



Newsletter

10 April 2024 Newsletter No 6

Tena koutou katoa

This Friday marks Term 1 coming to an end. The children and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break. Thank you to everybody that has helped with school events this term. We do appreciate your support as we wouldn't be able to run these events without it.

Early in Term 2, we are running a parent cybersafety evening on Monday 6th May. Because of the rapidly changing times our children are growing up in, and the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online, we need to start talking about and tackling this as a community. As such, we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk. Rob's talk will cover many topics including cyberbullying, social media, gaming and the developing brain, selfies, pornography and online predators. He will also discuss solutions such as installing filters, establishing boundaries, locking smartphones and discuss having difficult conversations with your children. He will also challenge you to reduce your own device usage and reconnect as a family. Here is a promotional video for you to watch [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

The talk will be held in our school hall on Monday 6th May from 7-9pm. We will be providing some food beforehand at 6:30pm.

We would request that at least one adult from each family attend, this topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

As a bonus, Rob and the team from Our Kids Online are gifting every parent who attends this event a one-years complimentary subscription to "The Big Reconnect" A cybersafety parenting

course designed specifically for NZ families - This usually retails for \$99 per family. So show up and get it for free! Course details here <https://our-kids-online.teachable.com/p/the-big-reconnect-for-parents>

We will send out a Google form in Week 1 of next term for you to register your interest.

Regards
Richard.



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Paityn Rennick and Travis Dockrill.

MUFTI DAY

Our Mufti Day held on Thursday 28 March raised \$411.40. Thank you for your kind donations to this Charity raising money for our local charities.



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Grantlea Downs School would like to invite you to our Annual Anzac Day Commemoration. This will be held at 11.00am on Friday 12th April in front of the School Library. Parents and whanau are welcome to stay on afterwards for a cup of tea and an Anzac biscuit. Please fill out the form on the link below for catering purposes.

<https://forms.gle/hkAgY6xgD6wmWJGJ9>

SC Swimming Sports

On the 4th of April Grantlea Downs sent a small team to C-Bay to compete in the SC swimming Sports. We all tried our best and we all did well. Thank you to Amanda Hutcheson for making sure we were at the right place at the right time. Well done to Izabella, Manaia, Jorja, Scoutt, Henry, Lucy and Hunter.

Timaru Mighty Willows: Family and Educators Session- Wednesday 1st May at Grantlea Downs School 7pm – 9pm

Mighty Willows aims to help parents / caregivers / teachers to develop an understanding of children's responses (also known as behaviour, but we don't focus on that!) from the inside out - we discuss the nervous system and how this plays a role in responses, and explore ways to better understand and respond to underlying needs.

This workshop is a condensed version of the Knowing Your Child module. We will explore the root causes of behaviours and get curious about what uses up the child's (or the adult's!) energy (or spoons) during the day. We will discuss how to co-regulate with children.

You will leave the workshop with 2 documents to begin making changes at home or school:

- "Spoons Profile" outlining what is using your child's energy each day
- "Spoon Savers" document outlining ideas to help regulate your child

Please click on the link below to register. The cost of the presentation is \$25.

<https://events.humanitix.com/timaru-mighty-willows-family-and-educators-session>

HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Advanced notice of the Home and School AGM, to be held on Monday **13 May 2024 at 7.30pm** (Week 3 – Term 2) in the School Office Block. Come along and see what we are about. All welcome!

LOST PROPERTY

We still have a quite a lot of items in the Lost Property, including school uniform. If you are missing anything, please check the box/rack in the office foyer. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the term.



GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS TERM 3 & 4 2024

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for Term 3 & 4 2024.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 22 July to 17 December 2024. We currently have places available in Year 0, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school zone.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **Tuesday 7 May 2024**.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on 14 May 2024. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Application forms are available at the school office or by calling 03 684 7706.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Errol Johns, Presiding Member

Principal Awards – Term 1 Week 10

Zahalia Townsend, Fletcher Jackson, Eli McInnes, Brylee Taylor

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 9

Georgie Morris, Chloe Ferguson, Charlee Woods, Sophia Leslie, Matilda Russell, Harla Brinson, Athena Rejeesh, Leila Fitzgerald, Ava Lambert, Zaliyah Karena-Jamison, Aurora Morey, Mason Fitzgerald

