



# Newsletter

## 10 May 2023 Newsletter No 7

Tena koutou katoa

Term 2 is now in full swing with lots of different learning experiences happening at school. For example, as well as the normal classroom programmes, Acacia syndicate are swimming currently and then in Week 5 it will be Kereta's turn. As we move into the winter months and the weather gets colder it is a reminder for the children to come dressed appropriately. Many children are coming to school without a polo fleece or jersey.

On Thursday it is the Home and School AGM and it would be great to see some new members join. The Home and School plays an important role for the school with fundraising for school activities and is also a great way for parents to meet other parents. The meeting will be held this Thursday (tomorrow) at 7:30pm at school.

Next Thursday 18th, is the school cross country. This year we are holding competitive and non-competitive races. The competitive races start at 11:00am with Year 3. Non-competitive races will be held in the afternoon.

Currently our school is working with the Education Review Office (ERO.) Under the new model, ERO works alongside a school for three years. They have written an initial report outlining the strengths of the school, which include on-going professional development to enhance literacy practices, school values being embedded in the culture of the school and are reflected in settled, positive and supportive learning environments and a school management system that supports communication with families. The school in consultation with ERO have identified some next steps which are to continue to refine our school curriculum to ensure we meet the needs of all our learners.

Regards  
Richard

### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Arlia Jacobs, Neiko Jacobs and Santaziah Tanoa.

### PINK SHIRT DAY – Mufti Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May we are supporting Pink Shirt Day. Students are invited to wear pink in exchange for a gold coin. By taking part we will be helping to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. At school we will be doing activities in our classrooms to promote these values. **Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**



### PUB CHARITY

Recently we were successful with our application to Pub Charity Ltd for a grant to help us purchase 50 new Chromebooks for the classrooms.

Pub Charity Limited has an extensive history of funding local community organisations in New Zealand distributing millions of dollars to thousands of groups every year. This result could not have been achieved without the hard work of their local partners who operate the Pub Charity Limited gaming machines in our local area that generated the funds we have just received.

We would like to thank Pub Charity Limited and the associated businesses below for their support and contribution.

Copper Bar Armadillo's In The City Timaru  
Crown Hotel Geraldine  
Empire Hotel  
Grosvenor Hotel  
Richard Pearse Tavern

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE TOMORROW THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023.

Orders can be made via the Scholastic LOOP App or bring your order form with any cash payment to the school office.

## Welcome to all new & existing parents and caregivers from the Home and School Committee

This year the Home & School would love to get some new members on board, so if you are keen to come along and find out more, come along to our **AGM tomorrow, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the School Staffroom.**

### About the Home & School

We work with the school to maintain and build close links with the community. Our aim is to plan and implement fundraising projects to support the school and its students.

### Who can join the H & S?

Anyone! Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Caregivers – you are all welcome :-)

### Things you should know...

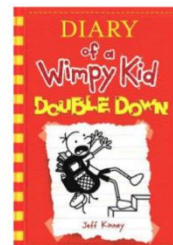
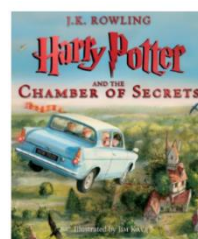
- ❖ We need more committee members
- ❖ We don't expect you to come to every meeting
- ❖ We don't expect you to help at every event
- ❖ We value all input and fresh ideas
- ❖ We are a fun laid-back bunch



For more information please feel free to call the office on 684 7706

## Grantlea Downs Book Night

- Grantlea Downs Book Night is being held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.
- 6.30-8.00pm in the foyer at Grantlea Downs School.
- Parents, children, grandparents, aunties, and uncles are all welcome.
- Heaters will be on, there will be milo and supper.
- Wear your pyjamas, bring a teddy and some rugs.
- Bring your favourite book to read, e-book, comic, graphic book or audio book.
- To help us with catering could you please fill in the slip below and return it to the office by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** or click on the link to fill in the form online.



<https://forms.gle/bKdKv1TMrWcMk4Uj7>

I will be attending the Book Night on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May between 6.30-8.00pm.

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### **BOARD NEWS**

The first meeting of the Board this term will be **Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 6.30pm** in the Administration Office Board Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Policies for review this term are concerning **Education Outside the Classroom**

All of our School Policies are located on the SchoolDocs website. Below are instructions on how you can view these.

1. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) and click on Search for your school in the top right hand corner
2. Type in Grantlea Downs, and click on the prompted school name
3. Username is grantleadowns
4. Password is grantsroad

There is a Quick Links for Parents topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

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**SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED**

**NOTICE**

**We have a Teacher Only Day  
scheduled for Week 6 FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
JUNE (the Friday before King's  
Birthday Weekend)**

**Principals Awards - Term 2 Week 2**

Bianca Valentine, Fletcher Jackson, Ava Maraku,  
Chase Thomas

**Class Awards and Values Champions**

**Class Awards - Week 1**

Bianca Valentine, Hunter Bubbert, Mason Master-  
Simelhay, Francesca Russell

**Values Champion – Week 2**

Willow Ormsby, Olivia Marshall, Spencer Bell, Dontae  
Jamison, Layla Gordon, Dan Akagi-Taynee, Leila  
Fitzgerald, Tori Flintoft, Tiaki Whyte, Ella Lambert, Liam  
Pratt, Taylor Hurst, Khan Wills

**ACACIA CAMP WRITING**

**A moment in time: School Camp**

I was at Woodend Camp, getting lost in the forest and listening to fantails chirping. I was looking for clues while listening to the trees whistling in the wind. When I was getting lost in the forest I was finding people to help me find the adults. The paper was giving clues where the points were. My nerves came over me, I was petrified at the thought of being alone in the deep dark forest.

By Archie.

I was the last to go on the go karts because I was the first to get there. Ola was the fastest to go around 3 times. When it was my turn, I was bursting with excitement, I got stuck a couple of times. I felt the wind bursting with excitement, I got stuck a couple of times. I felt the wind rushing past me, I was going the speed of light. I had one more go left.

By Benji

I was at Woodend Camp. Slowly step by step getting closer to the top of the zipline. My nerves were kicking in. Finally, I got to the top. Waiting for my turn I looked down, it felt like I was higher than the clouds. Hannah (the instructor) started clipping me in. I was petrified. I was telling myself I couldn't do it. Down below my friends encouraged me. I took a deep breath. Slowly I lifted my feet off the ground. I was a bird, flying through the air. I finally hit the ground. I'm glad the experience was over.

By Ella

I sit there on the dark, gloomy, green steps waiting for my turn on the roaring go kart.

Everytime the go-kart flung past us I could smell the burning petrol.

Then I heard my name. My nerves were racing and my heart felt as if it could jump right out of my chest. I took hold of a neon green helmet and squashed my head through. I sat on the squishy pad that let my feet touch the green and red pedals. I took grip of the wheel and my hands started to sweat ... "GOO ", the man booms. I stomp on the green pedal, I fly past the green and almost crash on a sharp corner. Every lap I do I get more confident which means pushing harder on the pedal!! As I came upon where I need to stop I' was distracted by an insect that flew in my mouth and before I knew it I was face to face with large black tires.

I jumped off the large go kart and sigh with relief. I squeezed off the helmet, trying to take a glance at my time. After I finally got a proper look at my time, I felt so proud of myself but part of me was in shock, 20.01 seconds!!!!

I HOPE TO DO IT AGAIN!!!!!!

By Ava



# COMPETITIVE CROSS COUNTRY

**When: Thursday 18th May, 11am start**

The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held on Thursday 18th May. Students from Year 3 to Year 8 who have entered in the **competitive cross country** will run in the order below from 11am.

The Cross Country will be run differently to previous years. The junior events will take place first and then the senior events. After the completion of the first round the junior children will return back to their classes and then the seniors will begin.

**11am start:** Race Events: Girls and Boys will race together.

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 7
- Year 8



**This is the confirmed order of all races**

*Please ensure your child brings the following:*

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for after the race)
- Water bottle

**Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.**

**We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students in both events.**

The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 13th June and the top four boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8 will represent the school at this.

## NON - COMPETITIVE HOUSE FUN RUN

This year for those students not competing in the Competitive Cross Country we are offering a non-competitive "House Fun Run" where the students will complete as many laps of an obstacle course as possible. Each lap, the students will drop a popsicle stick into their house bin and collect points for their house! All students are expected to participate in this event and wear house colours to show their support! There will be spot prizes for the best dressed and students displaying the values!

**1.15pm - 1.45pm (approx) - Opihi and Waipopo Syndicates (Rooms 1 - 9)**

**2.00pm - 2.30pm (approx) - Acacia and Kereta Syndicates (Rooms 10 - 15)**



### **LOST PROPERTY**

These inline skates have been in the lost property box for quite some time. If you recognise them, can they please be collected from the office.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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[www.craighead.school.nz](http://www.craighead.school.nz)

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# OPEN DAY 21 MAY



Boarding and Day Places Available Now!

## OPEN DAY SUNDAY MAY 21ST, 10AM

Open Day commences at 10am with the Principal's Address in the Nora Dickie Hall followed by Student Led Tours. For us to run this event smoothly - we encourage you to REGISTER at <https://www.timarugirls.school.nz/open-day>

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or contact the school: 03 688 1122 or [principal@timarugirls.school.nz](mailto:principal@timarugirls.school.nz)

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**OPEN DAY**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

**School Tours**  
There are 3 tours taking place during the day these are at  
9.30am - 1.40pm - 6.00pm  
We ask that you assemble in the school Auditorium for the welcome from our Principal at either of the times above.

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**RONCALLI COLLEGE OPEN DAY**  
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

Registrations in the College Hall  
Interactive guided tours from  
10.00am - final tour 12.30pm