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Newsletter No 21



Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

As the festive season is almost upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their ongoing support of our wonderful school. The key to the success of any school is when we work together to achieve the best possible outcome for all of our students.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for the time and effort they put into making Grantlea Downs the wonderful school it is. It is a privilege to work with such hard working, committed people.

We farewell Mr Mike de Joux, Miss Maddie Stevenson and Miss Nicole Mertens from our staff and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours. We thank them for their service to our school over their respective time here.

I would also like to acknowledge and say a special thank you to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing dedication to our school. The time and commitment you put in, is very much appreciated.

A big thank you also goes to our Home & School team for their wonderful fundraising efforts again this year. We are lucky to have a team of such hard-working people organising the many events. I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has supported these events with either your time or your support in some other way.

Tomorrow we hold our Junior Prizegiving at 2pm in the school hall and the Senior Prizegiving ceremony is at 6 pm in the Mountain View Auditorium. We warmly invite all parents and families to join us for these important occasions. Prizegiving is a wonderful chance to share in the successes of our students and to farewell our Year 8 Leavers.

On behalf of all the staff at Grantlea Downs, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and relaxing New Year. We wish our Year 8 students all the very best as they head off into the next chapter of their education at High School. To everyone else we look forward to seeing you all back refreshed in 2018.

Nga mihi nui
Collette Sandilands

TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS FOR 2018

Opihi Syndicate

Rm1 Mrs Sandra Annett - Acting DP
Rm 2 Miss Raewyn Guise
Rm 3 Miss Alice Austin
Rm 4 Miss Prue Engelbrecht
Rm 5 Miss Emma Halkett

Waipopo Syndicate

Rm 6 Mrs Allison Ford
Rm 7 Miss Sally Guthrie
Rm 8 Mrs Linda Gordon - Syndicate Leader

Acacia Syndicate

Rm 9 Ms Sharleen Hole
Rm 10 Miss Michaela Johnstone
Rm 11 Mrs Michelle Bray - Syndicate Leader
Rm 12 Mrs Ange Hide

Kereta Syndicate

Rm 13 Miss Claire Jeffrey
Rm 14 Mrs Christine McGeever
Rm 15 Mrs Kirsty White - Syndicate Leader

Specialist Teacher/SENCO – Mrs Sharlane Kelliher

ORS Teacher – Mrs Hilary McKnight

Release Teachers – Mrs Cynthia Gill, Mrs Ange Higgins, Mrs Carmen Brown, Mrs Louise McCone and Mrs Alyce Mckerchar

Teacher Aides - Mrs Joy McGillivray, Ms Penni Naylor, Mrs Leslie Pedlow, Mrs Michelle Allison, Mrs Jan Lees and Mr Reon Kennan.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE NOW DUE BACK
(There is still a large number outstanding)
Please return to the Library asap

Senior Athletics Age Group Champions 2017		
Age Group	Champion	Runner-up
U10 Girls	Bella Thin & Holly Thin	Pippa Palmer
U10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Keanu Smith-Allan
U11 Girls	Mia Quirke	Amelia Maynard
U11 Boys	Daniel Chernetski	Caleb Fairhall
U12 Girls	Niamh Motley	Celia Stowell
U12 Boys	Matt Gonzales	Maddox Peneamene
O12 Girls	Laura Apperley	Georgia Chapman
O12 Boys	Jai Holden	Toby Taylor

Most Seals of Approval for Term 4 2017

Students Name	Most Seals
Heidi Fuller	Winner - Room 1
Chase Harris	Runner-Up Room 1
Ava Maraku	Winner – Room 2
Amelia Piggin	Runner-Up - Room 2
Hunter Hopkinson	Winner - Room 3
Emerald Woodall	Runner-Up - Room 3
Katie Allison	Winner - Room 4
Madison Ford	Runner-Up - Room 4
Telila Fagalima	Winner - Room 5
Liam Phillips	Runner-Up - Room 5
Asenaca Kuruduadua	Winner - Room 6
Casimir Kleinow	Runner-Up - Room 6
Briar Taylor	Winner - Room 7
Sergio Bryan	Runner-Up - Room 7
Lachlan Kotua	Winner - Room 8
Jorja Kelliher	Runner-Up - Room 8
Annachez Jones	Winner - Room 9
Victoria Kyle	Runner-Up - Room 9
Mercedes Karauria	Winner - Room 10
Ruby-Jane Allison	Runner-Up - Room 10
Orla Motley	Winner - Room 11
Alexandra Elder	Runner-Up - Room 11
Emily Flavell	Winner - Room 12
Daniel Chernetski	Runner-Up - Room 12
Mollie Phillips	Winner - Room 13
Kayla Tanouye	Runner-Up - Room 13
Amelia Maynard	Winner - Room 14
Niamh Motley	Runner-Up - Room 14
Jessica Aldridge	Winner – Room 15
Riley Anderson	Runner-Up – Room 15

