



Newsletter

**1 December 2021
Newsletter No 19**



**Reminder: School finishes at
12.30pm Tuesday, 14th
December. The bus will leave at
the earlier time of 12.40pm.**

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs recently: Jack Johnston and Leroy Johnston.

MUFTI DAY

Our mufti day raised \$454.20 for the Central St Charity Bike Ride that is supporting the following Charities. Thank you for your kind donations.



HOME AND SCHOOL PIE FUNDRAISER

The Home and school Committee wish to thank everyone who ordered pies from their recent fundraiser. Just over 1300 pies were ordered with a profit of around \$3,600. This money will go towards resources for the students.

TERM DATES 2022

- Term 1 Wed 2 Feb – Thurs 14 April
- Term 2 Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July
- Term 3 Mon 25 July – Fri 30 September
- Term 4 Mon 17 October – Wed 14 December

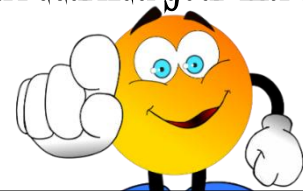
PRIZE GIVING CHANGES

We have reviewed how we will run prize giving this year, to allow us to celebrate and recognise students as well as work within the changing legislation. This year we will unfortunately only be inviting our Year 8 parents to attend as below. At each of the prize giving events we will be photographing award winners and celebrating these via Facebook and Hero.

The following prize giving programme will be:

- Friday 10th December, 1.45pm Waipopo Syndicate Assembly under the covered space in front of the Red Brick Block - **students only**
- Monday 13th December, 1.45pm Opihi Syndicate Assembly in Junior Area - **students only**
- Monday 13th December, 2.15pm Acacia and Kereta Syndicate outside the Kereta Syndicate. At this event Year 8 families will be invited to attend with masks, sign in and social distancing rules in place. Errol Johns and Steve Fennessy will speak briefly at this prize giving. This will be followed by the Year 8 students walking out of school with a student, teacher, Year 8 parents/caregivers guard of honour.

Have you returned your library books



**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE NOW DUE
BACK
(There is still a very large number of
books outstanding, please return to the
library asap)**

The teams in 2022 will be as below:

Opihi Syndicate		Teachers
Room 1	Yr 0 &1	Mrs Sandra Annett
Room 2	Yr 0 &1	Ms Sharleen Hole
Room 3	Yr 1/2	Miss Stacey Herd
Room 4	Yr 1/2	Mr Hamish Campbell
Room 6	Yr 1/2	Miss Alice Austin
Waipopo Syndicate		
Room 7	Yr 3/4	Miss Megan Shaw
Room 8	Yr 3/4	Mrs Linda Gordon
Room 9	Yr 3/4	Miss Sally Guthrie
Acacia Syndicate		
Room 10	Yr 5/6	Mrs Kirsty Stone
Room 11	Yr 5/6	Mr Vaughan Skea
Room 12	Yr 5/6	Mrs Ange Hide
Kereta Syndicate		
Room 13	Yr 7/8	Mr Sam Carlaw
Room 14	Yr 7/8	Miss Melissa Davie
Room 15	Yr 7/8	Miss Kirsty Ewart (Mrs White)

Senior Athletics Age Group Champions 2021		
Age Group	Champion	Runner-up
U10 Girls	Kate Hoare	Phoebe Kiddey, Polly Hendry
U10 Boys	Charlie Palmer	Oscar Bennett
U11 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Azaria Kleinow
U11 Boys	Boston Davis	Dylan Pennell
U12 Girls	Mikayla Willetts	Bella Hopkinson
U12 Boys	Casimir Kleinow	Riley Annear
O12 Girls	Millie Boyle	Irihapati McMillan Meager
O12 Boys	Leon Liu	Faliqh Faris

TERM 1 KEY DATES

- 27 Jan School Office open for enquiries
 2 Feb First Day of Term 1 2022
 7 Feb Waitangi Day Holiday (Observed)

We also hope to run our School Picnic and Top Teams in the first couple of weeks back. These dates will be confirmed in the first newsletter of 2022.



LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property bin in the office if you are missing any items of clothing, lunch boxes or drink bottles. Photos have also been posted on the Hero App. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

FINISHING THEIR TIME WITH GRANTLEA DOWNS

A number of families will finish their association with the school at the end of the year, with their children completing their Year 8 year. For some families this association has spanned many years.

We acknowledge the following families support and thank them for all they have contributed. Aguirre, Boyle, Burke, Carson, Clyma, Coombes, Dyche, Elder, Fairhall, Hammond, Kelliher, Kirke, Kuruduadua, Liu, McMillan Meager, Mitchell, Morris, Peeti, Pinnell, Ross, Sherborne, Taylor, Todd, Walker.

