



Newsletter

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REMINDER!
School will be finishing at 12.30pm for students tomorrow Thursday 22nd August for Student Learning Conferences. The bus will run at the earlier time of 12.40pm.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs: Leah Pilgrim-Doull, Violet Fifita, Caiden Pinnell, Shikayla Dawson, William Frewen Crowther, Jaxon Bell and Kaedyn Fishburn.

STUDENT SUCCESS
YEAR 7/8 RUGBY 10's TOURNAMENT

On the 7th of August our Year 7 & 8 rugby team took part in the School's 10's rugby tournament at Alpine Energy Stadium. Our Grantlea Downs team had the same amount of boys and girls which was the only team to have this. The team won the competition for the first time in a very long time!

Orla *'It was a great team game. We played well as a team! It was great to be able to compete as a school team and great that we could compete with a mixed team.'*

Oscar *'We played really well and getting to the final and winning unbeaten for the day felt great. Thanks Dad for coaching.'*

Holly *'It was fun and it wasn't so competitive that we didn't enjoy it! It was really fun especially celebrating!'*

Bella *'It was a good day! I liked how everyone got congratulated for being part of the team and giving it a go!'*

Ruby *'In the final and especially the last few minutes was really intense! But to win and to celebrate with friends was amazing!'*

We would like to congratulate the following team members. Bella, Caleb, Keanu, Madi, Oscar,

Deacon, Blake, Orla, Tevita, Emily, Holly, Ruby and Bailey for being part of the winning team! Also a huge thanks and congratulations to Aaron Whyte for coaching the team and to the parents who supported us during the day.



Artarama 2019

The Crew Smart Sparks art group were awarded a Class Prize for Outstanding Artwork, at this year's Artarama for their 'Pasifika Turtle' creation. Congratulations to Zachary Penty, Kyle Hauptfleisch, Tom Nieuwenhuysen, Tayla Arps, Ryan Donehue, Calaie Herriott, Isabella Dockerty and Kalo Siale. The exhibition runs at the Aigantighe Art Gallery until 1 September 2019, pop along and check out the artwork by school children from throughout the region.



Daffodil Day - Mufti Day
this Friday, 23 August
Gold coin donation






The Thinkaroos group made 'Thinking Hats' to help them expand their thinking knowledge.

VISITING AUTHOR

On Monday 12th August, author Jennifer Somervell visited our school.

Jennifer writes picture books based on her childhood farm experiences and the kiwi lifestyle. Waipopo and Opihi Syndicates enjoyed hearing Jennifer read her stories, 'The Day Dad Blew Up The Cowshed', 'The New Old Truck' and 'A Greedy Tale'.



Some of the students had the opportunity to participate in a drama performance of 'A Greedy Tale' which was a lot of fun.

Thanks also to Briar Taylor, Jake Rogers and Ruby Allison for their technical assistance.



CAMP FEES AND CAMP FEE ASSISTANCE – Year 5, 6, 7 & 8



This is an advance notice that payment for camps will need to be received by the school office

no later than Friday 20th September for Year 7 & 8's and Friday 15th November for Year 5 & 6's.

Please contact Mr Fennesy or Mrs Willocks in the office if you would like help with your child's/children's camp costs, as we have access to community trust funds that are given to the school that can be used for this purpose. Please contact us by 31st August so we can allocate funds for both camps. **The earlier you contact us the easier we can plan to help the most families.**

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.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 3 – Week 2

Greer Hurst, Neko Welch, Charlie Pelvin, Emily Flavell

Term 3 - Week 3

Araliyah Karena Jamison, Mckenzee Rogers, Shyla Page, Greer Hurst, Alissi Fagalima, Oscar Bennett, Elena Wilkins, Brylee Taylor, Kayden Piggim, Seven Felizardo Rebecca Bramley, Charlotte Hallberg, Joe Cao

Term 3 - Week 4

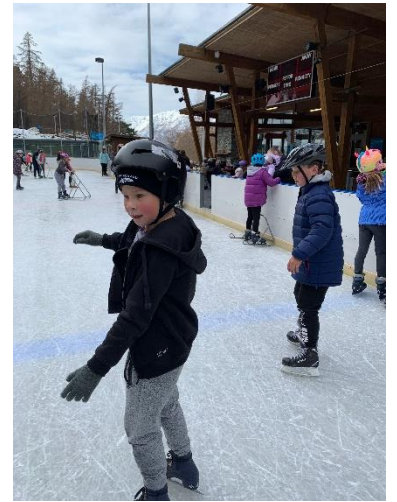
Mason Pratley, Axel Price, Brodie Penty, Charlee Rogers, Poppy Pratt, Kate Hoare, Liam Phillips, Lachie Bain, Liam Nesbitt, Addisyn Hallberg, Maddy Ross, Leah Pilgrim-Doull, Ruby Allison

