



Newsletter

27 March 2024 Newsletter No 5

Tena koutou katoa

The Easter break is approaching and it is a reminder that next **Tuesday, 2 April** is a **holiday** as Easter Tuesday has traditionally been a holiday for schools.

Tomorrow is a Mufti day and the children are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the CSI Charity Bike Ride.

This year, one of the schools strategic goals is to develop positive and strong relationships with our community. One of the ways we are doing this is by holding an open hour each term. Where parents can visit the classrooms and see classroom programmes being run. Our open hour is next Thursday (4th April) between 9-10am. The focus will be on maths activities during this time. We are looking forward to seeing you.

At school we encourage children to talk to their teacher if they have a problem or they are upset. Often little problems can become bigger problems if they are not dealt with at the earliest opportunity. If your child does come home concerned about something that has happened at school, we ask you to follow the school processes rather than contacting other parents or sharing online. In the first instance the process is to contact your child's teacher, which will result on most occasions, in the issue being resolved.

Just a reminder that early next term, Monday 6th May, we have a Digital Safety Evening for parents and caregivers, please book the date as it will be an informative and entertaining night.

Regards
Richard



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Georgie Morris and Sinoti Morrison.



REMEMBER our KickStart Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 - 9 am and everyone is welcome to come in for a bowl of Weet-Bix & Anchor milk!

Students need to arrive by 8.50am to have breakfast before starting school at 9am.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING TONIGHT

The Home and School Committee are holding a meeting **tonight Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm** in the Staffroom. All welcome!

MUFTI DAY – TOMORROW 28 MARCH

Mufti day tomorrow, is in support of the annual CSI Charity Bike Ride. Miss Penni rode in the event that was held in February around the Mackenzie Country and lakes. This is the 20th year this has been held and the event has raised millions of dollars for local charities.

This year's charities are Timaru RDA, Life Education - Mid and South Canterbury, Presbyterian Support South Canterbury -Family Works, YMCA South and Mid Canterbury, Mokihi Hauora, MS South Canterbury, Learning for You and Hospice South Canterbury. Your donation will help support these local charities.



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Grantlea Downs School would like to invite you to our Annual Anzac Day Commemoration. This will be held at 11.00am on Friday 12th April in front of the School Library. Parents and whanau are welcome to stay on afterwards for a cup of tea and an Anzac biscuit. Please fill out the form on the link below for catering purposes.

<https://forms.gle/hkAgY6xgD6wmWJGJ9>

TOUCH RUGBY

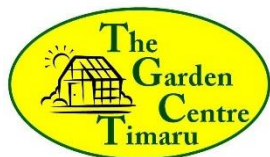
Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 touch rugby team who finished second overall in their competition. They played extremely well all season and represented the school with pride. Over the season the team had an impressive nine wins, one draw and one loss. They made the final where they lost to Gleniti 7/3 but had a brilliant battle and demonstrated great sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Leanne Ryan for managing and coaching this team, also to all the other parents and supporters who provided supervision.

WHEELATHON – ADVANCED NOTICE

Wheelathon is going to be held early in Term 2 (date TBC). The theme this year is **PINK** to coincide with Pink Shirt Day. More information to come in the next newsletter.

WORKING BEE – Sensory Pathway

A massive shout out to Matt and Joel who helped out with our Working Bee on Friday 15th March. It wasn't the best day weather wise, but we all persevered under wet cold conditions. A huge thank you also goes to Fulton and Hogan for supplying the gravel and Nigel Chapman from The Garden Centre, for lending us the concrete mixer, your support is very much appreciated!



HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Advanced notice of the Home and School AGM, to be held on Monday **13 May 2024 at 7.30pm** (Week 3 – Term 2) in the School Office Block. Come along and see what we are about. All welcome!

GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS TERM 3 & 4 2024

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for Term 3 & 4 2024.

