



**20 October 2021
Newsletter No 16**

**Reminder: Teacher Only Day
Friday 5th November 2021
School closed to students**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are looking forward to Term 4 and the events that we have planned. We are still waiting to see what we can do within the restrictions that we have at the time. We will keep you updated on any changes that we are required to make.

Currently we request anyone needing to enter the school grounds, wear a mask, scan the QR Code and sign in at the office. If you need to pick your children up during the school day, we will get them to the office for you.

Vaccinations

You would have heard about the need for a Vaccination database for all those working at school and all those who are also visiting. We are starting to collect this information from our staff. When we have more information from the Ministry of Education, we will be following up with everyone in our community.

Staffing news

At the end of this term, Mrs Cynthia Gill finishes up at Grantlea Downs School. Cynthia, over her 22 years of association at the school, has been employed in a number of roles. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Miss Raewyn Guise has also resigned from her current teaching position after 20 years at Grantlea Downs School. Raewyn is continuing her involvement with the school in other roles.

Miss Charlotte Lester has resigned and is looking forward to her move to Palmerston North to be with her partner. We have enjoyed working with Charlotte over the last two years. We would like to thank the above staff for their contribution

and commitment to our school. It has been greatly appreciated.

Mrs Wendy Pickard retired from our cleaning team at the end of last term. For over 14 years she has kept our classrooms and office block looking great. We welcome Mrs Sonyia Ramsay to the team. Sonyia has taken over this cleaning position and we look forward to working with her.

Next year, we welcome Mr Hamish Campbell to Grantlea Downs. Hamish has been teaching for 22 years in a range of schools.

In 2022 we also have changes of teachers and the year groups that they are teaching. Ms Sharleen Hole moves to teaching in the Junior School and Miss Melissa Davie moves to the Year 7 and 8 Team.

We also have another teaching position that is currently advertised and we will inform you of the outcome at a later date.

Immunisations – Information Evening

- The School Based Immunisation Programme (as it currently stands) has Year 8 HPV dose 1 in term 1, and dose 2 in term 3. The Year 7 Boostrix is administered at the same time as HPV dose 2 in term 3.
 - In general, consent forms are given out in the first few weeks of term, and are expected back one or two weeks later. Usually, the public health nurse for the school arranges with the class teachers to go through the educational video with the class, and then hands out the consent forms – with a note attached with the due date back.

The SCDHB will be holding an information evening to explain more about how the process works and to answer any questions that you have on **Tuesday 9th November at 7pm in the staffroom.**

For more information on immunisations the Ministry of Health videos can be found here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/immunisation/immunisation-older-children>

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs this week: Maynard Jamieson, Elexir Jamieson, Maxxi Orr, Aaliyah Richardt and Dylan Pennell.

BOT MEETING – Tuesday 2nd November

Our next Board of Trustee meeting is Tuesday 2nd November at 6.30pm in the Boardroom in the main office. All welcome!

BOT - POLICY REVIEW

This term the **Māori Educational Success policy** is being reviewed by SchoolDocs. If you wish to make a comment, please follow the instructions below.

1. Visit the website <https://grantleadowns.schooldocs.co.nz>
2. Enter the username (grantleadowns) and password (grantsroad).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

HOME AND SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

The Home and School Committee are running a pie fundraiser through the Naked Baker in Christchurch. Enclosed with today's newsletter is information and an order form.

Orders, including any cash payments, are due back by Thursday 4th November with online payments available as shown on form. Pickup of ordered pies will be from the school hall on Wednesday 17th November between 3pm and 6pm.

PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 29th October** please.



THANK YOU

Thank you to our cleaning team for cleaning the school during the holidays for us to come back to a lovely clean environment.

Thank you also to Mr Reon Keenan and Mr Lance Cassidy for maintaining the grounds while we were all on holiday.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders and payment are due in by Thursday 28th October 2021

KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tomorrow

School photos are tomorrow Thursday 21st October. Please ensure your children are wearing the uniform. If you wish to get sibling photos, please ensure your children are aware and they will be called for in groups, after the lunch break.

We have added below a copy of the order form from Kourcare. This is to give you **advanced notice** of prices and choices available for ordering when our order forms come home.

★ **Name:** _____

	Price	Quantity
21 x 25 cm Named class photo	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laminated named class photo	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class Funny photo	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Photo Gifts

13x18cm photo in Cardboard frame	\$12.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
13x18 cm photo in Fridge Magnet	\$12.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
10x15 cm photo On Photo Block	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo in Keyring double sided	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sheet of 5 Individual photos 3x 10x15cm and 2x Wallet Size \$15.00

2x 13x18 cm \$15.00

A4 Enlargement \$15.00

Individual digital Image emailed- \$20.00

Please provide email address below ↓

Total \$

Credit card details _____/_____/_____/_____
Service fee of 1.99% will be added, when paying by credit card

Expiry ____/____

Contact Phone number if paying by credit Card _____

Deliver this envelope with Cash, or credit card details to school office Thanks

Kourcare 027 6898850



ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM COSTS – Yr8 students

The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund through the Rotary Club Timaru North are inviting applications from schools for grants supporting families of Year 8 children with school uniforms, clothing and footwear costs for High School next year.

