

## **14 March 2018**

### **Newsletter No 4**

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Gosh so much has happened in the past fortnight and so many people to acknowledge! A huge thank you goes to all our wonderful helpers at the School Triathlon, Grow It and the Senior Swimming Sports. We couldn't run these events without your help! We are truly grateful! Thank you also to our dedicated staff who tirelessly work at making these events so successful. They certainly go above and beyond what is expected of them. We are aware there has been a lot on this term and we are in the process of reviewing all of the events and we will be seeking parent/caregiver feedback as part of the process.

Wheelathon this week is also a massive undertaking and the Home & School have done a superb job of organising this along with the hardworking pair of Shelley & Andrea in the office behind the scenes doing their bit. Thank you to our families for your continued support for this 'Big Day Out.'

Congratulations to Erin Anderson who was elected as our new Board of Trustees Chairperson at our last meeting. Erin brings a wealth of knowledge to this role and has been an active member of the BOT since 2013.

At our last BOT meeting we discussed our student achievement data for 2017. Overall we are pleased with how our students are tracking and we are either above or in-line with national trends as outlined below. Our Maori students continue to achieve exceptionally well and are considerably above national trends. We continue to work hard at providing quality Reading, Writing and Mathematics programmes for our diverse range of learners. Staff set high expectations for all children to reach their full potential and work towards achieving this. We are very pleased with the progress our students are making in all three key learning areas.

#### **Grantlea Downs Student Achievement Yr1-8** **Summary 2017:**

Reading At/Above: 82%, Writing At/Above: 74%,  
Mathematics At/Above: 75%

#### **National Trends of Student Achievement Yr1-8** **Summary**

Reading At/Above: 78%, Writing At/Above: 71%,  
Mathematics At/Above: 75%

#### **Grantlea Downs Maori Student Achievement Yr1-8** **Summary 2017:**

Reading At/Above: **93%**, Writing At/Above: **81%**  
Mathematics At/Above: **78%**

#### **National Trends of Maori Student Achievement Yr1-8** **Summary**

Reading At/Above: **69%**, Writing At/Above: **61.5%**  
Mathematics At/Above: **65.5%**

Just a reminder that the draft Charter for 2018 which outlines the strategic direction for our school for the next three years along with our annual goals and targets, is in the foyer. We encourage families to take the time to read and give feedback on this important school document.

'Keep Learning' is this fortnight's Wellbeing/Hauora focus. This is timely as next week we have our Student/Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Conferences, where students share with you about what their learning and behaviour goals are for the coming year. Learning is viewed holistically and covers all aspects of a child's development so these goals will be around achievement, identified key competencies and our values.

Nga mihi nui  
Collette Sandilands



#### **Keep Learning – me ako tonu**

Embrace new experiences – awhitia te wheako hou,

See opportunities – kimihia nga ara hou,  
Surprise yourself – me ohore koe i a koe ano

Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for that course. Take on a different responsibility at work/school or where you volunteer. Learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite meal. Set up a challenge you will enjoy achieving. Learning new things will make you confident as well as being fun.

**NO Assembly this week. It will now be held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.15pm. All welcome!**



## REMINDER:

**School Closed next Thursday, 22  
March for Goal Setting Conferences**

### STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES.

School will be closed all day on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March for student/teacher/parent goal setting conferences. Conferences run from 8:30am to 5:15pm. This year we are trialling 12min conferences with a 3min change over period. The main bell will ring at each 15min interval signalling the start of each new interview. Teachers will keep a track of time through the conference and advise when it is time to finish off. If you require a longer time, please arrange to come back to meet with the teacher on another day so that we can keep to the times allocated and avoid any hold ups for other parents. We hope this system will work well. The expectation is that all children will attend a conference with their parent/caregiver unless otherwise discussed with their teacher.

### PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCE - WEEK 8, TERM 1

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 8.30AM – 5.15PM INCLUSIVE**

Bookings are now open. 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" **6k9jc**

**STEP 3** 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. Also type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you. 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.