Congratulations also to the following students:

GOLD AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM 4 2017

Victoria Kyle, Miglia Schicker, Mia Holden, Annachez Jones, Ryan Goodman, Amy Alden, Ruby-Jane Allison, Mikaylah Donaldson, Caleb Hay, Mercedes Karauria, Daniel La Grange, Kalo Siale, Tayla Wilson, Ella Brown, Joe Cao, Deacon Cooper, Ella Craig, Alexandra Elder, Mason Griffiths, Charlotte Hallberg, Matthew Joubert, Zi Hao Kuang, Orla Motley, Chelsea Nicholls, Brookland Philip, Brendan Phillips, Latisha Put, Ebony Strudwicke,

Holly Thin, Cassidy Anderson, Charlotte Blake, Flame Brazendale, Daniel Chernetski, Jett Davis, Emily Flavell, Zoe Gordon, Emma Reynecke, Mikayla Ryan, Bella Thin, Madison Wills, Laura Apperley, Charlotte Collis, Jessica Goodman, Alexis Gracia, Eli McLaughlin, Skye Murray, Mollie Phillips, Caleb Price, kayla Tanouye, Aura Voice, Jack White, Samuel Allison, Caitlin Bentley, Kennedy Brown-Innes, Caleb Campbell, Locky Fox, Brooklyn Galbraith, Zannyx Geary, Wiseson Kuang, Caitlin Letham, Amelia Maynard, Niamh Motley, Regan Prattley, Abby Rempala, Summer Ruddle, Ivan Schicker, Jessica Aldridge, Riley Anderson, Amy Baird, Lucy Barnes, Alyssa Bentley, Georgia Chapman, Tyson Coombes, Matthew Gonzales, Jai Holden, Akita Karauria, Maddox Peneamene, Mia Quirke, Lara Ross, Toby Taylor, Sophie Todd.

South Canterbury Athletics

Last Tuesday we sent a group of 35 students to an extremely hot Aorangi Athletics Track, to compete in the South Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics Competition.

Once again the students effort and behaviour was exceptional, as were the results which were the best we have had in recent memory. Not only did we have large number of students gaining places, we also won four of the six relay events (these events are always the highlight of the day).

Well done to all students who competed, in particular:

- Charlotte Blake – 1st U9 Girls High Jump, 1st U9 Girls Shotput
- Mia Quirke – 1st U11 Girls Long Jump, 1st U11 Girls Baseball Throw
- Niamh Motley – 1st 11+ Girls Long Jump, 1st 11+ Girls 800m (new record), 2nd 11+ Girls 200m
- Toby Taylor – 2nd 11+ Boys 800m
- Koda Davis – 3rd U9 Boys Long Jump
- Tevita Latu – 3rd U11 Boys Baseball Throw
- Sione Siale – 2nd 11+ Boys Shotput
- Jacob Hall – 2nd AWID 50m
- Vlad Crummer – 1st AWID 50m
- Celia Stowell – 1st U12 Girls 100m
- Bella Thin – 2nd U10 Girls 70m
- U9 Girls 4 x 70m Relay 1st place – Cadence Murray, Hayley Milligan, Millie Boyle, Charlotte Blake
- 11+ Girls 4 x 100m Relay 1st place – Celia Stowell, Niamh Motley, Laura Apperley, Georgia Chapman
- U11 Boys 4 x 100m Relay 1st place – Jack Bennett, Keanu Smith-Allan, Daniel Chernetski, Maejour Barriball-Weavers
- 11+ Boys 4 x 100m Relay 1st place – Matt Gonzales, Maddox Peneamene, Jai Holden, Toby Taylor



Congratulations to Jessica Aldridge who has been selected in the Southern under-12 tennis side. Jessica will be competing in Christchurch from January 17-20. Good Luck!!

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING - Tomorrow

The **Senior** Prize-giving (Rm's 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15) will be at **6pm** tomorrow Thursday 14th December at **Mountainview Auditorium**. All students will be expected to be there no later than 5:40 wearing clean, tidy and correct uniform, shorts and polo shirts only for this occasion, no polar fleeces or sweatshirts to be worn. It is important that **all** students attend this special occasion. Parents and those attending are asked to be seated before 5:50pm.

