



**19 February 2020**  
**Newsletter No 2**

**NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs: Noah Raukawa-Goodman and Ely Ryder-Ennis.

**MEWHEELS TRACK OPENING**

We wish to thank everyone who came along the the School Picnic and Mewheels Bike and Scooter Track opening last week. The track was officially opened by Mayor Nigel Bowen and Asenaca Kuruduadua.



**PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING  
CONFERENCES –  
THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1.00PM – 6.50PM  
INCLUSIVE**

Bookings area now open. Just a reminder that if you are going to make consecutive bookings that you leave a 10 minute slot between interviews to allow you time to get to the next appointment. 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- STEP 2** Enter in the following code where it says "Parents School Event Code" **3xksd**
- STEP 3** Type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you) 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. Press **GO**
- STEP 4** Choose your child's teacher from the drop down list. Press **GO**
- STEP 5** Choose the times you would like to see each teacher 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.

**SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 12PM ON THIS DAY, IT IS ONLY OPEN DURING THE AFTERNOON FOR CONFERENCING**

**TOP TEAMS**

A big thank you to the following parents who gave up their time to help us run a very successful Top Teams event in Week 2: Felicity McMillian, Maria Willetts, Jim Brown, Michelle Allison, Theresa van Dyk and Paula Phillips

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated and ensures that our school events such as Top Teams (and upcoming events like Triathlon, Swimming Sports and Wheel-a-thon) continue to be successful.



**GLORIAVALE LEAVERS TALK**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 PM

Grantlea Downs School

Tickets now also available from the school office at **\$20.00 each (cash only)** or \$21.39 from [www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

**About this Event**

Join us for an intriguing talk with Liz Gregory from the Gloriavale Leavers' Trust and a leaver while they give you insight into this reclusive community.



Is it as glossy as the TV Documentaries show? Or are there real reasons to be concerned for the 600 people still living there.

Find out what the Trust is doing to help those who choose to leave, and what it's like for the new families settling in our region.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

**TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE**

You would have received a complimentary copy of the magazine last week but you can also read it online by following this link [issue2002c.totstoteens.co.nz/](http://issue2002c.totstoteens.co.nz/)



# Grantlea Downs Triathlon



## YEARS 5-8

Friday 21st 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

## YEARS 1-4

Friday 21st 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*

*Bike only - 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 below 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.

### **Grantlea Downs Triathlon- Friday 21st February 2020**

We are looking for parents to help with our school Triathlon 21st February (Week 3).

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 and 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 remember that while passing a stationary school bus you must slow down and drive at 20km/hr or less until you are well past (no matter what direction you are coming from).

### **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
- Do not park on the yellow lines on the corner of Grantlea Drive and Grants Road where children cross

## 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



**TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL**

Open Day Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1-3pm. All welcome



## Engage Your Brain

Timaru Girls' High School - Timaru  
Tues 25 Feb 2020 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Tickets at Eventfinda.co.nz



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**CommUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA** नमस्ते 您好 안녕하세요

Sat 7 March 2020 | 10.30am - 2pm  
Celebrate South Canterbury's rich cultural diversity on Race Relations Day

**International Food Stalls**  
enjoy the tastes of 12+ countries  
FOR SALE

**Events & Activities** FREE  
Lantern making, Henna painting, traditional dress up & photo booths, First aid 3 steps for life training, Origami, Lolly Leis...

**Performances** from local cultural groups  
FREE

**Lego Mania** Duplo, Lego for kids to create and build  
FREE

Community Information Stalls

DATE/TIME: 7 March 2020 / 10.30am - 2pm  
VENUE: Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road, Timaru  
INFORMATION: p. +64 03 687 7371 e. migrantcentre.office@gmail.com

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**FREE ENTRY**

**FREE FUN**

COME AND CELEBRATE  
**CHILDREN'S DAY 2020**  
AT CAROLINE BAY HALL

SUNDAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>  
10AM - 2PM

FACE PAINTING | JOCK SOCKER | TIMARU ROCKS  
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND REFRESHMENTS  
WUNGO | TIMARU GIVAWAYS | CARNIVAL RIDES  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT UNDER 5'S AREA  
WIN PRIZES WITH CPLAY AND LOTS MORE!