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

Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 22 July to 17 December 2024. We currently have places available in Year 0, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school zone.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **Tuesday 7 May 2024**.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 14 May 2024. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Application forms are available at the school office or by calling 03 684 7706.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Errol Johns, Presiding Member

Principal Awards – Term 1 Week 8

JJ McCarthy, Bailey Rawson, TJ Kotua-Tekoronga, Jorja Flannery

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 7

Aroha Kumar, Willow Ormsby, JJ McCarthy Wederell, Isabelle Palmer, Ksenia Streltsova, Jada Wills, Pandorah Pairama-Wishnowsky, Abby Thornton, Tiaki Whyte, Anabelle O'Connor, Maddie Ford

Values Champion – Week 8

Aldric Desmond, Skylar Morris, Finn McAuliffe, Thea-Rose Corbett, Maddison Scott, Mikayla Rose, Briar Marshall, Mahana McMillan-Lindberg, Axel Strudwicke, Violet Fifita, Ella Phipps, Braxton Smith, Will Pelvin

LOST PROPERTY

We still have a quite a lot of items in the Lost Property. If you are missing anything, please check the box/rack in the office foyer. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the term.

KIDS' LIT QUIZ

Last Tuesday Grantlea Downs hosted the South Canterbury heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz, where Quizmaster Wayne Mills tested the 15 teams on their reading knowledge.

The three Grantlea Downs teams had a fun day and did a commendable job with the challenging questions. Our Year 4-6 team (Scoutt, Lucy, Aurora and Sophie) got the highest score for their age group. It was a fun morning for all. The winning team to go through to the New Zealand Finals was St Joseph's Timaru.

SOCCER NET REPAIRS

We would like to thank Ata Kendall for giving up her time to come and fix our soccer nets. We would also like to thank Caroline Collier from Hampidjan for donating the materials.



CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Our Year 7 and 8 cricket team had a great couple of days competing in the SC Primary Schools Tournament at Ashbury Park. We learnt a lot about the game and enjoyed having a go. Chase Thomas did a great job as captain and shared the responsibilities across the team well. Special mention to Will Pelvin for his amazing catching and Oscar Bennett for his batting against St Joseph's.



ADVANCED NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE METRO SCHOOL BUS SERVICE – T3 Route

There will be upcoming changes to concessions, following **central government's changes** to its Community Connect Concessions Scheme.

In Timaru, the free fares for 5–12-year-olds on Metro School and Temuka services, and the MyWay by Metro concession for 19–24-year-olds, **will cease on 30 April**. This means children travelling on the Metro School Services will need to start paying the 95-cents per ride fare again.

Children aged 5-12-years-old who use Metro services will need to start topping-up their Metro cards again to enable them to pay the child fares.

MyWay's \$1.50 child fare will remain.

PRE-ENROLMENTS

We are currently in the process of forward planning and request you fill out the form below (copies available from the school office) if you have any children that you will be enrolling at Grantlea Downs in the future. Our School has an Enrolment Zone, so in order to ascertain if we will have available spaces for out of zone students in 2024 and 2025, we would appreciate you returning this slip as soon as possible.

Pre Enrolments – Current Grantlea Downs Families

Pre school child/ren I intend enrolling at Grantlea Downs

1) His/her name is _____ DOB _____

Expected start date _____

Sibling of _____

2) His/her name is _____ DOB _____

Expected start date _____

Parent/Caregiver Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports – 21st March 2024