If you would like to be considered, please contact the office for an application form. These applications need to be completed and returned to school by **Thursday 4th November**.

NETBALL UNIFORMS Year 3 – 4

All netball uniforms from the Year 3 – 4 teams are now due back. Please return to the office asap.



REMINDER – Sun Hats and Drink Bottles

Sun hats are required to be worn this term and term 1 next term. Please ensure your child has one and it is **clearly named**. Please ensure your child also has a drink bottle each day.



Waipopo Syndicate Under 8 and Under 9 Athletics

Our athletics are being held in week 4 on Thursday 11th November for children aged 8 or younger as at the 1st January 2021.

Please note that your child competes in the athletics age group according to their age as of the 1st January 2021. **This means some children join us from Acacia Syndicate.**

The day's programme is:

Station Rotations 1 & 2: 11:15am start

Lunch: 12:30- 1:30pm

Station Rotations 3 & 4: Start 1:30pm

Venue: School Fields

Dress: Children may wear house colours to School

Jellicoe – Green Gould – Blue Grant – Red Evans - Yellow

Subject to Covid Alert Levels, you are welcome to come along and enjoy the day with your child/children. All visitors will need to sign in during school hours and follow the school protocols. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and eat with us. The postponement day will be Friday 12th November.

Postponement – please check the School facebook page for postponement details.

Thanks
Waipopo Syndicate

NEW ARCHGOLA TAKING SHAPE



BREADTAGS *for wheelchairs*

We are still supporting this initiative as it is not only helping people in need but also our own environment. Bring your bread tags in to school, we have boxes in the office and in Ruma Ako. For more information about the charity check out the website <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za> or the NZ Facebook page Bread Tags for Wheelchairs NZ .

ANNUAL SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS

Tuesday 16th November 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Subject to Covid Alert Levels, you are invited to the Annual Grantlea Downs Athletics Sports for students in **Acacia and Kereta Syndicate**. The sports will be held at school, on Tuesday 16th November (postponement date: Thursday 18th November).

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students. **(Covid alert level dependant)** All visitors will need to sign in during school hours and follow the school protocols.

Information about the "Standards Events"

The "Standards Athletics Sports" that your child will be competing in is designed to have each child compete against prearranged standards, but it also accommodates those who excel and are more competitive. In standards events students are competing to a standard rather than just against other students. Each child will score 1, 2 or 3 for every event. All those achieving a 3 will then compete for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing.

The athletics sports is also an Interhouse sports competition with a shield up for grabs. The winning house will be decided by all the students' individual points being added together. The students are encouraged to dress in the colour of their house as this promotes house spirit and competition.

Your child will need the following:

- Students are required to **wear shorts**, not track pants.
- All students must wear both **sunscreen and a sunhat**.
- They will need a **drink bottle** to ensure they drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Students will need warm clothing for between events or if the weather changes.
- Postponement will be announced on our Facebook page.

Kirsty White
Athletics Sports Coordinator



The day's programme is:

10:00am Round 1
10:40 –11.00am BREAK
11:00am Round 2
11:40am Round 3
12:20 - 1:10pm ***LUNCH (you are welcome to join your child for lunch)
1:10pm Round 4
1:50pm Round 5
2:30pm Pack up gear
2:40pm Relays

Important Note:

The SC Athletics Sports age groups are Under 9, Under 11 and 11 & Over. Therefore the U10 students are competing against the U11 students and the U12 students are competing with the O12 students for a place in the school SC athletics team.

ORDER OF EVENTS

	Time	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12	Over 12
Round 1	10:00am	H J	200	S	SP
Round 2	11:00am	S	SP	L J	H J
Round 3	11:40am	L J	H J	200	S
Round 4	1:10pm	200	S	SP	L J
Round 5	1:50pm	SP	L J	H J	200

ROUNDS

High Jump (H J)
Long Jump (L J)
Softball Throw (S)
200 metres (200)
Shot Put (SP)

We require some parents to help on the day. If you are able to assist please fill in the slip below or ring the office on 684 7706 with your details and times you are available to help.

SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS - Tuesday 16th November 2021

I _____ am able to assist with the Senior Athletics Sports.

I am available (please circle) All day Morning only Afternoon only

I can be contacted on (phone number) _____