If you have preferred times we suggest you book early.

**SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR INSTRUCTION ON THIS DAY, ONLY FOR CONFERENCING**



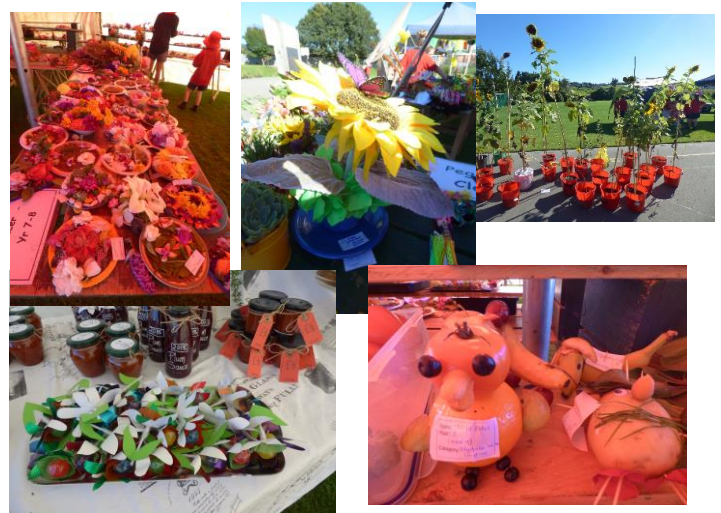
#### **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Jacob Bramley, Ashton Duncombe, Mason Fitzgerald and Aleka Beckett-Gillett.

## GROW IT NEWS

Thank you for all your support at this year's 'GROW IT'. We were lucky with the weather and this contributed to making it a great day for friends and family to join in.

Tickets for the Easter Raffle are still on sale in the school office and this will be drawn in the week leading up to Easter. The winners of the Cupcake raffle were P Engelbrecht and A Hughes. The \$100 Raffle was won by C Coochey. Congratulations!



#### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Liam Nesbitt who competed in a regional karate tournament in Christchurch on Saturday 3 March. It was Liam's first tournament and he won a bronze medal in the 8/9 years development category. Well Done Liam!

#### **CHILDREN'S LITERACY QUIZ**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March three teams from Year 6 to 8 competed in the Children's Literacy Quiz at Waihi Boys School. Teams were entered from South Canterbury and Mid Canterbury schools. The students had a fantastic time answering questions about books and authors.

Congratulations to Lucy Barnes, Flame Brazendale, Oscar Johns and Chelsea Nicholls on coming second overall. Well done also to Oliver Kirke, Mikayla Ryan, Harrison McCullough, Cassidy Anderson, Hunter Tee, Ruby Allison and Andrew Blake.



Thank you to Mrs Lees for organising the teams to attend this event and the parents who transported the children to Waihi.

## TREEmendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners

Below are the recipients of the TREEmendous Behaviour Values draw. Children are given a green card when they are observed showing actions in line with our school values

### Week 5 - Winning House: Gould

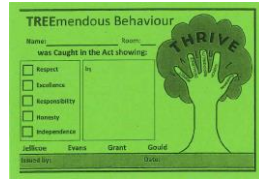
Morgan – Room 8

Kalo – Room 10

Billy – Room 12

Hayley – Room 11

Millie – Room 12



## 2018 Great Kiwi English, Science, and Mathematics Competitions



This year we are giving students the opportunity to take part in the Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics Competitions. These competitions are run by the University of Canterbury and have the advantages of being a New Zealand competition linked to our curriculum. It is more flexible about when we can deliver the tests and is available for students to complete online. It also giving more feedback to the school on student performance, and also a lower administration cost to the school.

If you are interested in entering your child in this competition, please see the handout that is included in the newsletter and **return the slip with payment by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please note also that these tests have a reasonably high level of difficulty, so generally students who are achieving particularly well are entered.

Any questions please contact [sandra@grantleadowns.school.nz](mailto:sandra@grantleadowns.school.nz)

## HOME & SCHOOL HAPPENINGS...

### Wheelathon

**Wheelathon has been and gone!** Thank you to all the volunteer parent helpers that make this day happen, we really appreciate you giving up your precious time to help out with events such as this.