Junior prize giving (Rm's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) will be held in the Grantlea Downs Hall at 2pm on Thursday 14th December.

Those attending are asked to be seated no later than 1.50pm.

FINISHING THEIR TIME WITH GRANTLEA DOWNS

A number of families will finish their association with the school at the end of the year. For some families this association has spanned many years.

We acknowledge their support and thank them for all they have contributed.

Apperley, Fearn, Gracia, Simpson, Tanouye, Voice, Blissett, Ennis, Galbraith, McLeod, Morris, Prattley, Ruddle, van Emmenis, Weaver, White, Baird, Chapman, Macqueen.



MUFTI DAY – THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Our final mufti day held on Thursday 30th November raised \$451.70 for Ranui House. Owned and operated by the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust, Ranui House provides a home away from home for out of town families across New Zealand, whose loved ones are undergoing hospital-based medical treatment in Christchurch. Thank you for your support.

STATIONERY 2018

This year, as an option, we have again set up a very easy way for you to purchase your child/children's stationery online through **Office Max** at

www.myschool.co.nz/grantleadowns. This will be available by the end of the term and you will be able to view our class lists and purchase when it suits you, while earning rewards for the school. If you do not have internet access you can ring 0800 724 440 and complete over the phone. Also see enclosed flyer with payment options.

If you are purchasing your stationery from **Warehouse Stationery** remember to mention Grantlea Downs at the checkout and the school will receive points to claim rewards.

FRIDGE MAGNET – 2018 Term Dates

Enclosed with this newsletter is a fridge magnet showing next year's term dates and the schools contact details.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property in the foyer. Included are non uniform clothing items and unnamed or unreadable items of uniform. If you are missing anything please take the time to check the box. Any items unclaimed by the end of the term, will be donated.

SCHOOL PICNIC

An important reminder to mark on your calendar for next year. Our annual school picnic will be held on Thursday 8th February 2018 from 5.00-7.00pm. Bring a fish'n'chip tea and relax with your children and friends.



GUITAR TUITION 2017

Guitar Tuition available at Grantlea Downs School, on Thursday's beginning 8th February 2018. Taking enrolments now. Contact Kathy Macdonald on 6844658 or 02102399795



Road Patrol 2018

I am looking ahead to next year and endeavouring to ensure that the parent volunteer side of road patrol is being undertaken from a range of school families. It is of utmost importance to us that we ensure our children are safe around traffic and crossing what becomes a very busy road at 3:00pm each day that said we need your help to make this happen. We require a number of parents to cover this role throughout the year.

Road patrol consists of you monitoring the crossing as the trained students control the crossing and ensure that students are crossing safely, taking 15 minutes of your time - 3:00pm to 3:15pm on one day a week for a term.

Can you please circle the below form indicating which term and day of the week would suit you to volunteer for road patrol.

The aim is to share the load across our school community. Please return this form - even if you are unable to help at this stage.



Name: _____

Term 1 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri (please circle)

Term 2 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri (please circle)

Term 3 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri (please circle)

Term 4 - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri (please circle)



From the Grantlea Downs Home & School Committee. Thank you for your support during this year and we look forward to your continued support for our up and coming 2018 fundraising events.



From the Board of Trustees, and Staff of Grantlea Downs School we wish you a happy and safe Christmas holiday season.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Week 8 Term 4

Benjamin White, Jack White, Alexis Gracia, Noah Carnegie, Zane Fearn

Excellent Effort – Week 7 Term 4

Aaliyah-Mae Raukawa-Goodman, Savannah Annear-Mason, Braeden Mills, Hunter Simms, Morgan Palmer, Kate Hoare, Ella Craig, Alex Elder, Luke Cookson, Kassidy Anderson, Charlotte Blake, Zane Fearn, Harvee King-Brookland,

Values Focus Award – Week 7 Term 4

Chase Harris, Aaliyah Richardt, Alyssa Maraku, Tylah Whakarau, Teo Bool-Turner, Matthew Joubert, Danny Lee, Luke Mitchell

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 7 Term 4

Dominic Esler, Ava Marakau, Kean Cinco, Fletcher Tee, Jessica Goodman



Excellent Effort – Week 8 Term 4

Ollie Johnston, Addyson Rogers, Katie Allison, Xanthe Stevenson, Aria Lister, Jack White, Alexis Gracia

