



Newsletter

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STAFFING FOR 2020

At the start of 2020 we will again have 15 classrooms operating, allowing smaller class sizes across the school.

Following the resignation of Mrs Michelle Bray and Miss Claire Jeffrey who are currently on refreshment leave, and also Miss Michaela Johnstone who has won a position at a Christchurch school, we are now pleased to announce the following staffing.

- Mrs Ange Hide has been appointed in the Permanent Team leader position in the Acacia syndicate
- Miss Harriet Sutton has been appointed in the year 5/6 team. Harriet comes to us from Hinds School
- Miss Amy Trainor has been appointed in the year 5/6 team. Amy joins us from Pleasant Point Primary School
- Mrs Emma Kingan will be on Maternity Leave during 2020 and Miss Charlotte Lester has been appointed in the Maternity Leave position. Charlotte is currently completing her Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning Primary at the University of Canterbury.

The teams in 2020 will be as below:

Opihi Syndicate		Teachers
Room 1	Yr 0 &1	Mrs Sandra Annett
Room 2	Yr 0 &1	Miss Raewyn Guise
Room 3	Yr 1/2	Miss Alice Austin
Room 4	Yr 1/2	Miss Charlotte Lester
Waipopo Syndicate		
Room 6	Yr 3/4	Miss Sally Guthrie
Room 7	Yr 3/4	Miss Megan Shaw
Room 8	Yr 3/4	Mrs Linda Gordon
Room 9	Yr 3/4	Miss Andrea Heinicke

Acacia Syndicate		
Room 10	Yr 5/6	Miss Amy Trainor
Room 11	Yr 5/6	Miss Harriett Sutton
Room 12	Yr 5/6	Mrs Ange Hide
Kereta Syndicate		
Room 5	Yr 7/8	Ms Sharleen Hole
Room 13	Yr 7/8	Mr Sam Carlaw
Room 14	Yr 7/8	Mrs Victoria Lambert
Room 15	Yr 7/8	Mrs Kirsty White

School Donations

The Board of Trustees has voted to opt IN to the Government Donation Scheme starting in 2020. By joining this scheme each student brings in \$150 to the school. By joining this scheme in 2020 we will not be asking for donations other than for overnight camps (please note that in 2020 we will be having Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programmes for year 5 - 8 rather than school camps which happen every second year).

With the extra funds being generated from the Government, as part of this scheme, we will be able to offer the same experiences. However, there are still items we can charge for that will not fall into the 2020 "donation" category.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

**Orders close next Thursday 24th
October 2019**

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families who have recently started at Grantlea Downs: Maiden-Jane Kirkwood, Tanisha Atapana, Alain Atapana, Chevelle Thomas and Neaka Morris.

PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 1st November** please.



ASTN

From Monday 14 October (the beginning of Term 4), the ASTN (Aoraki School Transport Network) will be providing our students with school transport. Grantlea Downs School will no longer provide our own bus and a driver.

The decision to join the ASTN has been made by the Board of Trustees to ensure the core business of the school is to focus on education. Compliance for schools to run their own buses has become more time-consuming. Allowing this to be overseen by the ASTN who then contract out to bus companies is a better process. The on-going issues with our own school bus have contributed to this decision.

The ASTN have tendered the run out to bus companies in the area and Ritches Transport have won the tender.

This will mean no changes to parents or the students, other than the bus that will now transport the students will be a Ritchies bus and a Ritchies Bus driver.

Bike/Scooter Track

We are in the process of designing and organising a school bike and scooter track with the support of the Board of Trustees and the Home and School Committee. We are very fortunate that Wayne Dyche from the Board of Trustees has been overseeing this project.

The track has been marked out around the lower field for people to get an idea of what the track will look like. We are keen to know of anyone who would be interested in being involved in this project e.g. helping with landscaping. We are especially keen to know of a Chartered Professional Engineer to design a bridge for the track. If anyone has contacts for this, we would be very grateful for their contact details. If you are able to help out at all, please let the office know and we will get in touch.

REMINDER - UNIFORM – Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn this term. Please ensure your child has one and it is **clearly named**.



Crew Smart Sparks group and their cushions they made learning to use a sewing machine at school.

KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo order forms are coming home today. Closing date for orders is **Thursday, 31st October 2019**. Order Forms are to be handed in to the school office.

CAMP FEES AND CAMP FEE ASSISTANCE – Year 5 & 6

This is a notice that payment for camps will need to be received by the school office **no later than Friday 15th November** for Year 5 & 6's.