Hopefully your child/ren had a FUN day at Levels and challenged themselves to do as may laps as they could.

Thanks again for your support 😊

### Sponsorship cards & Sponsorship/Donations

**We would really appreciate if Wheelathon sponsorship cards and all sponsorship/donations collected are returned to the school office ASAP...these were due in last Friday and we still have 60+ outstanding, even if no sponsorship has been obtained ALL CARDS ARE TO BE RETURNED. Thank you.**

### Upcoming Home & School Events...

9<sup>th</sup> May – AGM

10<sup>th</sup> May – Disco (jungle theme)

**NOTE:** If you have volunteered to help with the Disco, we will email you a few days before the event to ensure you are still ok to help out.

## Assembly Awards

### Excellent Effort – Week 5 Term 1

Lexis Davis, Polly Hendry, Caiden Hough, Alice Baxter, Dontae Hough, Greer Black, Harrison Butler, Blake Dale, Alannah Milligan, Jack Bennett, Dequila Pearks, Jorja Kelliher, Jacob Bain, Deacon Cooper, Nathaniel Wickenden, Zannyx Geary, Daniel Chernetski, Caleb Fairhall, Ana Perham

### Values Focus Award – Week 5 Term 1

Jaydie Taylor-Dinsdale, Fletcher Tee, Filippo Albu, Liam Pratt, Jackson collis, Victoria Kyle, Lochie Wilson, Hollie Todd, Majour Barriball-Weavers, Matt Gonzales

### Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 5 Term 1

Eilah Holden, Jorja Flannery, Laila Fifita, Connor Hoare, Annabelle Gilmour, Mia Holden, Tawhai Reihana, Holly Thin, Joe Cao, Madison Wills

### Excellent Effort – Week 6 Term 1

Blake Cunningham, Miya Coulston, Jessica Beeby, Chloe Holden, Holly Thin, Tameko Burke, Coen White, Jacob Hall, Blake Parker, Kyla Darling, Kaleb Cleland, Andrei Chpilko

### Values Focus Award – Week 6 Term 1

Jaxon Cullen, Amelia Piggin, Morgan Palmer, Chelsea Nicholls, Tevita Latu, Abby Rempala, Lucy Barnes

### Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 6 Term 1

Salafai Paniani, Pyper McGiffert, Ezra Cockburn, Orla Motley, Caleb Price, Emma, Reynecke, Niamh Motley

## Senior Triathlon 2018



## Grantlea Downs Senior Triathlon - 2018 - Results

Event		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 7/8 Individual	Girls	Niamh Motley	Mollie Phillips	Amelia Maynard	Mia Quirke	Charlotte Collis	Sophie Todd
	Boys	Matt Gonzales	Maddox Peneamene	Steven Ramsay	Caleb Fairhall	Blake Parker	Bailey Campbell
Year 5/6 Individual	Girls	Orla Motley	Charlotte Blake	Bella Thin	Pippa Palmer	Millie Boyle	Montana Davis
	Boys	Blake Fairhall	Jack Bennett	Koda Davis	Thomas Hendry	Ollie Agnew	Blake Milligan
Year 5/6 Teams	Mixed	Bella Thin Pippa Palmer Charlotte Blake	Lochlan Wilson Ryan Donehue Jack Bennett	Millie Boyle Victoria Kyle Summer Culshaw			
Year 7/8 Teams	Mixed	Amelia Maynard Matt Gonzales Niamh Motley	Mia Quirke Maddox Peneamene Steven Ramsay	Celia Stowell Mollie Phillips Noah Carnegie			

