarctic Heritage Trust**. They donned headsets and travelled to Scott's Base, gaining a fascinating insight into life in Antarctica. Mr. Zack Bennett, who has worked in Antarctica, also delivered an informative presentation for our students.



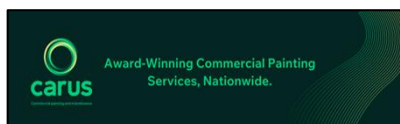
Peer Mediators

It's wonderful to see our **peer mediators** in action, serving as exemplary role models and providing support to fellow students during break times. Their dedication, along with the assistance of our duty teachers, helps maintain a positive and inclusive environment at Grantlea Downs.



Celebrating Student Achievements

We are excited to announce that **Hazel Hutton** received 1st prize in the **Carus Colouring Competition!**



Her outstanding artistic skills have won the school \$1,500 towards sports equipment.

Well done, Hazel! Your creativity and dedication have brought this wonderful opportunity to our school, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievement.



Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

We look forward to seeing you at the FLAVA Festival and celebrating our students' achievements together.

Ngā mihi nui,
Beth Wills



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following student and his family to Grantlea Downs this week: Nikau Wong Tung

Principal Awards

Term 3, Week 8

Sophia Leslie, Jayda Gibson, Sisilia Fakasiieiki, Vann Agnew

Class Values Awards

Term 3, Week 7

Jett Edgar, Connor Hough, Nico Clifford, Zahalia Townsend, Vanessa Yorston, Anastacia Hayes, Zion Kauhi, Ivy-Leigh Lord, Monica Backhouse, Eilah Holden, Ruby MacGregor, Hazel McGiffert

Term 3, Week 8

Sakara List, Evie Hoki-gage, Skylar Morris, Chloe Ferguson, Charlee Woods, Jaxon Spivey, Alizay Fahey, Emma Wilkins, Brooke Willetts, Kohbin List, Tori Flintoft, Braxton Smith, Eli McInnes

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING: (PB4L)

Kia ora koutou katoa

Over the last few terms at school, staff and students came up with expectations of behaviour that would fit with each value. We have now settled on the final expectations, and they are for all areas of the school. The idea is to create consistency throughout the school, so all students will know what is expected of them. It takes away anxiety and concern about what is expected in different classrooms and working with different staff because everyone is using the same language and expectations across the school.

Once a year the expectation matrix will be reviewed as they always need to meet the needs of the school. It may be some words are tweaked, or another expectation is required, but the expectations in the main will stay constant for everyone.

If you would like to talk to your students about the expectations, it would be a great help for us at school as well. In this way our students are hearing the same message at home and school.

We appreciate you for supporting us in developing a consistent approach to showing The Grantlea Downs Way - (Values.)

Kind regards
School Staff



PB4L - Expectation Matrix Across the School					
Respect Manaakitanga	Take care of people and property	Be kind	Follow instructions	Use our manners	Listen to others
Responsibility Takohanga	Get our work done	Be organised for learning	Look after our belongings and things in our classroom	Come inside as soon as the bell rings	Return items to where they belong
Excellence Hiranga	Complete work to the best of our ability	Try your best	Keep trying when things get tough	Be a good learner	Have a growth mindset
Honesty Pono	Admit our mistakes	Be trustworthy	Own our behaviour	Make sure our words are helpful	Tell the truth

Junk to Funk competitions

A huge congratulations to all the children who entered the Junk to Funk competitions. There was lots of imagination used to create their masterpieces, they did a fabulous job!

Supreme winners: Hazel Hutton, Briar Marshall, Finn McAuliffe

Highly Commended: Max Yerbury, Pascoe Smillie, Connor Bruce

Creativity award: Braxton Brady, Annabelle O'Connor, Livi Gilmour, Bianka O'Connor, Finn McAuliffe

These students were able to purchase items from the Scholastic Book Fair range for their prizes.



Scholastic Book Fair results - A big thank you to all of you that supported the Scholastic book fair. There was a great selection available and I'm sure there will be a lot of reading happening at home. Thanks to your support, we were able to choose 59 new books for the school library, in rewards.

