



Newsletter

13 February 2019 Newsletter No 2

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends
We had a lovely day for our Top Teams event. The children enjoyed it, especially the activities that involved water!

Thank you very much to Mrs Gordon and Mrs White for coordinating the day and to all the staff that helped set up and run the events. Thank you also to the parents and family members who were able to help on the day. We would not be able to run these events without your help. We were very proud of the way our students conducted themselves with excellent behaviour and manners. We were very impressed with the outstanding leadership shown from our House Leaders and other senior students that supported their teams and helped with the junior event in the afternoon.

We had a great turn out for our annual school picnic. A pleasant evening and a nice way for everyone to reconnect for the start of the new school year. The Bouncy Castle was a popular activity as was the cricket. It was lovely to see parents joining in with the game. Thank you to our House Leaders for organising sporting equipment and the games.



Just a reminder that all parents and families are very welcome to attend our Friday Assemblies. The assemblies are an opportunity for the whole school to come together and share what has been happening here at Grantlea Downs, celebrate successes and share learning from classrooms. Please join us.

Please look out in the newsletter for a segment on pedestrian and traffic safety around the school, with tips and reminders when dropping off and picking up your children. Most importantly is to always use the pedestrian crossing. Everyone needs to model the safety message.

Our school Triathlon is on next Friday 22nd February. We urgently require some more parent help. Please fill in the return slip enclosed in this newsletter if you are available for either the Junior or Senior events.

The Board of Trustees elections are coming up this year. We have included with this newsletter, some information regarding Board of Trustees, their role in the school and what to do if you are interested in becoming a Trustee.

Nga mihi nui
Sandra Annett



ADVANCED WARNING AND CORRECTION OF DATE!

SCHOOL WILL BE FINISHING AT 12PM FOR STUDENTS ON **THURSDAY 28TH** FEBRUARY FOR PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES. THESE ARE BEING HELD FROM 1PM – 7PM. BOOKING INFORMATION OVER PAGE

BOT NEWS

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is to be held in the Meeting Room, School office on Thursday 14th February at 6.30pm. All welcome.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Our first meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th February at 7pm in the Staffroom...**if you are thinking about joining the Home & School please come along and join us. All Welcome!

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Heyven Timoti, Jayla Badman and Hannah Kavanaugh.

TOP TEAMS!

We had an excellent day for our Top Teams! It was pleasing to once again see not only all the children having a fun time, but also to see such great behaviour from our students and leadership from our seniors.

A massive thank you to the parents who helped out, without you our event simply could not run. Thanks to those who helped in the morning (Jim Brown, Gisela Craig, Gaela Kilgour, Lydia Goodman, Sarah Graham), and to those who helped in the afternoon (Jim Brown, Emma Beeby, Kat Beckett and Robyn White)

Well done to Evans who was the overall winning house!



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING

CONFERENCE - WEEK 5, TERM 1

THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 1PM – 7PM

Bookings will be open from tomorrow Thursday 14th February. It is expected that each family will attend. If a booking is not made a time will be allocated to you. If you do not have internet access you can book at the school office. A reminder on how to book in for an interview time by following the steps below.

ON-LINE BOOKING SYSTEM

STEP 1 Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

STEP 2 Click on 'Make a Booking' and enter in the following code in the box provided **2j4bf**

STEP 3 Type in your name, then your child's name (if you have more than one child at school use the drop down box so more 'Student's Name' lines appear. Also type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you. Press **GO**

STEP 4 Choose your child's teacher from the drop down list. Press **GO**

STEP 5 Choose the time you would like to see the teacher/s then press **GO**. The time you have booked for each student will appear. Once you have finished press 'Finish' then an email will be sent to confirm your parent interview booking.

If you have preferred times we suggest you book early.

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR INSTRUCTION FROM 12PM ON THIS DAY, IT IS ONLY OPEN FOR CONFERCING

ABSENCES 2019

Each day we have to account for every student on our roll. If for **any reason** your child is going to be absent **please** contact the school office. You can call any time in the morning before 9.00 am as our phone system is automated to take messages before school opens or you can text on 027 684 7706 **stating your child's name and reason for absence**. Staff often have a meeting between 8.00 and 8.30 am so are unavailable at this time to personally answer phones.

CONTACT MEDICAL AND PERSONAL DETAILS

If you have shifted and changed your contact details or your emergency contacts have changed, please change these at the office as soon as possible. It is vital that we hold correct emergency contact details including all cell phone numbers in case of emergencies.

There have been incidents in the past when parents and caregivers could not be contacted.

If for any reason your child's medical details have changed, please make sure the office is notified so all relevant records can be updated i.e. allergies, or allergic reactions etc.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Sun hats – compulsory red floppy.

