



Newsletter

5 September 2018 Newsletter No 15

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

We will be having our parent/student/teacher conferences this Thursday, with the school closing at 12 noon. Thank you to all those parents who have already booked. It is an expectation of our school that all parents will attend these conferences with their child. We ask that all parents make sure they have made a booking with the child's teacher or have arranged to meet at another time if they are unable to attend on Thursday.

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Jump Jam team who have successfully been selected to compete at the South Island Competition to be held early next term. More information about this will be given closer to the time. All the best with your practises leading up to the big event and thank you to Mrs White for your ongoing commitment to this team!

In this week's newsletter there is an insert, put together from the South Canterbury Social Workers in Schools, regarding the increase of gaming in households and their advice to parents. We ask that you take the time to read this with your child/children.

Our Wellbeing focus for this fortnight is 'Take Notice- Me Aro Tonu' Remember the simple things that give you joy – me aro tonu ki ngā mea māmā noa i ngākau harikoa ai koe.

Nga mihi nui
Collette Sandilands



Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment, whether you are walking to school or work, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be

aware of the world around you and what you are feeling. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

REMINDER

School finishes at **12pm** tomorrow
Thursday 6th September for school interviews

The school bus will run at the earlier time of 12.10pm.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome back Liam Wisniewski and his family to Grantlea Downs this week.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

We are seeing an increase in overdue library books. The books are issued initially for two weeks. Our procedure if the book is not returned by the due date is

- 1) A reminder notice detailing the overdue book is sent home with the child. This is repeated over the next three weeks.
- 2) If the book still remains outstanding a letter is posted home.



Kereta Syndicate Mini-Fair

On the 19 of October the students will be holding their annual Mini-Fair from 12pm until 1.30pm to help with camp costs. We would appreciate any donations of old toys, books and plants you may have for us to sell on the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle, selling food items, crafts and a variety of games for children to participate in. There will also be raffles, mystery bottles and a cake walk. Please let your family and friends know, and come and support our students on this day, we look forward to seeing you here.





MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) is the 10 – 16 Mahuru (September). The theme this year is *Kia Kaha te Reo Māori*. Loosely translated - let's make the language strong by using it.

The trick to pronouncing Māori is correct vowel pronunciation. Each vowel in Māori can be pronounced short or long and a macron is used to indicate a long vowel – ā, ē, ī, ō, ū. Here's a guide to pronouncing the Māori vowels:

- a – as in car
- e – as in peck
- i – as in fee, me, see
- o – as in awe (not 'oh!')
- u – as in boot

Fun Māori phrases to use at home with your family

Here are some simple phrases you can use around the home. Even if you put into practice one, you'll be expanding your Te Reo vocabulary and that's a great achievement. Ka rawe! (That's excellent!)

1. Haere mai ki konei (Come over here)
2. I pēhea tāu kai?(What was your food like?)
3. Kei te pēhea koe? (How are you?)
4. Kei te aroha au ki a koe (I love you!)
5. He aha māu? (What would you like?)
6. Mā mātou e horoi ngā rīhi (We'll wash the dishes)



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 26th**

October for Year 7 & 8's and Friday 9th November Year 5 & 6's.



Please contact Mrs Sandilands or Mrs Willocks in the office if you would like help with your child's/children's camp costs, as we have access to limited community trust funds that are given to the school that must be used for this purpose. **The earlier you contact us the easier we can plan to help the most families. Please contact us asap.**

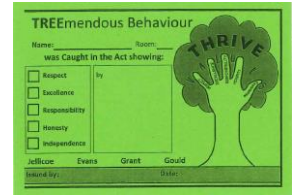
If you have had this assistance in the past this does not mean you are automatically registered for assistance this year, therefore contacting the office is essential.

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 6 - Term 3

Winning House: Jellicoe
 JJ – Room 3
 Shikayla - Room 7
 Carter - Room 5
 Vanessa - Room 3
 Dominic - Room 3



Assembly Awards

Principal's Award

Carter Brown, Olivia Ryan

Excellent Effort – Week 5 Term 3

Honor Walkinshaw-Dee, Shyla Page, Aaliyah Richardt, Poppy Pratt, Carter Brown, Tegan Graham, Gracie McGartland, Riley Wentworth Smith, Addisyn Hallberg, Azaria Kleinow, Lydia Flavell, Ashton Winter, Isabella Dockerty, Ollie Agnew, Ase Kuruduadua, Cassie Thornley, Brookland Philip, Teigan Bailey, Joe Cao, Kyla Darling, Keanu Smith-Allan, Lucy Barnes

Values Focus Award – Week 5 Term 3

Ashton Duncombe, Braxton Smith, Heidi Fuller, Jaxon Wickenden, Laila Fifita, Katie Allison, Hayleigh Bentley, Olivia Ryan, Montana Davis, Briar Taylor, Ashton Sandford, Charlotte Hallberg, Matt Gonzales

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 5 Term 3

Xhyon Patterson, Jax Rolton, Ola Latu, Fletcher Tee, Caiden Hough, Isabelle La Grange, Alyssa Maraku, Izzy McGinnis, Miglia Schicker, Latisha Put, Niamh Motley, Amelia Maynard, Madison Wills