KEY DATES

Term 4

6 Oct	First Day - Term 4
15 Oct	School Photos
23 Oct	Tabloid Sports (Yr 0-3)
27 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
28 Oct	Board Meeting 6.30pm
5-7 Nov	Kereta Camp - Wainui
21 Nov	Mufti Day – St John (Fluro Friday)
28 Nov	House Leader Speeches
10 Dec	Yr8 Dinner
11 Dec	Yr8 Boating Day
15 Dec	Junior Prizegiving 2pm
15 Dec	Senior Prizegiving 6pm
16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – 12.30pm finish



2026

Term 1 - Wednesday 4th Feb to Thursday 2 April

Term 2 - Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July

Term 3 - Monday 20th July to Friday 25th Sept

Term 4 - Monday 12th Oct to Friday 16th Dec

The NIWA Central South Island Science and Technology Fair judging was held recently.

Some of our students were recognised for their outstanding **boards, inventions, and drawings** out of over 130 entries from South Canterbury and the surrounding areas.

What an amazing achievement! 🏆

Each student worked incredibly hard, showed creativity and determination, and truly **deserved the recognition** they received.

We are so proud of their effort and success! 🎉

Caiden - 2nd overall for his observational drawing
Manu - 2nd in inventions and won the Arowhenua originality and inventiveness prize.
Honor and Araliyah - Special Prize



Grantlea Downs School

Out of Zone Enrolments 2026

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for 2026.

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

The Board has determined that 29 places are likely to be available over the Yr0, Yr1, Yr7, Yr8, classes, for out of zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Next year there will be two enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from 4 February 2026 to 3rd July 2026. The second period runs from 20 July 2026 to 16 December 2026.

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Wednesday 8th October 2025**. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places, a ballot will be held on **Friday 10th October 2025**.

Parents of students who live in the home zone **and intend enrolling their child at any time during the next year**, should notify the school by Tuesday 15 October 2024 to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

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

Chris Greenfield
 Presiding Member



COMMUNITY NOTICES

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

TE AITARAKIHI MARAE A-IWI

REGISTER YOUR WHĀNAU TEAM!

WHĀNAU GAMES

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

MĀORI MOMENT!

LOLLY SCRAMBLE!

50

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

AKE AKE AKE

MŌ AKE TONU TE REO

HĀNGI

GOLD COIN DONATION

Join us for a fun-filled event of whānau games to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

HĀNGI | KAPA HAKA | KĒMU

10AM-2PM | TE AITARAKIHI, 50 BRIDGE RD TIMARU

More information contact us at kiaora@teaitarakihi.co.nz or 68 47 906



TIMARU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Timaru Girls High School PTA have established a scholarship. This will provide financial support to a family of a Year 9 girl as they start their journey at TGHS. The scholarship is valued at \$1000. It can be used for uniform, stationery, school bags, subject fees, Year 9 camp etc (at the parent discretion)

Cut off date for applications is Tuesday 7th October 2025. Enquiries to PH: 03 688 1122 ext 220 or email dwaldron@timarugirls.school.nz

Wheelie Good Tip

COMPOST BIN

No ash.

Cool ash in a metal container for 5-7 days **away** from buildings and **put in red bin**, or utilise in home compost



TogetherReducingWaste@enviro nz.co.nz

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Run Jump Throw

South Canterbury Amateur Athletics Club
Community - Coaching - Confidence.

Take that next step on your athletics Journey.

SCAAC offers a Run Jump Throw programme that teaches children aged 6-10 the essential fundamentals of athletics in a fun and supportive environment.

Starts @ 5:30pm every Wednesday from September 17th 2025
Martin Field, College Road, Timaru (Timaru Girls High)

To Register or For more information Contact us at scathleticsclub@gmail.com or visit our website scathleticsclub.co.nz

PLANT SALE



**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
349 WAI-ITI ROAD**



Wide variety of plants ~
Cake stall ~ Morning tea
Please bring along a bag for your purchases



9AM SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER



September Holiday Programme

23 - 26 September 2025

40 minute lessons
\$60.00 per child

5+ years

cbaytimaru.co.nz/swim-school

Caroline Bay Trust Aoraki Centre

Book now!