A reminder that all students are required to wear a school sun hat at break times during terms 1 and 4.

Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.



Grantlea Downs Triathlon



YEARS 5-8

Friday 22nd February

10:00 – 12:00pm

Competitors need to remember their bikes (make sure tyres are pumped up!!!), helmets, togs, towel, running shoes and a drink bottle.

We encourage parents and family members to come along and support their child. Below is a copy of the morning's programme so that you can get some idea of when your child will be racing.

Any questions can be directed to Kirsty White in Room 15.

Event	
Year 7/8 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 5/6 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 7/8 Teams	Mixed
Year 5/6 Teams	Mixed

YEARS 1-4

Friday 22nd February

1:00 – 3:00pm

Due to the 1pm start we will be having an early lunch at 12pm.

Once again we are offering the Year 1 and 2 students a chance to experience competing in a school triathlon. For the cycling leg of the race they will be able to use bikes or scooters and must have helmets.

Bike/Scooter – Year 1 & 2-one lap around the outside of the netball/basketball courts

Year 3 & 4-one lap of the field

Swim – one length running of the school pool (helped in and out by senior students)

Run – one lap of the soccer field

On the day the children will need to remember their bike/scooter, helmet, togs, towel, running shoes and a drink bottle.

Event	
Year 4 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 3 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 2 Individual	Girls
	Boys
Year 1 Individual	Girls
	Boys

Any questions can be directed to Sally Guthrie in Room 6.

PLEASE DO NOT RING THE OFFICE TO ASK WHEN A SPECIFIC YEAR LEVEL WILL START – RACES WILL BE RUN IN THE ORDERS ABOVE UPON COMPLETION OF PREVIOUS RACE

Please complete and return the slip in our newsletter if you are able to help with either the senior or junior race. This would involve either directing children, counting lengths or helping move bikes.

Swimming Sports - Senior

Friday 8th March – Rooms 10 - 15



The Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports will be held on Friday (8th March) at CBay on Te Weka Street.

All children in Rooms 10-15 will be swimming. In previous years we found that some children got quite cold waiting for their next race so it might be a good idea if they could bring 2 towels, one to keep them warmer between races and a dry one to use at the end of the day. The swimming sports will begin at 9.30am, and we expect to be finished by approximately 11:40am.

Family and friends are welcome to attend and support the students in this event.

In order for this event to run smoothly we require parent helpers to carry out some duties on the day. If you are able to assist, please complete and return the slip below to the office or to Mrs White in Room 15.

Return Slips

Please return to the office or Room 15

Senior Swimming Sports

I am able to assist with the running of the Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports:

Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Grantlea Downs Triathlon- Friday 22nd February 2019

We are looking for parents to help with our school Triathlon 22nd February (Week 4).
If you are available, please fill in and return the slip to the school office.

I _____ am able to assist with the Junior/Senior
(circle one) school triathlon

Phone number: _____ Time to ring: _____

LUNCH ORDERS

SUBWAY

(Available on Friday's only)

(Complete order on printed brown paper bag at Lunch Order Table in office foyer, before 9am)

6-inch sandwich, apple and cookie \$5.00
Foot Long sandwich, apple and cookie \$9.00

Choice of: white or wheat
beef, turkey or ham
Up to 4 salad ingredients
Up to 2 dressings



School Road Safety Reminder

As we embark on a new school year, 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.

Safety at the school gate

We encourage you to walk with your children to school, but if you need to drive them sometimes, please observe and discuss with your child the following safe practices:

Dropping Off

- Park a short distance from the school and walk with your child/ren to school. (Help keep the school entrances free from cars to make it safer for everyone.)
- Always park beside the footpath and ensure children exit vehicles on the footpath side and not the roadside.
- Always use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road.

Picking up

- Park and walk to the school grounds to meet your child/ren.
- Do not wave or call your child/ren across the road.
- Always educate your child/ren to use the pedestrian crossing.
- Always role model good safety behaviour to your child/ren and teach safe habits.
- Always drive slowly near the school and watch for pedestrians, scooters and cyclists at all times.

What children would like drivers to know:

We are not little adults, so don't expect us to act as you do. We are small and often can't see over parked vehicles. This also means you can't see us. Please don't park on the yellow lines outside our school - you are stopping other drivers from seeing us on the crossing. We can freeze when we find ourselves in danger, instead of taking quick action as you might. Walk with us or join a Walking School Bus with us.

Help to keep us safe around schools.

Crossing between parked cars

Crossing the road between parked cars is not recommended. The potential for danger of being hit by a car whilst crossing between parked cars is enormous. Drivers cannot always see pedestrians (particularly small children) waiting to cross the road.