Please contact Mrs Willocks in the office if you would like help with your child's/children's camp costs.

If you have had this assistance in the past this does not mean you are automatically registered for assistance this year, therefore contacting the office is essential.

ACACIA SYNDICATE FUNDRAISER – DESSERT DAY 23 October 2019

Order Forms have been sent home today for Acacia Syndicates Camp Fundraiser – Dessert Day. Choose from an Ice Cream Sundae, Spider or Milkshake. Order Forms including payment are due at the office no later than Tuesday 22nd October.

BOOK FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to Mrs Lees for organising another wonderful book fair for us this year.

We sold enough throughout the week to receive an \$819 credit with Scholastic Books! We have purchased some lovely new texts for our library.

Thanks to everyone who supported this event.



NEW ZEALAND RAPTOR TRUST

Last term as a result of their Inquiry on Native Birds, Opihi Syndicate undertook a Social Action. A social action is when, as a result of what has been discovered, uncovered or learnt, the students decide that they can undertake an action to improve or highlight an issue. The students of Opihi Syndicate decided that they would like to raise some money to support the New Zealand Raptor Trust which is based in Timaru. We held a mufti day in the last week of school and raised \$134.00. Well done to our students and we will be handing the money we raised over to Tom Thumb and Ron Lindsay at Assembly this Friday.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Wendy Pickard and Mrs Cathy Moffat for cleaning the school during the holidays for us to come back to a lovely clean environment. Thank you also to Mr Reon Keenan for maintaining the grounds while we were all on holiday.

OPIHI SYNDICATE SPORTS DEMONSTRATION

The Opihi Syndicate held a very successful Tabloid Sports on Thursday 19th September. The weather was good and there was a wonderful turn-out of parents. A huge thank you to those parents that supported us by assisting on some of the stations. Without your help we would have had less activities and larger groups. The children enjoyed the day and it was a pleasure to see so many of our students participating with enthusiasm and displaying our Grantlea Downs Values.



Opihi Syndicate Sprint Results 2019			
	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old girls	Mckenzee Rogers	Fleur Skinner	Aria Ng
5 year old boys	Taveon Kleinow	Matangirau Williams-Agnew	Brodie Fox
6 year old girls	Freya Forward	Amelia Forward	Topaz Davis
6 year old boys	Henry Thomas	Jaxon Wickenden	Romeo Yerbury
7 year old girls	Salafai Paniani	Amelia Piggini	Ola Latu
7 year old boys	George Baxter	Caiden Hough	Vann Agnew

TERM CALENDAR

A Term 4 Calendar is enclosed in this newsletter.

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 7th November.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 3 – Week 10

JJ Milne, Jessie Agnew, Tamaki Karauria, James Grice

Term 3 - Week 9

Violet Fifita, Kurt Carson, Ola Latu, Heidi Fuller, Romeo Yerbury, Khan Wills, Lucas Hammond

Term 3 - Week 10

Gypzy Smith, Brodie Fox, Dominic Esler, Anaru McCoy, Bailey Clarkson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GROW THE FUTURE

SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL Discovery Food Fun

10am Sat 19 Oct 2019

Walk or cycle to Redruth Park and nearby Crow's Nest

Term 4

Relax Kids Classes

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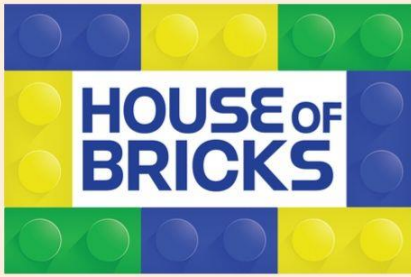
Relax Kids SC Classes
Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes for Positive Wellbeing

Saturday afternoons
2nd -30th November
(5 weeks)

Little Stars
My World 3-5yrs
12.45pm-1.30pm

Magical Adventures
Meet the Genius Genie 5-8Yrs
3pm-4pm

Relaxkidssc@gmail.com



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- * Jungles * Technic * Mosaics and more!

This event is suitable for both girls and
boys, children and adults!

Tickets: \$5 per child

Children must be accompanied by an adult

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

10AM - 12NOON

**Cash only
for event
day sales**

Grantlea Downs School Hall,
65 Grants Road, Timaru

**Bring extra cash for a SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
MORNING TEA, RAFFLES, DESIGN A FIGURE
AND MORE SALES**

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**TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BE PURCHASED
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE LEARNING
RESOURCES FOR OUR STUDENTS