Excellent Effort – Week 4 Term 3

Sophia Hindman, Scarlet Hayes, Amythest Carson, Blake Cunningham, Phoebe Kiddey, Shikayla Dawson, Riley Egerton, Alannah Milligan, Ryan Donehue, Tristan Dyche, Jasmine Sheppard, Nathaniel Wickenden, Bailey Patterson-Page, Max Gibson, Caitlin Bentley, Daniel Chernetski, Caleb Fairhall, Nara Shenton

Values Focus Award – Week 4 Term 3

Wytara Gates, Jacob Bramley, Vanessa Brown, Brylee Taylor, Miya Coulston, Griffin Johns, Annabelle Gilmour, George Elder, Tamaki Karauria, Ebony Strudwicke, Abby Rempala, Kartya Henry

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 4 Term 3

Mason Fitzgerald, Alissi Fagalima, Auberon Kleinow, Rhea Huriwai, Caleb Gavan, Logan Cookson, Morgan Palmer, Jack Bennett, Orla Motley, Eli McLaughlin, Amelia Maynard, Noah Carnegie

SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOLS ADVISE FOR PARENTS ON GAMING:

There is an increasing use of gaming in households across the digital devices with more and more households having access to gaming. Within the school it has come to staff attention that young children from 5 – 12 years are playing games either by themselves or alongside their parents/siblings/ friends /caregivers that are above the levels for their age.

There has been a particular game that children as young as 5 & 6 years old have been talking about them playing recently called “Fortnite”, this game has restriction of 12+ years as it has levels violence.

It is really important that parents know the positives and negatives of gaming and the need for parents to be mindful of age restrictions and age appropriate games.

While some games have educational content, many of the most popular games emphasise negative themes and promote:

- The killing of people or animals
- The use and abuse of drugs and alcohol
- Criminal behaviour, disrespect for authority and the law
- Sexual exploitation and violence toward women
- Racial, sexual, and gender stereotypes
- Foul language and obscene gestures

Store-bought video games are evaluated and rated for their appropriateness for children and teens. The ratings are featured prominently on the game packaging.

Parents please be careful in allowing your children to use games beyond their age levels as studies of children exposed to violent media have shown that they may become numb to violence, imitate the violence, and show more aggressive behaviour. Younger children and those with emotional, behavioural or learning problems may be more influenced by violent images.

Children and adolescents can become overly involved with videogames. They may have difficulty controlling the amount of time they play. They may resist their parents’ attempts to limit their time playing video games.

Spending excessive time playing these games can lead to:

- Less time socialising with friends and family
- Poor social skills
- Time away from family time, school work, and other hobbies
- Lower grades
- Less reading
- Less exercise and becoming overweight
- Decreased sleep and poor quality sleep
- Aggressive thoughts and behaviours

Playing games on devices in moderation, playing age-appropriate games can be enjoyable and healthy. Some video games may promote learning, problem solving and help with the development of fine motor skills and coordination. Playing devices/games is okay in a controlled and safe way. There are great tips for parents around gaming, devices and safety online at www.netsafe.org.nz

By Social Worker in Schools (SWIS)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



1-5 October 2018

The Southern Trust Events Centre,
Morgan's Road, Timaru

Need care for your children whilst working or just want some stimulation for them in a safe, happy and active environment?

Active Kids is an affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years

Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.

REGISTER TODAY



Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751 Limited Spaces available.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
TUESDAY 25th September 2018**

**South Canterbury
Softball Association
GIVE T-BALL OR SOFTBALL A GO DAY**

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

**UNDER 12 11.00AM-NOON
12ys+ 12.00PM-1.00PM
SIR BASIL ARTHUR PARK, WASHDYKE
GIVE AWAYS AND PRIZES
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

🏏🏏🏏 Timaru Cricket Club JAB Registrations 🏏🏏🏏 - for boys & girls aged 5 to 13

Saturday 15th September 10am to 11am at Harlequins Clubrooms on Church Street

Subs \$30 payable at registration - cash only

Any questions contact Louise -

timarucricketjab@gmail.com

or Timaru Cricket Club JAB Facebook page

Looking forward to seeing all our young cricketers 😊🏏

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PERFORMING ARTS DANCE FESTIVAL - 15 & 16 September 2018 at Timaru Girls High Hall - Tap-Ballet-Jazz-Hip Hop-Musical Theatre - Sat 8.30am to 10.30pm, Sunday 8.30am to 6pm. Great opportunity to see some very talented performers, also local and visiting Australasian Champ Award winners - maybe your child is interested in learning Stage Performance Dance? bring them along to see what they could learn and be involved with next year? Door sales only. Adults \$4 & Children \$1 a Morning/Afternoon or Evening Session. Food, Refreshments & Programmes sold at the Hall. Check out KayeB Dance Studio FB page for a Timetable.

If you suffer from slow and choppy reading, comprehension, untidy writing, focus, concentration, fatigue and or light sensitivity please contact

Sally McKerchar – qualified Irlen Screener
Email sam101@xtra.co.nz or ph. (03)6939101 or (027)2224835



Looking for something different for your child to do during the school holidays then have them join the holiday programmes at the International Antarctic Centre during the October Holidays.

They can join the Experience Antarctica, Husky Musher or Penguin Keeper programmes.

All information and bookings are on their website www.iceberg.co.nz



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