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Kia ora Parents!
Epic School Holiday Adventures Await Your Kids
MERC
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Ages 7-13: Day Adventures That Pack a Punch

Our MERC Day Programme offers the perfect balance - big adventures without the overnight commitment. From kayaking and snorkelling to archery and outdoor survival skills, your kids will come home buzzing with stories (and probably a bit sandy!).

Ages 7-10: PETREL Overnight Camps

Give your little explorers their first taste of independence with our 1-night camps. Like the rare but mighty PETREL seabird, they'll discover just how capable they really are.

Ages 11-13: ALBATROSS Overnight Camp

Our 4-day adventure for aspiring leaders combines marine science with serious fun. Watch your young navigator develop skills that will serve them for life.

Ages 10-13: BOLD Sailing Programme

For kids ready to take the helm, our Boating Outdoor Leadership Development programme lets them set their own sailing goals and work towards achieving them

SEP/OCT HOLIDAYS 22nd Sept - 3rd Oct
BOOK NOW: kats.aimyplus.com

MONDAY 22nd PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED 	TUESDAY 23rd SPRING TIME Spring has arrived so lets enjoy the sun and activities. 	WEDNESDAY 24th LEGO DAY We love LEGO here, so come and build with us, feel free to bring your own. 	THURSDAY 25th BAKING DAY Who likes CUPCAKES, lets bake and decorate them today. 	FRIDAY 26th JEWELRY MAKING Come along and lets get creative with wire beads and gems.
PRICING: FULL DAY: 8am-6pm \$57 SCHOOL DAY: 8am-3pm \$50 TRIP DAY: 8am-6pm \$67	MONDAY 29th ART ACTIVITIES Let's get creative and design a tote bag and make sand art. 	TUESDAY 30th SHRINK DAY Come and see what we are going to shrink and make. 	WEDNESDAY 1st MONSTER MASH How silly or scary do you think you can make your monster. 	THURSDAY 2nd NERF WAR CHALLENGE We will have lots of bullets and Nerf guns to share for this battle.
Contact Information: Call: 022 6556 7263 Email: admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz			Location: Waimataitai School School Hall 25 Trafalgar St Timaru	

TIMARU CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR CRICKET
2025/26 SEASON
YEAR 1 TO YEAR 8
FRI NIGHT & SAT MORNING

TIMARU CRICKET CLUB

JAB

Cricket will be starting up for the summer soon and as usual we are looking for more players aged 5 years to 13 years. Games commence early Term 4.

Follow this link to register: <https://forms.gle/9Mib1TvFdkptXGNLA>

Sep/Oct School Holidays
Come join us at HitPlay - for the September School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!
For more information call 03 423 2270 or 021 222 7770 or email info@hitplay.co.nz **HITPLAY GLENITI** - 22 Heath Street, Timaru

Monday 22 Sculpt It 	Tuesday 23 Shearers Quarters Trip Day	Wednesday 24 Wacky Wall Art 	Thursday 25 Hydroslide & Swim Trip Day	Friday 26 Wonderful Music
Monday 29 Can you build it 	Tuesday 30 Flip It Trip Day	Wednesday 1 Wacky Science 	Thursday 2 Movie + Combo Trip Day	Friday 3 Multi Sport

What to Pack
Food for the day and a drink bottle with water
We are happy to refill water bottles
Outside - a warm jacket and sun hat
Inside - the kids are welcome to bring slippers or spare socks
Medicine - This must be signed in and in a labeled zip lock bag
Sunblock - only if your child is unable to use ours.

Bikes & Wheels
Bikes, scooters and all wheel related things are welcome. All children MUST have a helmet. Please keep wheels home on trip days or if expected to be wet.

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