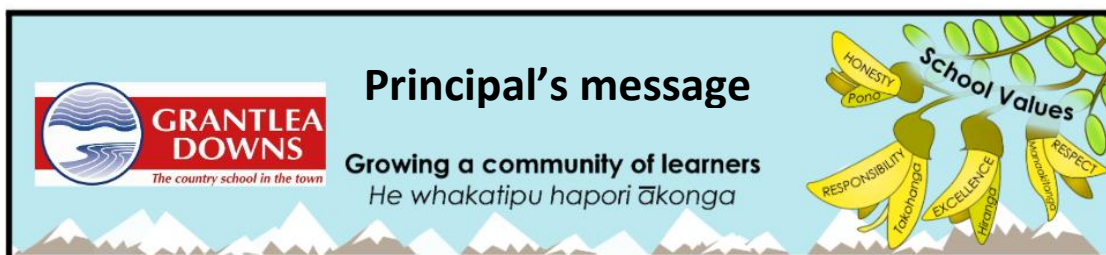




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Newsletter No 9



Tena koutou Katou

As we progress through Week 7, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful activities and achievements happening in our school community.

Life Education Program

Last week, Life Education visited our school to work with our Year 1 to 6 students. The children were thrilled to participate in Harold's lessons, which focused on friendships, making healthy choices, understanding our bodies, and teamwork. Mr. Keggenhoff and Miss Anderson, alongside Harold, conducted several informative and enjoyable interactive lessons in the Life Education classroom. It's always great to see our students engage so enthusiastically in learning experiences that promote their well-being and personal development.



Book Night Success

A big thank you to everyone who braved the cold and rainy weather to join us for our Book Night last Wednesday. It was a wonderful community event where we came together to share our love for reading. I am grateful to our dedicated teachers and staff who worked behind the scenes to make this event a success. Thank you to our Book Night team!

South Canterbury Cross Country

Congratulations to our runners who represented Grantlea Downs at the South Canterbury Cross Country held at Waihi School yesterday. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and achievements. Participating in such events not only enhances physical fitness but also challenges us to do things outside of our comfort zone. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation of the children and supporting the team during the event.

Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events coming up. This Friday, we will host a mufti-day to raise funds for Cardiac Kids. I encourage everyone to participate and support this worthy cause.

Next week, we celebrate Matariki with our traditional breakfasts. Please keep an eye out for more information from your classroom teachers regarding these special events. Additionally, we are thrilled to be participating in the Jump Jam Extravaganza next Thursday. We've had a fantastic turnout of students participating in this extracurricular activity, and we can't wait to see their performances.

Our junior and senior Kapa Haka groups are now in full swing, and it is always a joy to hear their sessions resonating through the school. These are truly my favourite times of the week.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Wishing you all a lovely week ahead. I hope this message finds you well. As we move through the term, I am delighted to share some of the recent highlights and important updates from our school.

Ngā mihi nui
Beth Wills

Reminder - SCHOOL CLOSED
School is closed next Friday 20 June for the Matariki Public Holiday.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Harvey Dixon, Hugo Dixon, Tyrus Clifford, Mitul Ranjan, Lithu Ranjan, Jett Edgar and Hargun Kaur.



conducive environment for all members of our school community. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy change.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder that it is standard practice for us to send home school lunches that haven't been eaten (ie, if children don't finish or don't eat their sandwich/burger etc. It is put into the children's lunch box to take home.

MUFTI DAY – THIS FRIDAY 13 JUNE

Our mufti day this Friday is in support of Cardiac Kids Mid and South Canterbury. A local non-profit charity supporting families of children with heart conditions. Gold coin donation, your support is appreciated.



IMPORTANT POLICY UPDATE: DOG RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We wish to inform all students, parents, and staff that starting from Term 3, there will be a change in our school policy regarding dogs on school grounds. From Term 3, dogs will no longer be allowed inside the school premises unless they are part of an approved educational activity.



Dogs brought in for educational or support purposes must have prior approval obtained from the Principal. This new policy is implemented to maintain a safe and

Competitive Cross Country Results 2025

Race	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Y3 Girls	Bella Ford	Addison Fox	Mila Stringer	Anastacia Hayes	Matilda Russell	Alizay Fahey
Y3 Boys	Louis Dennis	Max Yerbury	JJ McCarthy-Wederell	Chase Reweti	Theo McCarthy	Tristan Greenfield
Y4 Girls	Ksenia Streltsova	Avante Watene	Lilly McGrail	C B	Isabella Zandbergen-Krause	Charlie Dunnage
Y4 Boys	Luke MacGregor	Noti Fakasiieiki	Aiden Van der Merwe	Tyler Ferguson	Ciaran Campbell	
Y5 Girls	Aria Henry-Evans	Sophie Reweti	Briar Marshall	Anabelle O'Connor	Livi Gilmour	Charlie Rawson
Y5 Boys	Lawson Kavanaugh	Skyler Felizardo	Leo Dunnage	Luka Pratley	Theo Armstrong	Wiremu Thomson
Yr6 Girls	Harper McIntyre	Francesca Russell	Lavanya Renjith	Abby Thornton		
Yr6 Boys	Ashton Wentworth-Smith	Blake Rolton				
Y7 Girls	Manaia Evans	Ruby MacGregor	Scoutt Tee	Hannah Kavanaugh	Greer Hurst	
Y7 Boys	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Jozac Ioka	Gordon Crichton-Solomon	Eli McInnes	Xhyon Gordon-Patterson	Tristan Phipps
Y8 Girls	Ava Maraku					
Y8 Boys	Jaxon Wickenden	Jax Rolton	Caiden Hough	Quinn Hanson	Braxton Smith	Caleb Gavan



A collage of 15 photographs showing children participating in various outdoor sports and games on a grassy field. The activities include jumping over wooden crates, running through tires, jumping over blue mats, running through yellow hurdles, and playing with a large blue inflatable. The children are wearing red and blue shirts, and some are wearing costumes like a Spider-Man mask and a green alien suit.