STATIONERY 2022

Your child's class stationery list for 2022 will be coming home next week. As an option for purchasing your stationery online, we have sent our class lists to the following stationery providers. You can visit the following sites as below:

Officemax at www.myschool.co.nz

Qizzle at www.schoolpacks.co.nz

Warehouse Stationery at

www.warehousestationery.co.nz

We encourage reusing any unfinished books and stationery items left over from this year.

Grantlea Downs Volunteers and Helpers - Thank You

We want to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful parents, families, caregivers and supporters of our school who have helped us throughout the year.

If you have helped coach or manage a team, or were a parent helper on day trips, been on the Home & School, the Board of Trustees, helped out with Sports Days, School Events or anyone who has volunteered to make our school the great place that it is, THANK YOU!



From the Grantlea Downs Home & School Committee. Thank you for your support and patience during this year and we look forward to your continued support for our up and coming 2022 fundraising events.

WANTED

CLEAN, COLOURFUL



PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

KEEP COLLECTING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

This will be an ongoing project so keep the tops coming in as you collect them.
PLEASE ENSURE THE TOPS ARE CLEAN.



Assembly Awards

Principals Award Term 4 Week 6
Fletcher Jackson, Monique Legge

Term 4 - Week 5

Dan Taynee, Nina Richards, Maiden Kirkwood, Joel Thompson, Ashton Duncombe, Michaela Dockerty, Jett Whyte

Term 4 - Week 6

Ivy- Leigh McCoy, Hunter Bubbert, Azariah Vakalala, Jaxon Bell, Skyler Felizardo, Anabelle O'Connor, Ryan Johnson, Luca Thomas, Zachary Halliwell, Anaru McCoy, Reid Brazendale, Filippo Albu

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
AT WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2021

FULL DAY 8AM-6PM \$50	HALF DAY 8AM-1PM 1PM-6PM \$30	SHORT DAY 8AM-3PM \$35
TRIP DAY 8AM-6PM \$55	SPECIAL DAY DEC 15TH 12PM-4PM \$20	SPECIAL DAY DEC 15TH 12PM-6PM \$30



Timaru Chipmunks OSCAR

7 Stafford Street, Parkside, Timaru, New Zealand

Holiday Programme

Full Day Holiday Programme	08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$45.00
Full Day Trip Day	08:00 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$45.00
School Hours Holiday Programme	08:30 a.m.-03:30 p.m.	\$40.00
School Hours Trip Day	08:30 a.m.-03:30 p.m.	\$40.00
Shortened Day	23 December 8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.	

Please note there will be no refund for cancellations of trips. Please bring a drink bottle.

We are a premium School Holiday Programme based @ Chipmunks away from the classroom. For more information, call 03-688-8848 Or +64-212579785

or email kate.flynn04@gmail.com

Book now at chipmunks.aimyplus.com

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IMPORTANT MENTAL HEALTH BLOG FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

At ImpACT-Mental Health we work with many schools, parents, children, teenagers and educators, who enjoy our Resilience based education programmes, as well as providing one to one coaching packages. Covid, Lockdowns and our rapidly changing world appear to be causing higher states of anxiety and a decline in overall mental health, for our youth and adults alike.

We thought we would take this opportunity to share with you our latest blog - '*Building Resilience in Children during Lockdown and Life*', which has appeared in the media and is being shared by schools.

<https://impact-mentalhealth.com/top-tips-for-building-resilience-in-children-during-lockdown-and-life/>

For more tips and information check out the website: <https://impact-mentalhealth.com>



Playing is one of the most important things we can do

It's time to break from tradition and offer more stimulating and inclusive play for everyone.

Let's have fun



Let's all play together



Let's challenge ourselves



Let's make play meaningful



There will be so many social, physical and mental benefits, that are important and long-lasting.



CPlay

Caroline Bay Playground Upgrade

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Be in to win!

The opportunity to professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King, lead singer of Zed and judge from POPSTARS

The grand prize

Includes return flights to Auckland for two (if you live outside of Auckland, so you can bring a grown-up), hotel accommodation and a music studio tour. The song will be broadcast on the *Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show* in 2022. Three finalists will sing live on air on Christmas morning nationwide on Newstalk ZB as part of the *Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids* radio show.

To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol (no more than 1 minute) to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz or call 0800 843 8642 to record your audition as a voice message. Please include your name, age and telephone number. Entries close Monday, 13 December.

NewstalkZB