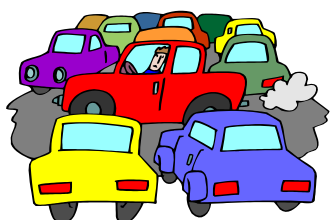
Cross roads at the safest possible locations such as the school crossings, pedestrian islands or traffic lights with pedestrian phasing.

Dropping children off at school

Stop chaos at the school gate

Remember not to stop on yellow lines or double-park around the school. Parking like this can block the view of students and motorists making it hard for students to safely cross the road.

Develop your child's road sense and let them walk the last 500 metres to school.



It is everyone's responsibility to
keep our kids safe

Keep our children safe ... and park safe.

Please play your part by:

- Always observing the parking restrictions near the school
- Always using the school patrol crossing
- Choosing safety over convenience at all times
- Walk with your child

Avoid the congestion!

Avoid the stress and congestion at the school gate. Park 500m+ away from the school and let your young person walk the short distance to school



Always Use the Crossings

Children will copy your example, good or bad. Always use the safe crossing areas, respecting the road patrollers.



Keep Safe Getting Out

The safest door opens onto the footpath side. This will keep children away from the busy road.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Children's Day 2019

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 3rd March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm.

This free annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply have a great time watching the selection of entertainment.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it, last year many hundreds of people took part.

The day's activities include music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, free food and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm.

Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games, or even try their hand at fly fishing or obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, face painting and a lot more.

As in previous years there will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA.

Put this date in your diary now.

The SC Mountain Biking Club is running a kids mountain bike race on Sunday, 17 February, and it would be great if you could come along. Location: based around the main lake area in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs. Time: sign up from 11.30am, race starts at 12.00pm.

Suitable for: ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

HOCKEY - Hockey South Canterbury invite you to our Open Day/Have a Go day on Sunday 24th of February 2019 from 2pm-4pm at the turf located at Aorangi Park on Morgans Road, Timaru. This is open to all primary school aged children where you can have a hit around on the turf and we can assist you with all information regarding hockey in Timaru. Bring a few friends and come and have a go! All gear is provided and it's FREE!

Temuka Athletics Club is celebrating 125 years since our first athletics meeting on 02 March 2019.

We are inviting the whole community to come and celebrate with us, you do not need to be a current or past member to join in.

Family Athletics Day

Opihi College, Guild Road, Temuka

9.00am Registrations 9.30am Start

\$5 entry Fee. Use our book now button on our Facebook page for pre-registration or enter on the day.

Prize money in all age groups. Food stalls available or bring a picnic lunch. Senior events in the afternoon. See our Facebook page for the programme.

Contact Nicola 021 622 942 or email: temu.athletics@gmail.com for more information



The Developing Brain

Host of the TV documentary "All in the Mind" and co-host of the TV series "The Secret Life of Girls", renowned Neuroscience Educator, Nathan Wallis takes his talk "The Developing Brain" on the road and is coming to a town near you.

In his unique "tell you how it is" style, Nathan Wallis provide an informative narrative on how our day-today interactions with children and young people, significantly the younger years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for our future.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Nathan Wallis speak.

For more information and to get your ticket go to eventfinda.co.nz.

Tour Dates - South Island

- Feb 18** - Timaru Boys High School, Timaru
- Feb 19** - Waitaki Boys High School, Oamaru
- Feb 20** - Otago Boys High School, Dunedin
- Feb 21** - Wakatipu High School, Queenstown
- Apr 08** - Kikakoura High School, Kikakoura
- Apr 10** - Nelson College, Nelson
- Apr 11** - Regent Theatre, Hokitika

Facebook: @nathanwallisfactoreducation



Looking for a new challenge this year? **TIMARU SCHOOL OF MUSIC** offers free tuition, in small groups, in guitar, ukulele, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, oboe, recorder, trumpet, and trombone. Hire instruments are available at \$25 per term and a one-off fee of \$40 is charged. Lessons are held after school at Oceanview Heights School. Enrolment day is Wednesday February 13 from 4-5.30pm in the Hall at Oceanview Heights. Inquiries to timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com



JUNIOR GRADE RUGBY

4 - 14 yr olds
Boys & Girls





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REGISTRATION DAY

New and Existing Players
Thursday 21st Feb, 4.30-6pm, and Tuesday 26th Feb 4.30-6pm
CLUBROOMS, 34 Church St, Timaru
(next to the over bridge on Church St)
Please bring Birth Certificate for age verification for new members

SUBS - \$50 plus \$20 per additional family member.
(DISCOUNTED to \$40 for the first child, and \$20 additional family member if paid in full by 1st June 2019)
Jerseys Supplied - Shorts & Socks available to purchase
FREE Mouth Guards / Team Photos / Training Tee supplied to each player when Subs Paid in Full
EFTPOS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUBROOMS

Under 13 End of Season Rugby Festival Tournament in Queenstown this year.
An exciting time ahead for this team during 2019

For any further information contact:
Grant George 0211541792
Check us out on FACEBOOK

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SATURDAY
16 FEBRUARY
2019

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A team event of standup paddle boarding, and obstacle beach challenges.