At School 16th – 19th September
More details to follow in the next newsletter

Recently Opihi Syndicate had a visit from Tom Thumb and Ron from the Raptor Trust New Zealand. It was very interesting and exciting. The children wrote stories and we sent some to Ron to display at their headquarters. Here is Ron's response: *"Those stories are so wonderful. Really touching to see how the visit has affected the students and the things that they picked up. Thank you so much. Grantlea Downs has overall been the most rewarding school experience we have had. Thanks again. " Well-done Opihi Syndicate.*



Ski/Skate Day



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Timaru District Council in conjunction with the Ministry for Primary Industries would like to invite you to a public planting day to be held at **Redruth Park on Saturday 31st of August at 2:00pm** (weather permitting).

The planting will take place to the east of the carpark at the **Collins Street** entrance to Redruth Park, immediately south of the cemetery.

This planting is to commemorate the personnel who served in the Armed Services over the last One Hundred Years.

There is some off street parking available in the carpark, with a short walk to the planting site.

Please dress for the conditions with sturdy footwear. If you can, bring your own spade and gloves. Check the Council's social media page for further information.

The Timaru Squash Club (Brunswick Street) is offering a 'Small Nix' Programme, for Years 3,4 & 5 students on Mondays during Term 3 from 3.30pm - 4.15pm.

This programme develops squash skills through fun fundamental movements activities and improves speed and agility for primary ages children.

Cost: Club members FREE. Non members \$10 for the term.

Contact: Jen Moorhead 021685441 for more info.



FREE!
Beginners Tennis
Coaching Sessions

SHOT SHOTS

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1st - 22nd September
Starting
Sunday 1st September from 9:30am
(45 Minute sessions)
BRING A RACQUET

4 weeks of fully subsidised coaching sessions for beginner players.
At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Session times are dependent on the number of participants.
Pre-registrations are essential!
Please register by Wednesday 28th August
Online registrations only

www.tennisouthcanterbury.co.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Piano Lessons

Would your child like to learn piano but can't get to lessons? They can learn from home! Online lessons suitable for complete beginners aged 3 yrs+ and parents with no previous musical experience. Watch step-by-step video lessons and get personalised feedback from me using a unique video-upload feature. Optional individual (webcam) lessons also available.



*Katie Dey
Experience Suzuki method
teacher based near Nelson,
New Zealand*



www.katiesuzukimusic.com

Special introductory offer, get your first month free using the coupon "1monthfreeNZRS" (offer valid till end of Aug 2019)

Is there an autistic child in your life?

Come to our FREE workshop for family/ whānau and professionals



10am Workshop: Kids do well if they can
12.30pm Light refreshments and networking
1.30pm Finish

Facilitated by
Catherine Trezona, national manager
Joanne Lawless, PRISM autism specialist facilitator



Catherine Trezona



Joanne Lawless

Altogether Autism - 'Kids do well if they can'

Wednesday 21 August 2019

Ashfield Manor
71 Cass Street • Temuka
10am - 1.30pm

**ALTOGETHER
AUTISM**
Takiwātanga
0800 273 463

There is no charge to attend, but please let us know if you are attending for catering purposes. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP by Thursday 15 August
info@altogetherautism.org.nz
Joanna Hannah, regional coordinator 022 088 0327

A MESSAGE FROM NZ POLICE

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, **105**. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately. You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

BREADTAGS
for wheelchairs

We are supporting this initiative as it is not only helping people in need but also our own environment. Bring your bread tags in to school, we have boxes in the office and in Ruma Ako.

For more information about the charity check out the website <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za> or the NZ Facebook page Bread Tags for Wheelchairs NZ .

The YMCA is starting a series of pop-up Sport & Recreation activities for year 7's to 13's, at either Lough Park or Marchwiell Park from 3:15 till 4:30. This FREE pop-up session is held on Wednesdays, from 3:15 - 4:30pm (weather permitting). Come and join in the fun 🏃🏻‍♀️🏊🏻🏏️ for further details and weekly updates please check out

<https://www.facebook.com/YMCASouthandMidCanterbury/>

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