



# Newsletter

## 30 January 2019 Newsletter No 1

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

A warm welcome back everyone to the new school year. We hope you have all had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The brick block has undergone renovations and is looking refreshed and welcoming. A special welcome to our new students, their families and to our new staff members. Our new teachers are Miss Megan Shaw (Rm 7), Mrs Claire Farr (Rm 9), Mr Sam Carlaw (Rm 13) and Mrs Vicky Lambert (Rm 14). We trust they will all have a rewarding time at Grantlea Downs.

Top Teams will be on Thursday 31st January. This is always so much fun and a great way to start the new school year with our first whole school event. It is lovely to see everyone dressed in their House Colours.

We have a very busy term planned with lots on. On Thursday 7th February we have our Family School Picnic from 5-7pm. We would love to see you all there and of course, grandparents and siblings are most welcome. So, bring along your picnic or fish and chips and join us for an enjoyable night. We will have some games and sports equipment out for everyone's use. The Home and School have organised the Bouncy Castle again (always popular with the children). Please note there is no food available to purchase.

Our focus this year is a peer mediation programme called "Cool Schools", Digital Technology and Literacy. As the term progresses, I will share some of our outcomes with you.

### Thank You

As I mentioned in my welcome letter, the brick block has undergone extensive renovations. On behalf of the staff and the Board of Trustees I would like to personally acknowledge and thank Garry Ford for the work that he has put into organising the contractors and tradespeople. It is deeply appreciated. I would also like to thank Reon Keenan for his support of Garry and preparing the grounds for our return to school.

Thank you also to Wendy Pickard and Cathy Moffat for getting the rooms ready for our return to school

Nga mihi nui  
Sandra Annett



### **ADVANCED WARNING!**

SCHOOL WILL BE FINISHING AT 12PM FOR STUDENTS ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES. THESE ARE BEING HELD FROM 1PM – 7PM. BOOKING INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

## **Grantlea Downs Top Teams (Tomorrow Thursday – 31st January)**

### **As per the note sent home on Tuesday**

This annual event involves the children climbing, running, sliding, getting wet and working as a team to complete a series of challenges. Below is some important information to remember for the day:

- Children are to come to school dressed in their house colours (see class teacher if unsure of this – Gould = Blue, Grant = Red, Evans = Yellow, Jellicoe = Green)
- Please remember a sunhat, sunscreen, lunch and drink bottle
- Listen to The Breeze FM in the morning for cancellations, or check the school facebook page – **please do not ring school.**
- The senior event (Yr 5-8) runs from 10.00 – 12.00, juniors (Yr 1-4) from 12.30 – 2.20
- Parents and family members are most welcome to come along and watch
- **Parents of the junior children will be able to take their children home AFTER the events have been tidied away – if plenty of parents lend a hand at this stage this will not take too long. Children will still need to be dismissed from class by the teacher.**

### **SCHOOL PICNIC**

An important reminder to highlight on your calendar for next week.



Our annual school picnic will be held **next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 5.00-7.00pm**. Bring a fish'n'chip tea or picnic and relax with your children and friends.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE BACK**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

### **2019 SCHOOL TERM DATES**

Term 1 - 11 weeks 29 Jan to 12 April

Term 2 - 10 weeks 29 April to 5 July

Term 3 - 10 weeks 22 July to 27 Sept

Term 4 - 9 weeks 14 Oct to 13 Dec

**Reminder:** School Hours are 9 – 3pm, with students on site from 8.30am – 3.15pm

### **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs this week: Aaliyah Dewit, Kieran Dewit, Thomas Nieuwenhuyzen, Tayla Arps, Maddison Ross, Cooper Davidson, Mickaela Hurst, Dontaye Hughes, Emily-Rose Hughes, Freyah Mitchell, Karakia Werata-Ruru, Manaaki Werata-Ruru, Ella Lambert, Axel Price, Sophia Bubbart, Breanna Kiddey, Mason Pratley.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Well done to all those students who were recognised at our two Prize Givings. See the attached sheet for a full list of recipients including the students below who received Platinum Awards:

Rebecca Bramley, Montana Davis, McKenzie Don, Faliqh Faris, Bella Hopkinson, Asenaca Kuruduadua, Irihapati McMillan Meager, Tawhai Reihana, Miglia Schicker, Jasmine Sheppard, Cassie Thornley, Hollie Todd, Mikayla Willetts, Kassidy Anderson, Jack Bennett, Charlotte Blake, Flame Brazendale, Ella Brown, Deacon Cooper, Ella Craig, Summer Culshaw, Mikaylah Donaldson, Ryan Goodman, Angus Gould, Mia Holden, Annachez Jones, Mercedes Karauria, Victoria Kyle, Daniel La Grange, Orla Motley, Chelsea Nicholls, Mikayla Ryan, Kalolaine Siale, Hunter Tee, Bella Thin, Holly Thin, Oscar Whyte, Lochlan Wilson, Ruby-Jane Allison, Yizhou Cao, Daniel Chernetski, Alex Elder, Charlotte Hallberg, Caleb Hay, Oliver Kirke, Kawend Kuang, Grace McCarthy, Blake Parker, Brendan Phillips, Latisha Put, Emma Reynecke, Madison Wills, Jessica Aldridge, Lucy Barnes, Caitlin Bentley, Noah Carnegie, Charlotte Collis, Zannyx Geary, Matt Gonzales, Amelia Maynard, Eli McLaughlin, Niamh Motley, Maddox Peneamene, Mollie Phillips, Caleb Price, Mia Quirke, Steven Ramsay, Abby Rempala, Ashton Sandford, Celia Stowell, Sophie Todd

### **TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS FOR TERM 1 2019**

#### **Opihi Syndicate**

Mrs Sandra Annett - Syndicate Leader/Acting Principal

Rm 1 Mrs Cynthia Gill

Rm 2 Miss Raewyn Guise

Rm 3 Miss Alice Austin

Rm 4 Mrs Emma Kingan (Miss Halkett)

#### **Waipopo Syndicate**

Rm 6 Miss Sally Guthrie

Rm 7 Miss Megan Shaw

Rm 8 Mrs Linda Gordon - Syndicate Leader

Rm 9 Mrs Claire Farr

#### **Acacia Syndicate**

Rm 10 Miss Michaela Johnstone

Rm 11 Ms Sharleen Hole

Rm 12 Mrs Ange Hide - Syndicate Leader

#### **Kereta Syndicate**

Rm 13 Mr Sam Carlaw

Rm 14 Mrs Victoria Lambert

Rm 15 Mrs Kirsty White - Syndicate Leader

#### **Specialist Teacher/SENCO – Mrs Sharlane Kelliher**

**ORS Teacher – Mrs Hilary McKnight**

**Release Teachers – Mrs Ange Higgins, Mrs Allison Ford, Mrs Jenna Chapman and Mrs Alyce McKerchar**

**Teacher Aides - Mrs Joy McGillivray, Ms Penni Naylor, Mrs Leslie Pedlow, Mrs Michelle Allison, Mrs Jan Lees**

**Caretaker – Mr Garry Ford**

**Bus Driver/Property – Mr Reon Keenan**

**Cleaners – Mrs Wendy Pickard and Mrs Cathy Moffat**

**Office – Mrs Shelley Willocks and Mrs Andrea Garven**

**IT – Mr Bob Cross**

### **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.



### **GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 1st February**

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



### **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.**



### **TERM 1 CALENDAR**

A calendar of events and activities is included with this newsletter.





**GRANTLEA  
DOWNS**

*The country school in the town*

**Junior Awards Presentation**

<b>Sporting Swimming</b>	Hawson Cup Most Improved Swimmer – Waipopo Mills Family Trophy Most Improved Swimmer – Opahi Doris Cargo Cup Best Overall Swimmer – Girls Doris Cargo Cup Best Overall Swimmer – Boys Waipopo Syndicate Sports Award Overall for Sprints, Cross Country, Triathlon Year 3 & 4 Cosgrove/Merriman Trophy Overall for Sprints, Cross Country, Triathlon Year 1 & 2	Murphy Geary, Connor Hoare Oscar Bennett  Anna Lyakh  Liam Wright  Azaria Kleinow, Etra Cockburn  Phoebe Kidley, Oliver Brown-Innes
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**Senior Awards Presentation**