Willow Don, Avante Watene, Mason Fitzgerald

Class Awards – Week 5

Values Champion – Week 6

Emily Smith, Aura Benton, Lucas Gillan,
Olivia Marshall, Max Yerbury, Elexir Jamieson,
Noti Fakasiieiki, Arshik Rinsh, Tara Milne,
Lennox Thomson, Scarlet Hayes

As we are nearing the end of the term, please check the lost property box in the foyer if you are missing anything. Below are some of the items we currently have.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



JUMP JAM EXTRAVAGANZA 2025

**Southern Trust Event Centre
Timaru
Thursday 19th June 2025
9:00am - 4:00pm**

JUMP JAM EXTRAVAGANZA provides an annual showcase of students' enthusiasm and achievement in the Jump Jam schools aerobic programme.

Teams from South Canterbury schools will be working on elements of synchronization, movement quality and leadership before bringing their favourite Jump Jam routines to the stage.

Doors open 8.30am
Everyone Welcome
Gold coin donation on entry

Estimated event schedule:

9.00 - 10.30am	Year 1-4 Teams
10.50am - 12.50pm	Year 4-6 Teams
1.10 - 2.10pm	Boys Teams
2.30 - 4.00pm	Year 7-8 Teams

Actual times may vary




CHILDREN'S Event

**Mid - South Island Women's Refuge
& Family Safety Services**

FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE WHANAU!

SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2025

TIMARU CAROLINE BAY HALL

1PM - 3PM

**ENTERTAINMENT - ANIMALS - BBQ - ICECREAMS
CRAFTING - EMERGENCY SERVICES - GAMES - DISCO
FACEPAINTING - PRIZES - COMPETITIONS AND HEAPS
MORE!!!**

DRESS UP COMP!!!
Dress up as your fav superhero!



**WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE
11:00AM - 5:00PM
TE WHARE MANAAKI**

**Kai/Food
Peita o Te Mata/Facepainting
Waiata/Song
Mirimiri o Hā/Breathe Healing
Wā Pūrakau/Storytime**

Te Wahi Maumahara/Remeberance Room

Matariki 2025

AROHĒNUA WHĀNAU SERVICES




Consider Others - Park Responsibly

Do Not Park or Stop Your Vehicle:

- On the right-hand side (except in one-way streets).
- Where it obstructs road users, including pedestrians.
- Near corners, curves, or intersections that block visibility.
- On the road if off-road parking is available (without damaging grass/gardens).
- On footpaths, traffic islands, taxi stands, or bus stops.
 - Closer than 6 metres to:
 - An intersection.
 - The approach side of a pedestrian crossing.
 - A bus stop.
- In front of or within 1 metre of a driveway.
- Double-parking (alongside another vehicle).
- On no-stopping lines (broken yellow lines).
- In cycle lanes, bus/transit lanes during operational hours.
- On or near fire hydrants (within 50 cm or between hydrant markers)

ILLEGAL PARKING (with image of car parked on footpath)

LEGAL PARKING (with image of car parked in designated area)

**Keep driveway clear
NO PARKING**

YOU CAN BE FINED OR HAVE YOUR VEHICLE TOWED IF YOU PARK IN PROHIBITED AREAS.

COMMUNITY NOTICES




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ENROL FOR TERM 3

JULY 24TH 2025


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WASTE BIN (RED)

Batteries can cause serious fires in bins, trucks and sorting facilities. Drop off for free at all Resource Recovery Parks



TogetherReducingWaste@enviroz.co.nz



JULY HOLIDAYS **30th June-11th July**

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MONDAY 30th PAPER ART Origami, paper planes, what will we make with paper today. 	TUESDAY 1st DRESS UP DAY Come dressed up in your fanciest, funniest or crazy outfit. 	WEDNESDAY 2nd CHALLENGE DAY Hit the target or win the challenge and maybe you will just win the PRIZE. 	THURSDAY 3rd SMOOTHIES & SCONES What will you put in your smoothie and do you like jam on your scone. 	FRIDAY 4th CRAZY HAIR DAY Come along with the craziest, wildest hair you can. 
MONDAY 7th STAGE GAMES Come along for some action packed fun games for the stage. 	TUESDAY 8th ART DAY What materials will we be using to get our creative flow going. 	WEDNESDAY 9th TRIP DAY: FLIPOUT Hope your legs are up for lots of bouncing today. 	THURSDAY 10th HOW IT WORKS There are lots of ways that things work, lets see what some of them are.... 	FRIDAY 11th DISCO PARTY Come with your dancing feet and show us your moves 

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SCHOOL DAY:
 8am-3pm
 \$50

TRIP DAY:
 8am-6pm
 \$67