Event/Group	Age Group	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Freestyle Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Danni Steedman	Sophie Flannery	Lucy Thornley
	10 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor	Arlia Jacobs
	11 Girls	Kassi White		
	12+ Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	9 & under Boys	Tawhirimatea Whyte	Mahana McMillian Lindberg	
	10 Boys	Henry Thomas	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Jax Rolton
	11 Boys	Caleb Gavan	Vann Agnew	Manu Kotua-Tekoronga
	12 Boys	Hunter Hopkinson	Oscar Bennett	Khan Wills
Backstroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Lucy Thornley	Sophie Flannery	Danni Steedman
	10 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor	Arlia Jacobs
	11 Girls	Kassi White		
	12+ Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	9 & under boys	Tawhirimatea Whyte	Mahana McMillan Lindberg	
	10 Boys	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Henry Thomas	Mason Fitzgerald
	11 Boys	Caleb Gavan	Manu Kotua-Tekoronga	Fillipo Albu
	12 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Hunter Hopkinson	Khan Wills
Breaststroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Lucy Thornley	Sophie Flannery	
	10 Girls	Arlia Jacobs		
	12+ Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	11 Boys	Fillipo Albu		
	12 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Liam Phillips	
Freestyle 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & under Girls	Danni Steedman		
	10 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor	Arlia Jacobs
	11 Girls	Kassi White		
	12+ Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	9 & under Boys	Tawhirimatea Whyte		
	10 Boys	Henry Thomas	Jax Rolton	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga
	11 Boys	Caleb Gavan	Vann Agnew	Jaxon Wickenden
	12 Boys	Hunter Hopkinson	Oscar Bennett	Fletcher Tee
Backstroke 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & under Girls	Danni Steedman		
	10 Girls	Ruby MacGregor		
	11 Girls	Kassi White		
	12 Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	10 Boys	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga		
	11 Boys	Fillipo Albu		
	12 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Liam Phillips	Khan Wills
Breaststroke 2 Lengths (50m)	12+ Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	11 Boys	Fillipo Albu		
Medley	12 Girls	Jorja Flannery		
Freestyle 4 Lengths (100m)	10 Girls	Ruby MacGregor		
	12 Girls	Jorja Flannery		
	12 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Khan Wills	Liam Phillips
Butterfly 25m	12 Girls	Jorja Flannery		

Well done to all the students for an excellent effort in their swimming sports, with some fantastic results. Thank you to the parent helpers on the day, this was very much appreciated by the students and staff. 😊

TOP TEAMS - 12 MARCH 2024



COMMUNITY NOTICES

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place. We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Venues: Canterbury Uni & STAC

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 22nd March

Siblings Save 6%



TENNIS South Canterbury **hot shots tennis**

Easter Egg Hunt & Hot Shots Tournament

Friday 29th March 2024 - 10am-12noon

Red/Orange/Green levels

\$5 per player

Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre



Radius Elloughton Gardens

invites you to join in with our Residents in an

EASTER EGG HUNT

and in a colouring in competition

28 MARCH 2024 **3.30 - 4.30PM**

1 Pages Rd, Timaru



TIMARU

COLOUR FEST

6th April, 10:30 - 3:00

Timaru Botanic Gardens



Enter online www.mountainbikeashburton.co.nz

McDONALD'S ASHBURTON

4 & 6 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Saturday 13th April 2024

ASHBURTON Teams Solo eBike



PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS

It's challenge time ... Big Easy style!

Primary School Kids Challenge event

Entry is in Teams of TWO - One kid does the 5km walk/run and the other kid does the 7km bike ride ... awesome fun!

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

BE PART OF THE ACTION AT THE BIG EASY!

Veterinary Centre **Whitehorse BIG Easy**

RUN IT - WALK IT - BIKE IT

SUNDAY 07 APR 2024 WAIMATE

Raising money for your school!

Each team will receive a give-a-little page, with a target of raising over \$100. 75% of all funds raised will go towards their local school - and the rest to an amazing local charity.

This is a great way to get the kids active and having fun, while raising money for their school and local community.

givealittle

whitehorsebigeasy.co.nz /WhitehorseBigEasy

HOW TO ENTER

Contact Ryan Luckman 027 405 2772 | whitehorsebigeasy@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

School Holiday Sports Programme

When: Mon 22 - Wed 24 April 8:30-12:30
Where: 39 Huirapa Street, Temuka 7985



This free School Holiday Sports Programme is for all tamariki around South Canterbury aged between 5 and 13.

- Ki-o-rahi
- Rugby/Netball/Cricket/Basketball
- Big Jenga/Puzzels/Lawn Games

If you would like to register your child please send me an email with your details.