<b>Sporting Triathlon</b>	Johnston Family Trophy Achievement in Triathlon	Niamh Motley, Matt Gonsales
<b>Swimming</b>	Coles Family Trophy Achievement in Swimming 8 – 9 Years Wilkinson Family Trophy Achievement in Swimming 10 – 11 Years Collins Family Trophy Achievement in Swimming 12 – 13 Years Sargent Family Trophy Achievement in Netball	Victoria Kyle, Blake Fairhall Oria Motley Jack Bennett  Amelia Maynard, Maddox Peneaseme  Zanny Geary
<b>Netball</b>	Hessel/Robertson Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship	Matt Gonsales
<b>Basketball</b>	Tracy Brown Trophy Outstanding Sportsmanship and Fair Play	Maddox Peneaseme
<b>Sports Award</b>	White Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 7 – 8 Redhead Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 7 – 8 Pooley Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 5 – 6	Matt Gonsales, Maddox Peneaseme Niamh Motley  Oria Motley, Jack Bennett
<b>Cultural Speech</b>	Welsh Family Trophy	Brendan Phillips
<b>Oral Assessment</b>	Tuilet Family Trophy Effort, Achievement	(Not Awarded)
<b>Kapa Haka</b>	Kapa Haka Trophy Effort, Achievement	Shaekwon Noho
<b>Choir</b>	Grantlea Downs Trophy Effort, Attendance, Performance, Enthusiasm	Charlotte Collis
<b>Drama</b>	Anne M Ellis Trophy Outstanding Achievement in Drama	(Not awarded)
<b>Art</b>	Lyness Family Trophy Effort, Attitude, Achievement	Eli McLaughlin

# Prize Giving Trophies



**CLASS AWARDS**

<b>Room 1 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Jasmyne Cleland Ambrose Bryan Wyara Gates, Mason Fitzgerald Indie Annear-Mason Ambrose Bryan Honor Walkinshaw-Dee	<b>Room 10 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Angus Gould Daniel La Grange Mikaylah Donaldson Mercedes Karaura Daniel La Grange Mercedes Karaura
<b>Room 2 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Joint Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Scarlett Hayes Jax Rolton Greer Hurst Brixton Smith Jax Rolton Scarlett Hayes	<b>Room 11 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Ella Craig Chelsea Nicholls Ella Brown Oria Motley Holly Thin
<b>Room 3 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Kean Cinco Hunter Hopkinson Chase Thomas Neveah Minchington-Wallis Reid Brazendale Aaliyah Richardt	<b>Room 12 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Charlotte Blake Flame Brazendale Kassidy Anderson Bella Thin Charlotte Blake Charlotte Blake Mikayla Ryan
<b>Room 4 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Salsafi Penainani Madison Ford Ava Maraku Jack Ryan Izabella Simms Zanika Wilson	<b>Room 13 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Eli McLaughlin Celia Stowell Charlotte Collis Eli McLaughlin Alexandra Elder Mollie Phillips
<b>Room 5 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Bailey Clarkson Center Brown Phoebe Kidley Kate Hoare Aurorah Smith Oscar Bennett	<b>Room 14 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Caitlin Bentley Niamh Motley Amelia Maynard Brendan Phillips Niamh Motley Amelia Maynard
<b>Room 6 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Isabelle La Grange Cooper Kelliher Greer Black Harrison Butler Greer Black Connor Hoare	<b>Room 15 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Maddox Peneaseme Steven Ramsay Sophie Todd Noah Carnegie Maddox Peneaseme Sophie Todd
<b>Room 7 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Arina Lyakh Murphy Geary, Liam Wright Sergio Bryan Michelle van Rooyen Makayla Winata Murphy Geary	<b>Junior School Overall Values</b>	Grace Hooke Memorial Cup	Harrison Butler, Hayleigh Bentley Lucy Barnes Steven Ramsay Jessica Aldridge
<b>Room 8 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Chloe Holden Blake Dale Jessica Beeby Olivia Ryan Annabelle Gilmour Farhin Faris	<b>Academic Achievement</b>	McAllister Family Trophy	Madison Willis, Yizhou (Joe) Cao
<b>Room 9 Art</b>	Academic Diligence Values Seal of Approval Winner Seal of Approval Runner-Up	Annachez Jones Jack Bennett, Miglis Schicker Faiiqh Faris Victoria Kyle Annachez Jones	<b>Senior Scholar (Dux)</b>	Board of Trustees Award	Ruby-Jane Allison, Tevita Latu
			<b>Citizenship Cup</b>	Stuart Family Trophy	Alexandra Elder, Latisha Put
			<b>All Round Contribution to the School</b>	Hawkey/Lawrie/Tindall Cup	Charlotte Hallberg, Blake Parker
			<b>House Leaders 2019</b>	Gould	Alexandra Elder, Tevita Latu
				Jellicoe	
				Grant	
				Evans	
			<b>School Leaders 2019</b>		