Values Champion – Week 10

Lucas Gillan, Deacon Adams, Rustyn List, Mia Thompson, Max Willmott, Bhavya Gopakumar, Sahara Kleinow, Teo Reha-Moki, Tessa Fifita, Payton Tairaki, Anika Reihana, Eilah Holden, Tara Milne, Laila Fifita

SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE

We have a Teacher Only Day scheduled for Week 6 **FRIDAY 2nd JUNE** (the Friday before King's Birthday Weekend)

WHEELATHON 2024

Wheelathon is coming up in Week 3 of Term 2 on Friday 17 May. The theme this year is PINK to coincide with Pink Shirt Day. Donation Cards will be sent home with the eldest child on the first day of Term 2 and will be one Donation Card per family this year.

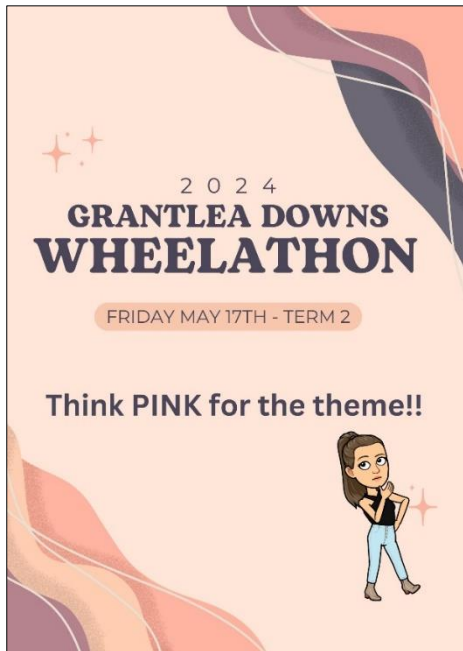
Prize Draw!! A Chromebook. Valued at approx. \$400.00 is up for grabs. Families that return their card (with

money) by 13 May 2024 will get one entry in the draw for every \$10 of donation obtained. School lunches will still be provided but there will be sausages and other goodies available to purchase including face painting.

Parent help will be required with the BBQ and food stall. If you are available anytime between 11am and 2pm,

please contact Linda Gordon on linda@grantleadowns.school.nz

There will be prizes for best dressed and best decorated bike/scooter, so get creating over the holidays.



ADVANCED NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE METRO SCHOOL BUS SERVICE – T3 Route

There will be upcoming changes to concessions, following **central government's changes** to its Community Connect Concessions Scheme.

In Timaru, the free fares for 5–12-year-olds on Metro School and Temuka services, and the MyWay by Metro concession for 19–24-year-olds, **will cease on 30 April**. This means children travelling on the Metro School Services will need to start paying the 95-cents per ride fare again.

Children aged 5-12-years-old who use Metro services will need to start topping-up their Metro cards again to enable them to pay the child fares.

MyWay's \$1.50 child fare will remain.

UNIFORM

A reminder as we move into the cooler months, that the correct uniform is required to be worn. Hats are not required during Term 2 and 3. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED** to help us get these back to the rightful owner if misplaced.

Key Dates

12 April	ANZAC Commemoration
12 April	Last day of Term 1
Term 2	
29 April	First day of Term 2
6 May	Rob Cope – Digital Safety
10 May	Assembly 2.15pm
13 May	Home & School AGM 7.30pm
17 May	Wheelathon
21 May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
22–29 May	Life Ed Visiting
24 May	Wheelathon PP
24 May	Assembly 2.15pm
28 May	Book Night
29 May	Opihi Museum/Library visit
30 May	Cross Country
31 May	Staff Only Day – School closed
3 June	Kings Birthday Holiday
7 June	Visiting Performer – NZ Playhouse
7 June	Assembly 2.15pm
11 June	SC Cross Country
14 June	Mufti Day - Diabetes
18 June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
21 June	Hangi
21 June	Assembly 2.15pm
27 June	Kereta Exchange with Waimataitai
28 June	Matariki Holiday – School closed
2 July	Opihi Matariki Breakfast
3 July	Acacia and Kereta Matariki Breakfast
4 July	Waipopo Matariki Breakfast
5 July	Last Day of Term 2

TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE

Autumn is upon us, and the latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents issue2404.totstoteens.co.nz/

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Should you worry about your late talker?
- » Choosing between NCEA, IB and Cambridge
- » Focus techniques for better learning
- » Travel sickness remedies
- » Road safety
- » Dealing with a rare disorder
- » Miss your kids' immunisations
- » Tiny tots, big emotions
- » Comfort food recipes
- » Cute edible craft
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Location:

Waimataitai School
School Hall Timaru
25 Trafalgar St

Pricing:

Full Day 8am – 6pm: \$57
School Day 8am – 3pm: \$50

Mobile: 022 6556 726

Email: admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz

<p>Mon: 15th April</p> <p>SENSORY PLAY DAY</p> <p>Do you like to get messy, slimy, mucky well today is that kind of day.</p> 	<p>Tues: 16th April</p> <p>MONSTER MAYHEM</p> <p>Who can make the scariest or silliest monster creation.</p> 	<p>Wed: 17th April</p> <p>WHEELS DAY</p> <p>Bikes, scooter, skateboards, rollerblades, if it has got wheels bring them today.</p> 	<p>Thurs: 18th April</p> <p>HOT GLUE FUN</p> <p>Now do not go burning your fingers while you are busy creating your masterpiece today.</p> 	<p>Fri: 19th April</p> <p>CLAYTASTIC</p> <p>It is all about the sculpture and artistic flare when using clay. So come and play.</p> 
<p>Mon: 22nd April</p> <p>MILIAIRY DAY</p> <p>Fort making, base set up, strategic planning, and to end it all a Nerf War.</p> 	<p>Tues: 23rd April</p> <p>PUPPET PLAYTIME</p> <p>Let's create some characters and put on a show</p> 	<p>Wed: 24th April</p> <p>ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES</p> <p>An important time to remember. Activities for a special day.</p> 	<p>Thurs: 25th April</p> <p>CLOSED FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>ANZAC DAY</p>	<p>Fri: 26th April</p> <p>LET'S HAVE A PARTY!</p> <p>Last day of holidays lets PARTY!!!!</p> 



DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO PERFORM AT

SHOWCASE ON SOPHIA

YOUTH PERFORMERS WANTED!

SING-DANCE-JUGGLE-SPOKEN WORD-BAND-MARTIAL ARTS-DRAMA



FRI 24 MAY, 5.30-7.30PM

12-24 YEAR OLD PERFORMERS SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!



YMCA South & Mid Canterbury
Te Whakangāo i te Reanga ō Māui



Refugee Settlement
Te Whakangāo i te Reanga ō Māui



TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Iwhirihera & Rōhe o te Taiohi o Māui

Timaru Youth Collective Presents:



SKATE-O-RAMA

SCOOTER AND SKATE SESSIONS

at C-BAY SKATE PARK.

WHEN ?

Fri 19th April
School Holidays 10.30am

FREE EVENT FOR ALL SCHOOL AGE RIDERS. PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

School Holiday Sports Programme

When: Mon 22 - Wed 24 April 8:30-12:30

Where: 39 Huirapa Street, Temuka 7985



This free School Holiday Sports Programme is for all tamariki around South Canterbury aged between 5 and 13.

- Ki-o-rahi
- Rugby/Netball/Cricket/Basketball
- Big Jenga/Puzzels/Lawn Games

If you would like to register your child please send me an email with your details.

Ngā mihi
ryan.brosie@gmail.com

SUPER SCIENCE

What's happening at Timaru District Libraries these April School Holidays

Crafts

Storytimes

STEM activities

Board games

Check out our website, Facebook and Instagram pages for session dates and times

Pop into your local library for a copy of our new format Holiday Programme calendar!

TSC 2024 Autumn Open

\$55
ENTRY FEE

23RD - 24TH APRIL 2024

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TNZ.TOURNAMENTSOFTWARE.COM

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 19TH APRIL

Holiday Programme

April School Holidays
10.30am - 12pm

Monday 15th - Celtic	Friday 19th - Mackenzie
Tuesday 16th - Geraldine	Monday 22nd - Old Boys
Wednesday 17th - Waimate	Tuesday 23rd - Pleasant Point
Thursday 18th - Temuka	Wednesday 24th - Harlequins

FREE ECO FUN

Thursday 18th April
10am - 2pm

School holiday activities

10-11AM	11-12PM	12-1PM	1-2PM
RAPTORS	OCEAN CRAFT	LOVE FOOD	WASTE GAME

Make a day of it!

