



Newsletter

27 April 2023 Newsletter No 6

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term 2. It's great to see all the children back at school, interacting with their friends and getting back into their learning. It always takes a little bit of time to adjust back into the routines of school after a holiday break so expect that your child will be tired for the next week or so.

Yesterday we held an Anzac commemoration which was an opportunity for the children to learn about the history of Anzac Day and pay their respects to all those that have served their country in a time of war.

The junior block renovations have now been completed so the junior classes will be moving into their classes this week. The classes are looking fantastic, and the teachers are looking forward to moving back into their classrooms.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

Regards
Richard

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs this week: Bonnie Cross-Papuni, Olivia Marshall, Franklin McArthur, Aleko Lord, Karl Hernandez and Braxton Brady.

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

As we embark on a new school term, it is important to remember the importance of some basic road safety rules around school. **Please drive carefully remembering the 40km/h speed zones.** Be mindful of children and their parents walking and cycling to school, as well as those students catching buses or waiting to be picked up by parents in vehicles. Schools can be very busy places at drop off and pick up time, and your courtesy and patience are appreciated. Please also be respectful of our neighbours and **do not** park over driveways, on yellow lines near the crossing or climb on fences.

POPPIES

In support of the Returned Services Assn we still have Poppies available in the school office for a gold coin donation.



GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Monday 1st May

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren on **Monday 1st May at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Advanced notice of the Home and School AGM, to be held on **Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm (Week 3 – Term 2)** in the School Office Block. Come along and see what we are about.

SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE

We have a Teacher Only Day scheduled for Week 6 FRIDAY 2nd JUNE (the Friday before King's Birthday Weekend)

NETBALL

Netball starts this week with the Year 3-4 teams starting on Friday and the Year 5 – 8 teams starting on Saturday. Payment of subs are required before the players can take the court and can be made online or at the school office.

Our school bank account for internet payments is 03-0855-0334452-00

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023.

Orders can be made via the Scholastic LOOP App or bring your order form with any cash payment to the school office.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS



The classes were busy at the end of last term making these tributes for Anzac Day, which can now be viewed in the office foyer. Some of these have also been on display at the RSA, who are now based at the Timaru Town and Country Club.

Class Awards

Class Awards - Week 9

Louis Boakes, Luke MacGregor, Ksenia Streltsova, Jayda Tairaki Houia, Kohbin List

Class Awards – Week 10

Bailey Rawson, Lucy Clark

KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COMPETITIONS – Yr 5 – 8 only

Entries for the Kiwi Competitions close 1 May. Please bring **the return section of the form** to the office, including payment, if you are wanting to participate. You can make payments online, but they must be clearly marked 'Kiwi' and your child's name. The return slip will still need to be brought in to school, by 1 May.

ABSENCES – *Reminder!*

If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, **please** contact the school office. Please advise their **name and ensure you give a reason for absence ie sick, doctors appt. etc.** You can call 684 7706 any time,

our phone system is automated to take absence messages before school opens, text on 027 684 7706, or send us a message through the Skool Loop App.

STAFF V STUDENT SOCCER GAME

On the last day of Term 1, the Year 8 students challenged the staff to a game of soccer. It was a hard fought game with the teachers just coming out victorious. Well done to all the players!



Grantlea Downs School Out of Zone Enrolments Term 3 & 4 2023

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for Term 3 & 4 2023.

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 17 July to 15 December 2023. We currently have places available in Year 0 and Year 1. 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 2 May 2023**.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 9 May 2023. 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

Grantlea Downs Calendar - Term 2 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 April SOD	25 ANZAC Day	26 Newsletter Anzac Commemoration 10.10am	27	28
2	May 1 Grandparents Caring For Their Grandchildren Group 9am	2	3	4	5 Assembly 2.15pm
3 Acacia Swimming	8	9	10 Newsletter	11 Home & School AGM 7.30pm	12
4 Acacia Swimming	15	16 BOT Meeting 6.30	17	18 Cross Country	19 Assembly 2.15pm Pink Shirt Day
5 Kereta Swimming	22	23 Book Night	24 Newsletter Duffy Role Model Assembly 1.30	25	26
6 Kereta Swimming	29 Grandparents Caring For Their Grandchildren Group 9am	30	31	June 1	2 Teacher Only Day
7	5 King's Birthday	6	7 Newsletter	8 Richard Scholes The Magical World of Crazy Science	9 Life Education
8	12 Life Education	13 Life Education BOT Meeting 6.30 pm	14 Life Education	15 Life Education	16 Life Education Assembly 2.15pm
9	19	20	21 Newsletter Hangi	22	23
10	26	27	28	29	30 Assembly 2.15pm Last Day of Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SQUASH OPEN NIGHT

Timaru Squash Club
22 Brunswick Street
Timaru



Friday 28th April
6pm - 9pm

- Squash
- Racket Ball
- Table Tennis
- Darts

Bring along your family, friends & work mates and **HAVE A GO!**
Equipment Supplied ~ Everyone's Welcome!

LOOK AT THIS! April Special Promo
\$69 for a 3 month membership*

*visit www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash for more info



SCAN ME



\$5pp
Tickets available on humanix

TIMARU

Concert for kids

Saturday, April 29, 10am
@ Waimataitai School Hall



Award winning childrens' music duo, Loopy Tunes, are coming to Timaru to entertain the little ones with their fun, interactive and bilingual Māori music!
Come join the fun!

www.loopytunespreschoolmusic.com

TIMARU SQUASH CLUB
22 Brunswick Street, Timaru



SMALL NIX Programme
Age: 5-9 years
Mondays or Wednesdays
Starting 8th & 10th May 2023

BIG NIX Programme
Age: 9-12 years
(with good hand-eye coordination)
Tuesdays
Starting: 9th May 2023

3:30pm-4:15pm
8 Week programme
Equipment supplied
Non-marking CLEAN shoes please



These programmes will provide fun squash movement skills and activities as well as create new friendships at our club.

To register via our website: www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash
Contact: Jen Moorhead 021685441



PEOPLE-NATURE
TOGETHER WE FLOURISH
TUĪA TE TAIAO

FREE



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Ataturangi

Trapping Workshop

Predator Free 2050

Saturday 29th April 1:30pm - 3:30pm



Learn how and where to set your trap and what to do with the results.

We will assemble traps - option to take home your trap for \$20.

Bring back the birds!

Kids welcome. Book on Eventbrite. More details on Facebook pages of South Canterbury Eco Centre or Predator Free Timaru. Or email timarupf@gmail.com