# Grantlea Downs Triathlon



## YEARS 5-8

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Welcome to all new & existing parents and students for 2019

This year the Home & School would love to get some new members on board, so if you are keen to come along and find out more, please keep an eye out in the next Newsletter and the schools Facebook page with our first meeting date.

### About the Home & School

We work with the school to maintain and build close links with the community. Our aim is to plan and implement fundraising projects to support the school and its students.

### How often do we meet?

We try to catch up twice per term.

### Who can join the H & S?

Anyone! Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Caregivers – you are all welcome :-)

### Things you should know...

- ❖ We need more committee members
- ❖ We don't expect you to come to every meeting
- ❖ We don't expect you to help at every event
- ❖ We value all input and fresh ideas
- ❖ We are a fun laid-back bunch



For more information please feel free to call the office on 684 7706

## **We need your support to succeed**

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### LUNCH ORDERS

#### **SUBWAY**

(Available on Friday's only)

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

**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



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## **Return Slip**

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## OCEANS Grief and Loss Peer Support Programme

Oceans is a peer support programme for children, youth, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses covered may come from the death of a close relative or friend, or the separation/divorce of parents. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s in their lives. We attempt to run a programme each school term (eight-week children's programme and six-week adult's programme). We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped.

Please visit our website for more information, including an Online enrolment form: [www.anglican.org.nz](http://www.anglican.org.nz). Alternatively, email [oceans.timaru@gmail.com](mailto:oceans.timaru@gmail.com) or phone Matt Cameron on 0800 OCEANS (or text 0274 623267)

Parent Help is a non profit organisation **supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We run a free confidential **parenting Helpline** for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am – 9pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge.



**THE BREEZE**

# PADDLE FOR LIFE

SATURDAY  
16 FEBRUARY  
2019

**COME & JOIN US**

**A PINC & STEEL**  
Cancer Rehabilitation Trust  
**FUNDRAISER**

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](http://www.paddleforlifetimaru.co.nz) or Myphysio, 136 Wai-iti Rd, Timaru

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Pool Leisure

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](mailto:timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com)

### KEY DATES TERM 1 2019

31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Top Teams
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Acacia Swimming Starts
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Waitangi Day Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Picnic 5-7pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kereta Swimming starts
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Triathlon
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Goal Setting Conferences 1-7pm
7 March	SC Triathlon
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Senior Swimming Sports

**Don't forget** to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



**SKOOL LOOP** Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed

# Grantlea Downs Term 1 Calendar 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	January 28	29 Start of Term	30 Newsletter	31 Top Teams	February 1 Assembly 2.30pm
2	4	5	6 <b>Waitangi Day Holiday</b>	7 School Picnic 5-7pm	8
	Acacia Swimming				
3	11	12	13 <i>Newsletter</i>	14	15 Assembly 2.15pm
	Acacia Swimming				
4	18	19	20 Mayoral Welcome - International students	21	22 <b>Triathlon</b>
	Kereta Swimming				
5	25	26	27 Newsletter	28 Goal Setting Conferences 1-7pm	<b>MARCH 1</b> Assembly 2.15pm
	Kereta Swimming				
6	4	5	6	7 SC Triathlon	8 Senior Swimming Sports
7	11	12	13 Newsletter	14 PCT Challenge	15 Assembly 2.15pm
8	18	19	20	21	22
9	25	26	27 Newsletter	28	29 SC Swimming Assembly 2.15pm
10	<b>APRIL 1</b>	2	3	4 <b>Wheelathon</b>	5
11	8	9 <b>Wheelathon P/P</b>	10 Newsletter	11	12 <b>Last day of term Assembly</b>





**Remember the rule\*  
*before using the pool***



**\*Wait two weeks after having runny  
poos (diarrhoea) before using the  
pool or you could make others sick.**

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