Boards provided, no prior paddling experience necessary.

Tai Chi on the beach at 10am.

Saturday 16 February 2019
10am - 3pm
Caroline Bay, Timaru

Entries Close: Mon 11 February 2019

[f paddleforlifetimaru](https://www.facebook.com/paddleforlifetimaru)

Information & entry forms at
www.paddleforlifetimaru.co.nz or Myphysio, 136 Wai-iti Rd, Timaru

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OLD BOYS

TIMARU

Timaru Old Boys JAB Registration Dates 2019

100th Year

Open Day/Registration

Sunday 24th of February 10am- 2pm
Free Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Games & Lolly Scramble

Registration Days

Wednesday 6th of March 4-6pm
Saturday 16th of March 11am- 1pm
At Old Boys Clubrooms, Timaru.

New players please bring your birth certificate.
No eftpos available.

\$40 for one child, \$65 for two and \$90 for three or more children.
Payment of Subs will get your child a free training top, mouthguard, drink bottle, beanie and end of year photo. Team shorts and jersey are supplied for the season
First practice Wednesday 20th of March at Old Boys clubrooms,
Quarry Road, Timaru
Any enquires contact: Gareth Hale, President 0274753694
Dixie Willis, Secretary 0279219807
Or Facebook Timaru Old Boys JAB



HIGHFIELD MOUNTAINVIEW SCOUTS



OPEN DAY!!

Come along and find out more about the Scouting movement.
Join us anytime from 10:30am-2:00pm on
Saturday, 16th Feb for a day of fun, free scouting activities!
Tents, Scouting games, free sausage sizzle & toasted marshmallows,
and lots of fun!
Keas: 5-8 years Cubs: 8-11 years Scouts: 11-14 years
Venturers: 14-18 years
*If you can't make the day but would like to find out more, please phone
Debbie Williams on 027 685-2807*
Den located behind Westend Hall, Maltby Avenue



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Sunday, February 24 and March 2, 10am to 5pm.

ON THE DAY - MARCH 3
Free buses leave from Caroline Bay skate park for 10k Hadlow starting point from 8.30am for the start at 9.30am.
3k Countdown Supermarket, For 3km start at Countdown Supermarket, Church Street, buses leave Caroline Bay from 9am for the start at 9.30 am.

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Organiser: Noel Crawford, Timaru North Rotary Club
Phone 6861717.
Email: noelncrawford@hotmail.com

CHESS POWER

The 1st Timaru Sarapu Cup ever is coming soon! The event will be held on Sunday 24 February from 1:00pm - 5:30pm at Waihi Preparatory School. This will be a regular event for junior chess players held every month. With multiple levels, certificates, medals, trophies, badges and our famous lolly scramble, the Sarapu Cup is a fun and challenging experience for all kids!

As a team of professional coaches, we highly recommend the Sarapu Cup to improve your Chess. There is no question that regular tournament practice improves your game.

Register Now by going to www.chesspower.co.nz

If you can't make this one, our next Sarapu Cup in Timaru is on Sunday 24 March.



MACKENZIE COUNTY A & P SHOW, FAIRLIE
EASTER MONDAY 22nd April 2019

SECTIONS AND CLASSES TO SUIT ALL AGES:

Wearable Art	Photography	Crafts
Art	Hobbies	Fruits/Vegetables
Floral Art	Wood Work	Card Making
Cooking	Animals	Jewellery
And many more.....		

Country Kids Agri-Sports
(contact Secretary for more information)

The Full Schedule can be viewed on <https://showday.online> or you can download it from our website www.mackenzieashow.co.nz or contact the secretary Jodi Payne by phone 03 6858977 or by email mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com

ENTRIES CLOSE 15 MARCH 2019

ENTRIES DON'T NEED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL SHOW DAY

ENTRIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO THE SHOW BY ARRANGEMENT



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FAMILY GOLF CHALLENGE
TOWN VERSUS COUNTRY

Play 9 holes on our Family Course

Join us for the FAMILY GOLF CHALLENGE! A great experience for parents and children to have lots of fun on the golf course in a relaxed environment.

All ages and skill levels are welcome!
Hit balls, have a laugh and enjoy the walk.

Pre-game BBQ | Refreshments | Prize giving for Challenge Trophy

When: Sunday 24 February, 1-4pm
Where: Timaru Golf Club

Contact Malcolm Wood
malcolms@orangigolf.co.nz | 021 490 553



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