Ngā mihi
ryan.brosie@gmail.com

Timaru Youth Collective Presents:

SOUL SURF & SKATE

SKATE-O-RAMA
SCOOTER AND SKATE SESSIONS

© C-BAY SKATE PARK

WHEN?
Fri 19th April
School Holidays | 10.30am

FREE EVENT FOR ALL SCHOOL AGE RIDERS. PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS.

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Mozzi.co.nz

TYC Timaru Youth Collective

F Fulton Hogan

TENNIS
South Canterbury

TSC 2024

Autumn Open

\$55
ENTRY FEE

23RD-24TH APRIL 2024

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ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
TNZ.TOURNAMENTSOFTWARE.COM
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 19TH APRIL

JUNIOR MASTERS
11-13

TMG
TODD MUDIE GROUP

Holiday Programme

April School Holidays
10.30am - 12pm

Monday 15th - Celtic	Friday 19th - Mackenzie
Tuesday 16th - Geraldine	Monday 22nd - Old Boys
Wednesday 17th - Waimate	Tuesday 23rd - Pleasant Point
Thursday 18th - Temuka	Wednesday 24th - Harlequins

South Canterbury Trust Aoraki Alpine farmside tekapo springs xmsport Pub Charity

Excelsior Junior Hockey 2024

Junior Hockey is a fun way to build skills and develop friendships in a fun environment. We are open for registrations and have a variety of age groups that children can participate in and no previous experience is necessary. Excelsior Junior Hockey has been lucky to be partially subsidised in previous years and this year is no different, final cost is TBC. Game days are on a Tuesday starting between 30th April and 3rd May depending on the age group. Practice sessions will be held on Thursday after school at the Timaru Boys High School outdoor turf.

You can register using the form below or search and visit the Excelsior Junior Hockey facebook page and register your interest there.

[Excelsior Junior Hockey Registration 2024](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pet Poem & Photo Competition



The Veterinary Centre by the Big Blue Cross is a community focused organisation, that believes in giving back to the community that supports us. As part of our engagement with the Timaru district we are running a Pet Poem & Photo Competition, with great prizes for both the winners and the winning students school.

What do they need to do? To enter the competition students just need to write a poem about their favourite pet and include a photo ... all kids want a cute furry animal curled up at the end of their bed, but if they don't have a pet then just use their imagination to create the pet of their dreams, and draw us a picture of what their pet would look like! Send the creative piece to entries@vet111.co.nz (teachers might like to scan them for the children and send on their behalf), or drop it into the new Timaru clinic at the corner of Sarah and Sefton Streets, Timaru ... don't forget to include the students name, age, and school. We look forward to seeing them.

Teachers might like to get the whole class involved as a fun creative writing exercise.

Students – Winners will receive the following prizes ...

- FIRST PRIZE – **Konus Binoculars** – valued at \$139
- SECOND PRIZE – **GrizzlyPRO Headlamp** – valued at \$79
- THIRD PRIZE – **All Black Blanket** – valued at \$49

School – Winners School will receive ...

- **\$500 Cash**





Veterinary Centre Timaru
18 Sefton Street, Timaru | Phone 03 684 5666 | Email timaru@vet111.co.nz | www.vet111.co.nz

by the Big Blue Cross

NZ's BIGGEST LIGHT SHOW

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EXPERIENCE MORE THAN JUST LIGHTS

TIMARU

26th – 28th April, 3rd – 5th May







FREE ECO FUN Thursday 18th April

10am - 2 pm

School holiday activities

10-11AM



RAPTORS

11-12PM



OCEAN CRAFT

12-1PM



LOVE FOOD

1-2PM



WASTE GAME

Make a day of it!

Meet a Raptor, create crafts, save food waste, challenge your bin knowledge.

In between sessions visit the Crows Nest, have a picnic and go for a wetlands / beach walk!

South Canterbury Eco Centre

55C Redruth Street, beside the Crows Nest