## Grantlea Downs Junior Triathlon - 2018 - Results

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 3						
Girls	Azaria Kleinow	Morgan Palmer	Annabelle Gilmour	Xanthe Stevenson	Katie Allison	Addison Rogers
Boys	Griffin Johns	Jesse Agnew	Kade Kerrison	Nico Welsh	Teo Bool-Turner	Liam Pratt
Year 4						
Girls	Arina Lyakh	Cadence Murray	Alena Carson	Michelle Van Rooyen	Addisyn Hallberg	Greer Black
Boys	Boston Davis	William Donaldson	Riley Annear	Ezra Cockburn	Cooper Kelliher	Sergio Bryan
Year 2						
Girls	Miya Coulston	Phoebe Kiddy	Madison Ford	Pyper McGiffert	Polly Hendry	Kate Hoare
Boys	Charlie Palmer	2 <sup>nd</sup> = Oscar Bennett 2 <sup>nd</sup> = Jack Ryan		Chase Thomas	Hunter Hopkinson	Liam Phillips
Year 1						
Girls	Amelia Pigginn	Amelia Foward	Ava Maraku	Ola Latu	Freya Foward	Shyla Page
Boys	Ollie Brown-Innes	Jaxon Wickendon	George Baxter	Vann Agnew	Dominic Esler	Caiden Hough

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the team and individual events. We were so proud of everyone's attitude and effort! Thank you very much to the parents who helped us on the day, this event could not run without you. 😊

## Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports – 9th March 2018

Event/Group	Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
Freestyle Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Victoria Kyle	Miglia Schiker	Briar Taylor
	10 Girls	Bella Thin	Summer Culshaw	Chelsea Nicholls
	11 Girls	Amelia Maynard (15.57)	Mia Quirke	Abby Lister
	12+ Girls	Niamh Motley (17.06)	Celia Stowell	Jessica Aldridge
	9 & under Boys	Tim Kirke	Blake Fairhall	Jake Rogers
	10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Ryan Donehue	Nikita Lyakh
	11 Boys	Blake Parker (19.05)	Caleb Fairhall	Joe Cao
	12+ Boys	Maddox Peneamene. (16.05)	Andrew Blake	Matt Gonzales
Backstroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Charlotte Blake	Victoria Kyle	Miglia Schicker
	10 Girls	Pippa Palmer	Chelsea Nicholls	Orla Motley
	11 Girls	Amelia Maynard	Charlotte Halberg	Mia Quirke
	12+ Girls	Celia Stowell	Niamh Motley	Mollie Phillips
	9 & under Boys	Tim Kirke	Blake Fairhall	Leon Liu
	10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Ryan Goodman	Lochie Wilson
	11 Boys	Caleb Fairhall	Blake Parker	John Lui
	12+ Boys	Matt Gonzales	Andrew Blake	Maddox Peneamene
Breaststroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Victoria Kyle	Briar Taylor	Miglia Schicker
	10 Girls	Orla Motley	Annachez Jones	
	11 Girls	Amelia Maynard	Kyla Darling	Charlotte Hallberg
	12+ Girls	Celia Stowell	Niamh Motley	Mollie Phillips
	9 & under Boys	-	-	-
	10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Ryan Donehue	James Grice
	11 Boys	Blake Parker	Caleb Fairhall	Danny Lee
	12+ Boys	Maddox Peneamene	Nathan Hayes	
Freestyle 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & under Girls	Victoria Kyle	Charlotte Blake	Miglia Schicker
	10 Girls	Summer Culshaw	Chelsea Nicholls	Georgia Fitzgerald
	11 Girls	Amelia Maynard	Mia Quirke	Abby Lister
	12+ Girls	Niamh Motley	Celia Stowell	Jessica Aldridge
	9 & under Boys	Blake Fairhall	Jake Rodgers	Hunter Tee
	10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Lochie Wilson	Ryan Donehue
	11 Boys	Blake Parker	Caleb Fairhall	Bailey Campbell
	12+ Boys	Maddox Peneamene	Matt Gonzales	Andrew Blake
Backstroke 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & under Girls	Victoria Kyle	Charlotte Blake	Miglia Schicker
	10 Girls	Chelsea Nicholls	Orla Motley	Annachez Jones
	11 Girls	Amelia Maynard	Abby Lister	Emily Flavell
	12+ Girls	Niamh Motley	Celia Stowell	Mollie Phillips
	9 & under Boys	Blake Fairhall	Reece Mitchell	Hunter Tee
	10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Ryan Goodman	Ryan Donehue
	11 Boys	Caleb Fairhall	Blake Parker	Joe Cao
	12+ Boys	Matt Gonzales	Maddox Peneamene	Steven Ramsay
Breaststroke 2 Lengths (50m)	9 & Under Girls	Victoria Kyle	Miglia Schicker	Briar Taylor
	10 Girls	Orla Motley	Annachez Jones	Georgia Fitzgerald
	11 Girls	Amelia Maynard	Abby Lister	
	12+ Girls	Celia Stowell	Niamh Motley	Mollie Phillips
	9 & Under Boys	-	-	-
	10 Boys	Jack Bennett	Ryan Donehue	-
	11 Boys	Joe Cao	Danny Lee	Blake Parker
	12+ Boys	Maddox Peneamene	-	-
Medley	Open Girls	Amelia Maynard	Victoria Kyle	Niamh Motley
	Open Boys	Jack Bennett	Blake Parker	
Freestyle 4 Lengths (100m)	Open Girls:	Amelia Maynard	Victoria Kyle	Niamh Motley
	Boys:	Jack Bennett	Maddox Peneamene	Blake Parker

