



Newsletter

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STRIKE

Tomorrow, Wednesday 29th May, the SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED due to the Nationwide Primary and Secondary Teachers Strike. We know that this is disruptive for students and families and hope for a settlement on this issue as soon as possible!

REMINDER NOTICE!
SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR
TEACHER ONLY DAY
NEXT TUESDAY 4th JUNE
(QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)

NEW STUDENT

We welcome Sophie Scott and her family to Grantlea Downs last week.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Literacy Quiz

On Wednesday 15th May eight students from school participated in the Literacy Quiz held at Waihi Boys School. 25 teams competed from all over South and Mid Canterbury. The children answered a range of questions on children's books. There were 10 rounds of 10 questions in each round. The preliminary placings show our teams came second and third. An awesome effort from the students who had a very enjoyable and competitive day.



PASIFIKA DAY

We recently took nine students to the Pasifika Day 2019. This was a day to celebrate Pasifika cultures. Children participated in activities from Fiji, Tonga and Samoa as well as learnt some Pasifika Dances.



This was a great opportunity for students from a range of Pacific countries to spend the day together.



BOOK NIGHT

Last Tuesday night Grantlea Downs enjoyed their first Book Night. The school foyer and staff room were transformed into a warm, welcoming place with bean bags, comfy chairs and families were encouraged to bring rugs and cushions to lie on. Parents and children wore pyjamas and brought their books and magazines to school.



Ingrid and Jade from the Timaru District Library came in their pyjamas and read books to an attentive audience. Children read to teachers, parents and each other.

SHE CAN CODE

Last week we had the opportunity to take 10 girls to the Digital Event 'She Can Code'. At the event the girls took part in a range of coding and technology challenges. This was the first time that this event has been held in Timaru and one we would love to be able to take more students to in the future.



Rebecca B. - We learnt how we can help the environment at one station just by using coding. My favourite part was definitely the Sphero robots which was really fun. We had to follow the green line and get the Sphero up the ramp and into the water! It was a fun task for teaching us how to code.



RIPPA RUGBY

Last Wednesday 10 students represented us at the Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby Tournament. The students learnt a lot of skills during the day. Many thanks to Reon and the parents who could help out for taking the students on the day.

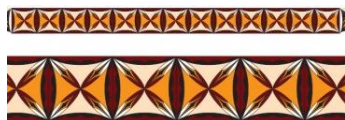
Millie B. - It was good because we had fun! The competition was really tough. We had good team work.

Boston D. - Some teams had been training and playing together for a long time!

Briar T. - We had to stay positive and try our hardest. We had to work hard for Reon our coach for all his hard work that he put into our team! Next year we will know what we are up against!

PASIFIKA ART WEEK

This is to be held in Week 9 Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June.



We are having a celebration day on Friday 28th June to showcase to our school community what we have been doing.

Visiting artists will be working at school that day so please invite family and friends to join us. Throughout the week we will be offering lunchtime activities to the students.

If anyone in our school community, or a contact that you may have, has expertise in 'Pasifika' arts, dance or song, we would love to hear from you.

Further times and information to be advised.

Raewyn Guise
The Arts Committee



Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Parent Representatives

Anderson, Erin
Brown, Andrea
Coombes, Annaleisha

Staff Representative

Annett, Sandra

Shelley Willocks
Returning Officer

MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

We are holding a mufti day in support of Heart Kids in conjunction with 'Paint the Town Red Day'. Please support this worthy cause with a gold coin donation.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Friday 7th June

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren next **Friday 7th June at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 2 – Week 2

Ola Latu, Telila Fagalima, Mikayla Willetts, Oliver Kirke

Term 2 - Week 3

Axel Strudwicke, Brodie Fox, Jaydie Taylor-Dinsdale, Heidi Fuller, Ava Maraku, Riley Wentworth Smith, Filippo Albu, Eamon Carson, Cameron Fuller, Ella Brown, Summer Culshaw

Term 2 - Week 4

Breanna Kiddey, Kingsley O'Neill, Ella Lambert, Vanessa Brown, Tiaki Whyte, Polly Hendry, Jesse Agnew, Pypier McGiffert, Jacob Bain, Jasmine Sheppard, Briar Taylor, Ezra Cockburn, Emily Flavell, Caleb Hay, Madi Wills

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 31st May (pp Thursday 6th June)

The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held this year on Friday 31st May. All students from Years 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country will begin at 1:00pm and we expect to be finished by approximately 2.45pm.

Race Events:

- Year 8
- Year 7
- Year 6
- Year 5
- Year 3 and 4 Boys
- Year 3 and 4 Girls
- Year 2 Boys
- Year 2 Girls
- Year 1 Boys
- Year 1 Girls

Please note change
of order



This is the confirmed order of all races

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for after the race)
- Water bottle

Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students.

The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 11th June. We will be sending the top 3 boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8.

Some examples of descriptive writing from Room 11



Wooh what's happened here? The truck's gone engine-first into the sea. I don't think that dude has realised. It's stalled and the windows are down so water is flooding into the ute. That guy needs to stop playing with his boat! His cab is filling up with water! That engine will be ruined. He's going to need a tow truck to fix this one. What a strange way to launch a boat.

By Cameron and Curtis



It was a dark and stormy evening on Mount Horrible. As I looked around, I discovered a **HAUNTED** and **ABANDONED** looking **HOUSE!!** I walked down to it. Dead brown grass crept over the rocks. The roof was as rusty as a pirate's coin. The green grass was long like a snake waiting for dinner. The window was cracked and the curtains shut. I was shivering with fear as I slowly approached the ruined old building. I hear doors creaking as the breeze increased. Opening the door, I see 12 cats and an old lady in her coffin!!! I get so many smooches from the cats.

By Iri and Emilee

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Good men in the making

Join us at our Information Evening
Thursday 30 May, 6pm

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TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

AIDAN THEATRE PRESENTS

**PERFORMING ARTS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**
JULY 8TH-12TH, 2019

SHOWCASE²⁰₁₉

Monday 8th-Friday 12th July, 9am-3:30pm
JUNIORS 7-12yrs Dreamcatcher
SENIORS 13-18yrs Romeo & Juliet + Showcase

Stage craft, building character, importance of ensemble, grow your confidence, make friends, singing, dance, stage combat and all leading to -
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Qualified singing coach available in Timaru
Thursdays at 3.30pm-4.15pm

A great starting ground for younger singers, being surrounded by young adults to help them build confidence through their singing journey. The older members learn to be good role models, lead some of the songs and have solo opportunities.

Children will learn
Breathing, diction, resonance
Working together, and a variety of music

React Acting Classes
Nurturing creativity
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Fun!

Act One 5-8yrs
Introduction to acting skills. Improve vocal skills, movement on stage & use of space. Learn building character and working as part of a team. \$100 per term

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Building character, extending skills in use of voice, imagination and performance skills. Learn audition techniques and begin devising work. \$100 per term

Act Three 13-18yrs
In excellent support for NCEA Drama students. Preparing for auditions, building character, devising, acting skills and presentation for working in the industry. \$100 per term

Singwithmeg Services
Singing coaching
One-one sessions from \$25
Group sessions from \$15
Quartet Coaching \$50


Singing coaching services available at Roncalli College and Timaru boys high school

Choirs
Children's Choir Ages 5-15 from \$90 per term
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