Values Focus Award – Week 8 Term 4

Reid Brazendale, Blake Cunningham, Morgan Nixon

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 8 Term 4

Riley Wentworth-Smith, Aleyah Barriball, Oscar Bennett, Mercedes Karauria



KEY DATES 2017:

14th Dec	Junior Prize Giving 2.00pm
	Senior Prize Giving 6pm
15th Dec	Bell Race 11am
18th Dec	School finishes 3pm for those children attending

KEY DATES 2018

30th Jan	First day Term 1
1st Feb	Top Teams
5th Feb	Acacia Swimming Starts
6th Feb	Waitangi Day holiday
8th Feb	School Picnic 5-7pm
20th Feb	Kereta Swimming starts
8th March	Grow It
9th March	Senior Swimming Sports
14th March	Wheelathon

Thank you to the Home and School for their fundraising efforts that have allowed us to purchase 40 Chromebook Computers for the Waipopo and Acacia Syndicates.



GROW IT NEWS!

SHOW TIME



2018

Thursday March 8 2018 is the day for next years Grow It.

A detailed newsletter will come home February/March 2018.

Below are specific competitions that can be undertaken and completed at home. Students may wish to do these over the holiday period.

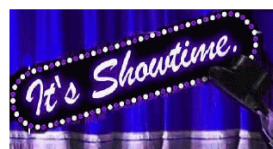
The theme for next years 'GROW IT!' is ...

"Show Time!!"



A: COMPETITIONS TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME

- ◆ Best bug collection (Dead or Alive)
- ◆ Ugliest Vegetable
- ◆ Potato head – sprouted beans, etc
- ◆ Decorated sunhat
- ◆ Decorated bike
- ◆ Decorated gumboots
- ◆ Decorated hula hoop
- ◆ Fancy dress competition "Show Time theme" (a chance to be as creative as you can)
- ◆ Student home garden (already underway)
- ◆ Garden in a pot, shoe or something crazy
- ◆ Biggest pumpkin
- ◆ Sunflower/Potato/Bean/Tomato in a bucket (already underway in official Grantlea Downs buckets)
- ◆ Family sculpture competition will be announced when school commences
- ◆ Family hanging basket



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Register TODAY to secure your placement.

2018 **Parenting Programmes**

The Incredible Years

Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Programme in Timaru dependent on sufficient enrolments. 20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

For parents of: children 3 - 8 years:

Tuesdays: 27 February to 12 June 9:30 am to 12:30 pm	Thursday (nights): 1 March to 14 June 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Childcare provided for the Tuesday programme
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This 14 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face. Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours (excluding school holidays)

Family Works
PRESENTED IN SUPPORT SOUTH CANTERBURY

To enrol or for further information call Liz **NOW** at Family Works
03 688 5029 / 0274 688200
email: liz.munro@pssc.co.nz

VENUE: Family Works, 26 North Street, Timaru
www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

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YMCA **YMCA South and Mid Canterbury**
"Investing in the Next Generation"

FREE YMCA HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: The YMCA holiday programme is back! If you are aged 11 – 17, this is for you! Get active during the summer break from 20th to the 22nd of December, 15th-19th January and the 22nd-26th of January. To book, call 6883682 or go to www.ymcasc.org.nz.

YMCA South and Mid Canterbury

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If you need to place an order, you can do this in the fitting rooms or with Customer Services WINZ quotes and laybys are available

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active KIDS PROGRAMMES

15-19 January 2018
New **8.30am** start time
The Southern Trust Events Centre,
Morgans Road, Timaru

Need entertainment for your children over the Summer holiday break?

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available.

REGISTER TODAY



sport canterbury
SOUTH CANTERBURY

Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751 Limited Spaces available ...

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8th January 2018

Alpine ENERGY

Tennis South Canterbury School Holiday Programme

For Junior Beginner Players (7-12yrs)

9.00am – 12 noon
20th – 21st December 2017
(Can sign up for one or both days)

Registration Fees:
\$30.00 per day/child or \$50.00 per child for both days
Registrations close: **Wednesday 13th DECEMBER 2017**

Please see our website for Registration Form and further information or email: coordinator@tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz
www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz



Wilson

TENNIS
South Canterbury

M.A.S.H

Xmas Holiday Programme

FREE with full WINZ subsidy. Conditions apply.

Enrol Today

FEES

8am - 3pm = \$40
8am - 6pm = \$45
8:30am - 3pm = \$35
8:30am - 6pm = \$40

Trip fees not advertised

WINZ subsidies available

Cleniti School Gymnasium

www.mashkids.co.nz **03 3669408**