Well done to all the students for an excellent effort in their swimming sports, with some fantastic results. Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day, this was very much appreciated by the students and staff. 📧

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Cambridge Youth Hockey Club

If your child/children are interested in playing hockey this year, please contact Cambridge's youth hockey captain Bj Mason (either at [bjmason0@gmail.com](mailto:bjmason0@gmail.com) or 0272038684) Please include your child's name, age, what grade of hockey they have played previously and preferred position. Thanks, looking forward to hearing from you all

## Chipmunks Timaru April Holiday Programme

Does your child need a break from the classroom?



\$40 Full Day  
\$35 School Hours

Exciting trip days planned each day. Which includes Blue Eyed Penguin visit, miniature train rides and Real Fruit Ice Creams. Of course free entry into Chipmunks Playland everyday. See our Facebook page or instore for our programme. Our programme works around you and is flexible, you pick and choose if you would like your child to attend trip day or not. Enrol at <https://chipmunks.aimyplus.com> or email

Discover a better future at Timaru Boys' High School

## Activate Success

Join us at our **Open Day**  
Sunday 18 March, 1-3pm

[www.timaruboysschool.nz](http://www.timaruboysschool.nz)

TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## ⚽⚽⚽ Northern Hearts Football 2018 Registrations

If your child is keen to play football for Northern Hearts this season you can find all the details on our Facebook page - Northern Hearts AFC Juniors - or contact us on [nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com)

Registrations need to be completed by the 16th of March.

## Squash for Years 6 – 8

### Term 1 - Have A Go Sessions

When: **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Time: **4.30 -5.00 pm**

Where: **Timaru Squash Club, Brunswick Street, Timaru**

Cost: **FREE**

Contact: **Linda Kenny - 0274248504**

Check out our website for any further information

[www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash/)

Does your child want to learn to code? Code Club Aotearoa have free coding projects for kids age 9-13! We can help you set up a club, or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy! Drop us a line at [team@codeclub.nz](mailto:team@codeclub.nz) or visit our website: [codeclub.nz](http://codeclub.nz).

## MASH

MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

### GLENITI

- Afternoon tea provided
- Homework time
- WINZ Subsidy available
- Van pick ups available

- Located at Gleniti Baptist Church, Wai-iti Rd.
- 517 After School 3:00-6:00pm

[MASHKIDS.CO.NZ](http://MASHKIDS.CO.NZ)  
(03)3669408

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Work and Income  
Te Hanga Tangata

## FLIPOUT

### JKA TIMARU FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 13 APRIL AT 4-5PM OR 5-6PM

ENTRY ONLY \$12.00 AND  
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FLIPOUT SOCKS  
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