



Newsletter

27 February 2019 Newsletter No 3

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

It has been a very busy start to the first term with the whole school triathlon held last week. Luckily the rain held off and we had cooler weather for the competitors. Teachers were very impressed with the sportsmanship that was displayed, and the level of leadership displayed by the Senior students. The busy term continues in the coming weeks with Goal Setting Conferences being held this week, Senior Swimming and Wheelathon being held later in the term.

Watch out for a special announcement regarding our Wheelathon! We have some exciting plans to share with you about the Wheelathon in our next newsletter.

At our Board of Trustees Meeting on 14th February we worked through our Charter for 2019. The Charter outlines the strategic direction of our school for the next three years along with our annual goals and targets. The Charter has been sent to the Ministry of Education and will be on display at the school office from next Monday. We encourage families to take time to read and give feedback on this important school document.

We farewell our three visitors from South Korea, Jenny, Michael and James. The three students quickly adapted to life at Grantlea Downs and have made some good friends in the three weeks that they have spent with us. This is also a positive experience for our children. They get the opportunity to learn about another culture and learn about life in another country. A very special thanks to our families that hosted our guests.

Another date to add to your calendar for next term is the Book Night that is being held on 21st May. Watch out for more information about this event.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Goal Setting Conferences on Thursday.

Nga mihi nui
Sandra Annett

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Brodie Fox and his family to Grantlea Downs this week

STUDENT SUCCESS

During the school holidays Annabelle Gilmour competed in the Road and Flat Track Speed Skating Nationals in Palmerston North. She won one gold medal and four silver medals. Annabelle also recently competed in the Banked Track Nationals where she won two gold medals and two silver medals. She broke two National Records and won the overall trophy for her grade. Well done Annabelle!



SCHOOL WILL BE FINISHING AT 12PM FOR STUDENTS, TOMORROW THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY FOR PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES. THESE ARE BEING HELD FROM 1PM – 7PM.

THE BUS WILL BE RUNNING AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.10PM. PLEASE ENSURE YOU CONTACT THE OFFICE OR REON IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ON THE BUS.

Grantlea Downs Camps - Survey

We are currently reviewing how we run our camps.

Our main reasons for review are concerns around:

- * Cost to families.
- * Changes to health and safety regulations have made camps more difficult and costly to run.
- * Currently classes are split meaning that students are not always with their own teacher.
- * Syndicates with only three teachers don't have enough staff to have two teachers per camp.



Proposals:

1) Retain the status quo.

Camps are run in academic year groups every year.

2) Odd year/Even year options -

Odd years (2019, 2021 etc): Full syndicate camps - Acacia at Woodend, Kereta at Wainui.

Even years (2020, 2022 etc): Syndicates have "E.O.T.C. (Education outside the classroom) Week" taking part in activities around the district - eg. bush walks, rock climbing, kayaking, beach visits, cycling etc.

Please follow the link <https://goo.gl/forms/RaVUblzSaYZH8rsu2> to complete the form or a paper copy can be requested from the school office (if you receive your newsletter via email) and add any comments you wish to be considered as we undertake this review.

The form will be available until Wednesday 13 March.

Thanks - your input is valuable to us!

REQUEST

We would welcome any donation of 'hand me down' togs or towels for us to have on hand, in case of students not having their own.



Term 1 – Week 3

Scoutt Tee, Manaia Evans, Ola Latu, Ashton Duncombe, Eilah Holden, Charlie Palmer, Cruz Cross-Wilson, Shianna Heney, Ethan Wilkins, Thomas Hendry, Dyllin Morris, Bella Thin

Term 1 – Week 4

Lera Muston, Mason Pratley, Ruby MacGregor, Henry Thomas, Alexis Davis, Freyah Mitchell, Tristan Dyche, Calaie Herriot, Cassidy Anderson

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 1st March

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



Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 1 - Week 3

Heidi Fuller, Lydia Flavell

Term 1 - Week 1

Heidi Fuller, Ella Lambert, Mason Fitzgerald, Hunter Simms, Hunter Hopkinson, Fletcher Tee, Griffin Johns, Harrison Butler, Tamaki Karauria, Kaitlyn Blissett, Angus Gould, Keanu Smith-Allan

Term 1 – Week 2

Elijah Bowden, Tiaki Whyte, Jax Rolton, Anaru McCoy, Zanix Wilson, Taylor Hurst, Addyson Rogers, Neko Welch, Koda Davis, Bella Hopkinson, Cjay Taylor, Caleb Fairhall

What's in the latest issue of Tots to Teens Magazine!



In this issue, we have great sanity-saving hacks for parents coping with kids back at school, including four ways to save money (and stress!), supporting parents of our new entrants, and eight reasons for kids to consider martial arts as an after-school activity. We have three delicious ways to include "wonder food"

turmeric in your everyday family meals, five top tips for busy and tired mums, and help when you're thinking, "Uh-oh... What's my kid looking at online?" (a scary prospect now that our kids spend so much time on YouTube), plus much more!

