



Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa. Nga mihi ki a koutou.

Greetings to all. It has been wonderful to meet so many people in the last few days at Grantlea Downs.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff and students for the amazing welcome on Monday morning. The assembly was a great time to see the amazing students here.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks and being involved in all the wonderful things that are going on at Grantlea Downs. This term we have the School Cross Country in Week 5 and we would love for you to come along to the Home and School AGM next Wednesday night at 7pm or join in with the Light Up New Zealand Book night on the 21st May (information enclosed).

Nga mihi nui
Steve Fennessy



We welcomed Mr Fennessy, his family and guests from St Andrews Primary School to Grantlea Downs on Monday morning including performances from the Kapa Haka Group and the Choir. St Andrews students also performed for us.



Room 1 and 2 came up to the office for a visit with Mr Fennessy this morning.



ADVANCED NOTICE!
TEACHER ONLY DAY
TERM 2, WEEK 6 –
TUESDAY 4th JUNE
(QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)

Garage Sale!
This Saturday 4th May
8am – 12pm in the School Hall
Lots of items for sale, including monitors, headphones, furniture etc
Come along and get a bargain

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs this week: Ava Lambert, Gypzy-Lee Smith, Mckenzee Rogers.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE NEXT THURSDAY 9th MAY

Congratulations to the winners of the Home and School Raffles as below:

Firewood Caiden Hough
Easter Basket 1st Maddison Ford
 2nd Blake Coombes
 3rd Rechelle Rogers

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Home and School are holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 17th May. We require preorders for this. Please fill in the return slip enclosed with this newsletter and bring to the office in an envelope with money included, by Wednesday 15th May.



ACTIVITY FEES

Activity Fees are now due. If you have not paid these, please do so, so your children can attend the two visiting performers and Life Education coming to school this term.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 3rd May

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren this **Friday 3rd May at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Next Wednesday 8th May 2019 – 7pm in the School Office Block – All welcome to come along and join us for a cuppa ☺

TERM CALENDAR

A Term 2 Calendar is enclosed in this newsletter.



REMINDER - GRANTLEA DRIVE CAR PARK

The school car park at the bottom of Grantlea Drive is for staff and the School Bus only. If you meet your children at this entrance please park on Grantlea Drive **not** in the car park.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 1 – Week 11

Aria Ng, Xavier Barrett, Monique Legge, Latisha Put, Tamaki Karauria

Term 1 - Week 11

Sophia Hindman, Hannah Kavanaugh, Tameko Burke, Bella Hopkinson

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 31st May (pp Thursday 6th June)

The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held this year on Friday 31st May. All students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country will begin at 1:00pm and we expect to be finished by approximately 2.45pm.

Race Events - Year Levels will run together (both girls and boys):

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 7
- Year 8



(this is not the confirmed order that we are going in, it is just the grouping of each race)

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for after the race)
- Water bottle

Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students.

The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 11th June. We will be sending the top 3 boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8.



Grantlea Downs School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of three parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters **next week**.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24 May and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection from next week at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7 June.

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Returning Officer

Election Timeline

Nomination forms sent by post	Friday 10 th May 2019
Nominations Close	Friday, 24th May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday, 29th May 2019
Election Day	Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday, 13th June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday, 14th June 2019



What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

\$2 Sausage Sizzle - Friday 17th May 2019


Please pre-order by 3pm Wednesday 15th May, by completing the slip below and return to the school office.
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE ORDER.

Sausage Sizzle

Childs name Room no.

Number of sausages Payment of \$..... Enclosed.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



St John
Here for Life

18th April 2019

On behalf on the St John Timaru Area Committee I would like to thank Grantlea Downs School for choosing to support St John during our Appeal Week. Your donation is much appreciated and will help us to deliver ambulance and other essential services to your community.


It is always great to see school communities getting involved in supporting Charitable organisations. Not only do the funds raised go towards helping the community, people had the opportunity to learn more about St John and the work we do.

Your official tax receipt will be sent shortly.


If you have any queries or you would like to contact us about any of our service please do not hesitate to phone us on 03 6879195 or email sally.jarvie@stjohn.org.nz.

Thank you again for your valued support.


Yours sincerely



Sally Jarvie
Area Executive Officer
St John Timaru Area Committee



RONCALLI COLLEGE OPEN DAY
 Sunday 19 May 10am - 1pm
 Register on the day at the College Hall for your personalised guided tour



Innovation • Inspiration • Inquiry

Mountainview offers its students an innovative curriculum suited to 21st century learning. Students are immersed in a rich environment of support that is designed to develop each student holistically.

OPEN DAY
 May 29th 2019
 Guided Tours at 9am, 1.30pm & 7pm



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Feels like family

Mother's Day Fun Run

9:00am | Sunday 12th May, 2019
 Caroline Bay Soundshell, Timaru

Join us for a run, walk or stroll this Mother's Day.

It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be doing your bit to help beat heart disease. All participants will receive an event t-shirt designed by Dick Frizzell.

Register online at jennianmothersday.com

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*Event distances approx. 5km