**PUE TAMARIKI FIRST** #ChildrenDayNZ

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI  
CHILDREN'S DAY

SOUTH CANTERBURY  
**PACERS**  
SWIM KAYAK BIKE RUN

**A weekend of Triathlon for all ages**  
Caroline Bay, Timaru

**SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020** | **SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

**Kid's TRYathlon** | **Timaru Triathlon & Duathlon**

Enter with your family, neighbour, work mates as individuals or teams  
Short course and long course options

[www.scpacers.co.nz](http://www.scpacers.co.nz)



**AFTER SCHOOL: 17.00**  
**HOLIDAYS: from \$38.00**

**OSCAR SUBSIDY AVAILABLE**

- \* FREE afternoon tea
- \* Homework assistance
- \* Daily structured activities
- \* Daily supervised free play
- \* Located at the Gleniti Baptist Church
- \* Free van pick up.

**NEW FULL WEEK DISCOUNT**  
**REDUCED FEES!!**

info@mashkids.co.nz  
**MASHKIDS.CO.NZ**



If your child is looking for a new musical challenge for 2020, **TIMARU SCHOOL OF MUSIC** is offering free tuition in small groups. We teach guitar, ukulele, violin, cello, recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Hire instruments are available and a one-off fee of \$40 is payable plus the cost of tuition books. Lessons are held after school at Oceanview Height School.

Enrolments are now open by either emailing [timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com), or at our enrolment day, Wednesday February 12 3.30-5.30pm, at Oceanview Heights School Hall

**Relax Kids SC Classes**  
**Term 1**  
 Creating Calm, Confident Kids  
 Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes For Positive Wellbeing  
 6-12 Years  
 3 March - 31 March (5 weeks)  
 4pm to 5pm  
 Secure your place today, email: [relaxkidssc@gmail.com](mailto:relaxkidssc@gmail.com)



**JAB RUGBY**

5 - 13 year olds  
 Boys & Girls

**Registration Days**  
 New and Existing Players  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - 4:30pm - 6:00pm**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - 10:00am - 12:00pm**  
 Celtic Clubrooms, Craigie Avenue, Timaru  
 Please bring birth certificate for age verification for new members.

**Subs**  
 Subs include t-shirt, mouthguard, drink bottle and team photo  
 \$50 - 1 player per family  
 \$75 - 2 players per family  
 \$100 - 3 or more per family

**Gear Price List**  
 Shorts, socks and hoodies must be ordered at registration.  
 We will not be holding any spare stock this year.  
 Shorts: \$TBC Socks: \$TBC  
 Hoodies: Kids sizes - Black \$50 or Green \$62. Adult sizes - Black \$55 or Green \$65

CASH or EFTPOS available on the day.  
 All subs and required gear to be paid for on registration day.

Any queries to Donna Bartlett - 021833166



**FREE PARENTING HELPLINE** [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)  
**ALL ISSUES ALL AGES** **0800 568 856**



**Temuka & Geraldine**  
**A&P 146<sup>th</sup> Winchester Show**  
**Saturday 7 March 2020**

**Gates Open 8am**  
**Adults \$10 – Kids Free**

- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Wood Chopping Events
- ✓ Agri Kids
- ✓ Children's Sawdust Dig
- ✓ Home Industry
- ✓ Cam Scott Entertaining
- ✓ School Shed
- ✓ Police Dogs
- ✓ Carnival Rides
- ✓ Pet Parade
- ✓ Balloon Artist
- ✓ Plus Heaps More!

**Silent Auction**  
 Bring your Family & Friends – See you at the Show!  
 Go in the draw to win Jewellery made by Jewelfcraft Jewellers and 2x Children's Scooters



**OLD BOYS**  
 TIMARU

**Timaru Old Boys JAB Registration**  
**Dates 2020**  
**Open Day/Registration**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of March 10am-2pm**  
 Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Games & Lolly Scramble

**Registration Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of March 11am-1pm**  
**Registration Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March 4-6pm**  
**At Old Boys Clubrooms, Timaru.**

New players please bring your birth certificate.  
 No eftpos available.  
**Teams in all grades and Girls Tackle**  
 \$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, rugby ball, mouth guard, drink bottle, beanie and end of year photo. Team shorts and jersey are supplied for the season.  
 First practice Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 4:30pm at Old Boys clubrooms, Quarry Road, Timaru

Any enquires contact:  
 Gareth Hale: President 0274753694  
 Dixie Willis: Secretary 0279219807  
 Malcolm Coles: 0273407948  
 Or Facebook Timaru Old Boys JAB



**EDGE OF THE WORLD**  
**14 + 15 March**  
 MORE FM ARENA EDGAR CENTRE

**COSPLAY | ANIME + COMICS**  
**TOYS & COLLECTIBLES | FREE LAZERTAG**  
**MULTIPLAYER VIDEO GAMING**  
**GAMING | CARD GAMES | EATING CONTESTS**

**EDGE OF THE WORLD EXPO**  
**DOOR SALES | TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

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