The school's link to the new MARCH ISSUE digital magazine is available here

issue1902c.totstoteens.co.nz/

Senior Triathlon – 2019 – Results

Event		1st	2nd	3 rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 7/8 Individual	Girls	Orla Motley	Bella Thin	Holly Thin	Pippa Palmer	Annachez Jones	Madi Wills
	Boys	Blake Parker	John Lui	Caleb Fairhall	Jack Bennett	Keanu Smith-Allan	Tevita Latu
Year 5/6 Individual	Girls	Millie Boyle	Arina Lyakh	Montana Davis	Briar Taylor	Hayley Milligan	Cadence Murray
	Boys	Blake Fairhall	Boston Davis	Kayden Piggin	Koda Davis	Thomas Hendry	Kieran Dewit
Year 7/8 Teams	Mixed	Blake Parker Caleb Fairhall Daniel Chernetski	Pippa Palmer Mercedez Karauria Bella Thin	Holly Thin Annachez Jones Orla Motley			

Junior Triathlon – 2019 – Results

Event		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 1	Girls	Scoutt Tee	Greer Hurst	Manaia Evans	Honor Dee	Araliyah Karena-Jamison	Emily Hughes
	Boys	Henry Thomas	Mecca Whiunui	Tiaki Whyte	Elijah Bowden	Matangirau Williams-Agnew	Taveon Kleinow
Year 2	Girls	Amelia Piggin	Ava Maraku	Amelia Forward	Ella Lambert	Freya Forward	Eilah Holden
	Boys	Olly Brown-Innes	George Baxter	Jaxon Wickenden	Mason Fitzgerald	Ashton Duncombe	Dominic Esler
Year 3	Girls	Polly Hendry	Miya Coulston	Madison Ford	Laila Fifita	Phoebe Kiddey	Kate Hoare
	Boys	Charlie Palmer	Chase Thomas	Jack Ryan	Oscar Bennett	Hunter Hopkinson	Liam Phillips
Year 4	Girls	Azaria Kleinow	Katie Allison	Morgan Palmer	Alice Baxter	Telila Fagalima	Jess Beeby
	Boys	Griffin Johns	Neko Welch	Teo Bool-Turner	Jesse Agnew	Farhin Faris	Riley Wentworth-Smith

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the team and individual events. I was so proud of everyone's attitude and effort! Thank you very much to the parents who helped us on the day. This event could not run without you.

Thanks,

Teaching Staff 😊

Return Slips

Please return to the office or Room 15

Senior Swimming Sports – Friday 8th March

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

Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

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.

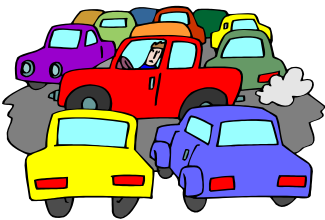
In order for this event to run smoothly we require parent helpers to carry out some duties on the day. If you are able to assist, please complete and return the slip above, to the office or to Mrs White in Room 15.

School Road Safety Reminder - 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

childrensday.org.nz
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Childrens Day
Sunday 3rd March 2019
10:00am - 2:00pm
Caroline Bay

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI
CHILDREN'S DAY

GO MEDIA ORANGA TAMARIKI
Ministry for Children

HADLOW TO HARBOUR
h2h FUN WALK, JOG, RUN

MARCH 3, 2019 Family fun event | Great prizes | Fancy dress | Proceeds to charity

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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

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, Ophi 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

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.mackenzieshow.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

G2K GETTING TO KNOW... **RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S**

Cinderella

Music by **Richard Rodgers** Book and Lyrics by **Oscar Hammerstein II**

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Orchestrations by Robert Russell Bennett. Adapted for this edition by John Higgins.

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**SUNDAY
3RD MARCH
2019**

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Our [local schools Season Pass offer](#) is now live and on sale until the end of March. It's available to any primary, intermediate and secondary student in the South Canterbury. The price is only \$129 for the whole of the 2019 winter season. Here's the [link](#) parents need to click on to purchase:

<http://www.mtdobson.co.nz/product/local-schools-season-pass-2019/>



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all issues - all ages
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The VERY Amazing Race

Suitable for All Ages — great for families or challenge your work/schoolmates!

Sunday 10th March 2019
Meet at 9.15am at Marine
Parade (grassed area between the two carparks)

Heaps of Fun going around the sights of Timaru ... See if your team can be the first to solve the clues and

WIN THE RACE

You need a Team of Four (including a legally licensed driver), a vehicle and a camera or phone to take photos

Prizes for first three teams and **BEST DRESSED TEAM** **\$40.00 per team**

Entry Forms Available from:

- Mountainview Dairy, corner Wai-iti & Ohipua Roads
- Office at Southern Trust Events Centre (Stadium)
- SC Roller Skating Club (Sun 2-4pm)
- Your school office

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Entries must be in by **Thursday 7th March**

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Got a Query? Libby 021 153 3424 or Chrissie 027 294 1712