Meet a Raptor, create crafts, save food waste, challenge your bin knowledge. In between sessions visit the Crows Nest, have a picnic and go for a wetlands / beach walk!

South Canterbury Eco Centre

55C Redruth Street, beside the Crows Nest

COMMUNITY NOTICES



mrs A's
music school

BUS BAND



- We have all the equipment and instruments on board. You get to experience Keyboards, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Singing. You can try a few instruments before you settle on one.
- It's in school time, Primary school students pop out of class for 30 minutes per week and for the first few terms in a group minimum 3 maximum 6.
- As students become more competent it will be time to advance to one to one lessons at the studio after school.

Igniting musical passion and fun

GROUP LESSONS
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\$190
per term.




Travel cost outside Timaru will be extra

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McDONALD'S ASHBURTON

4 & 6 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Saturday 13th April 2024




ASHBURTON

Teams Solo eBike



Methven Scarecrow Trail

Saturday April 13 - Sunday April 28

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$10 - cash only please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square






AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place. We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Venues: Canterbury Uni & STAC
Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April
Book Now at www.akotech.nz

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Siblings Save 6%

NZ's BIGGEST LIGHT SHOW

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TIMARU

26th - 28th April, 3rd - 5th May








COMMUNITY NOTICES



FOR DADS

GAME ON!

Start: Wednesdays every term
Time: 7- 9pm
Location: 44 Rothwell Street
Duration: 6 weeks
Facilitators: David and Jamie

Cost: We don't want cost to be a barrier so come along and at the end pay what you think it's worth!

Some information about the course:
This course is about looking at ways that we as dads can be the best we can be for our kids. Our kids don't come with an instruction manual - (and who actually reads those?) - so it's good to learn stuff that might help us to help them.

In the first week we look at what our kids need, then at what our role is as dads. Week three is about communication which we follow up with discipline and boundary setting. Week five asks, "What makes a great family and we week six we wrap it all by talking about conflict.

Contact your local programme co-ordinator to register or if you have any questions or concerns.

Jamie 027 481 8086
David 027 416 0659
www.gameonline.org.nz



PRE-SCHOOL YEARS 2-4

Feel confident to tackle the preschool years

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your child's big feelings
- Understanding Behaviour
- And lots more!

Hosted By Grown Together
Email: Rebekah@growntogether.nz

Mondays 10:30-12pm
44-46 Rothwell Street
Timaru

Book online parentingplace.nz/toolbox



PRIMARY YEARS 5-11

Feel confident to tackle the primary years

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- Discipline and boundaries
- And lots more!

Hosted By Grown Together
Email: Rebekah@growntogether.nz

Starts 30th April
Thursdays 7:30-9pm
44-46 Rothwell Street
Timaru

Book online parentingplace.nz/toolbox



TEENAGE YEARS 12-18

Feel confident to tackle the teenage years

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding the teenage brain and risk-taking
- Discipline and boundaries
- And lots more!

Cost: \$85 per person or \$120 per couple

However, if you're unable to contribute in this way, we'd still love you to join us. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in.

Hosted By Grown Together
Email: Rebekah@growntogether.nz

Starts 2nd May
Tuesdays 7:30-9pm
44-46 Rothwell Street
Timaru

Book online parentingplace.nz/toolbox

Grown Together is a parenting hub which has been set up as a charitable trust and we are offering parenting programmes for families, we currently offer toolbox courses for teen years, primary year and the preschool years, these are run in a six-week block and covers all of the important topics of parenting.

We run Space which is for babies of 0-4 months and this is a 19 week course and covers all of the important topics of the first year of life whilst providing a safe space for whanau.

Game on for Dad's is a parenting course run by dad's for dad's this is six weeks.

The courses all come with a cost however we are partnering with local business in the community and are working towards offering these courses heavily subsidised or free of charge for all whanau.