



Newsletter

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SCHOOL CAMPS

Thank you to all those parents who completed the Camp Survey at the beginning of the year. Staff are mindful that to be able to deliver the same activities, camp costs have been increasing over the years and becoming a financial burden on more of our families.

The senior management team, in consultation with the teachers from Acacia and Kereta syndicates, have decided to reformat our education outside the classroom. The new format will begin from 2020.

Next year (2020), all year 5, 6, 7 & 8 students will participate in Education Outside the Classroom locally with various activities being provided. Camps will now be held only every odd year e.g. 2021, 2023, 2025.

In 2021 Kereta Syndicate will hold their camp during Term 1 enabling students to bond as a class during the first term. Acacia syndicate at this stage will continue to have their camp from Term 4 in 2021.

KERETA SYNDICATE MINI-FAIR

What a great day we had for our annual Mini Fair, which helps make it the success that it was. We had amazing support from the school community and are very grateful for this as it helps with keeping our camp costs down for this years camp to Wainui.

Thank you to all the people who supported our Syndicate's Mini-Fair. We appreciate all the donated goods, without these we would not have been as successful as we were. We would personally like to thank: Countdown Browne

Street Supermarket for the donation of prizes and all the Whanau of Kereta Syndicate for their generous donations to our stalls and raffles. Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Grocery Hamper: Shelley Willocks

Hedgehog Cake: Ebony Strudwicke

Donated by Guthrie Family

Load of Firewood: Tylah

Donated by Mckenzie Family

The Bee Team Honey: Anne Glendinging

Donated by Grice Family -Bee Team

Hair Products: Shonnie Ford

Donated by Whyte Family

NZ CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS TRIP

The Literacy Quiz group enjoyed a day in Christchurch on Monday at the NZ Children's Book Awards Finalist's event. There were six Authors who discussed writing and their books. Thanks to Mrs Lees for organizing this trip and also Mrs Erin Anderson and Mrs Debbie Nicholls for transporting and accompanying the children.



HAWK & OWL VISIT

On Friday 2 August Opihi Syndicate were lucky to get a visit from Tom the Hawk and a Little Owl. Many thanks to Ron Lindsay from the NZ Raptor Trust for coming and talking to the students.



STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCE - WEEK 5, TERM 3 **THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST, 1PM – 6.50PM INCLUSIVE**

ADVANCED WARNING

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

Bookings will be open from tomorrow Thursday 8th August.

It is expected that each family will attend. If a booking is not made a time will be allocated to you. If you do not have internet access you can book at the school office

A reminder on how to book in for an interview time by following the steps below.

ON-LINE BOOKING SYSTEM

STEP 1 Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Click on **MAKE A BOOKING**

STEP 2 Enter in the following code where it says "Parents School Event Code" **5atrf**

STEP 3 Type in your name, then your child's name (if you have more than one child at school use the drop down box so more 'Student's Name' lines appear. Also type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you. Press **GO**

STEP 4 Choose your child's teacher from the drop down list. Press **GO**

STEP 5 Choose the times you would like to see each teacher then press **GO**. The time you have booked for each student will appear. Once you have finished press 'Finish' then an email will be sent to confirm your parent interview booking.

If you have preferred times we suggest you book early.

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 Fennessy 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.



Check out Griffin, Makayla and Jess recording safety advertisements to be played on the local radio stations, promoting road safety.



Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 3 – Week 2

Mason Fitzgerald, Murphy Geary, Khya Ross, Cassidy Anderson, Griffin Johns, Alex Elder

Term 3 - Week 1

Aria Ng, Sophie Scott, Honor Walkinshaw-Dee, Aleyah Barriball, Fletcher Tee, Tyla Clyma, Jamall Eddy, Miglia Schicker, Isabella Dockerty

Term 3 - Week 2

Wairingiringi Ryan-Wahanui, Ruby MacGregor, Vann Agnew, Amythest Carson, Laila Fifita, Riley Egerton, Emilee Wood, Ollie Agnew,

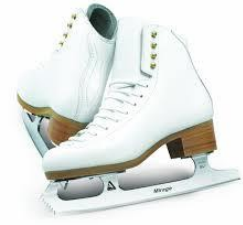


Ski/Skate Day

(Years 3 – 8)

TOMORROW - Thursday 8th August

No Postponement Date



In case of cancellation please check our Facebook page

Please ensure that your child has the following clothing to ensure that they are warm throughout the day.

Skating (bus leaves at 9am, returns approx. 3pm)

Skiing (bus leaves at 7am, returns approx. 6-6.30pm)

BIKE HELMET – this is essential

- Jacket
- Warm Jersey/Sweatshirt/Polar fleece
- Warm trousers (no jeans)
- Warm Hat/Beanie
- Gloves
- Drink Bottle
- Plenty of food to last the day



SUNSCREEN –this is essential

SUNGLASSES/GOGGLES - these are essential

- Warm Waterproof Jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Warm Jersey /Sweatshirt/Polar fleece
- Warm Hat/Beanie
- Waterproof Gloves
- Plenty of food to last the day
- Drink bottle



National day of support for Principals

The teachers and support staff of Grantlea Downs are joining with their colleagues all over the country on 9 August to call on the government to give primary and intermediate principals a fair deal. And we need your support as we stand up for our principal, and all principals.

Teachers recently won pay parity with their secondary colleagues, because a teacher is a teacher, regardless of the age of their students. But the government refused to give primary and intermediate principals parity with principals of comparably sized secondary schools, or any support for growing workloads. In small schools, principals are doing a complex job but often without any extra support, and while teaching as well. These principals are often paid less than some teachers in large schools. We're calling on the Government to do the right thing by principals. It's only fair.

Please support the principals of Aotearoa, who do such a vital job leading the teaching and learning in our schools.

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](https://www.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.

Early Reminder!
Daffodil Day - Mufti Day
Friday 23 August
Gold coin donation



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.

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)

FREE! Beginners Tennis Coaching Sessions

Sponsored by ACTION SPORTS TIMARU Wilson

HOT SHOTS

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

BRING A RAQUET

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.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz

Relax Kids SC Classes

Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes For
Positive Wellbeing

10 Aug - 14 Sept (6 weeks)

Little Stars 3-4 Yrs

12.45pm-1.15pm

Magical Adventures 5-8 Yrs

2pm-2.45pm

Chill Skills 9-12Yrs

3.15pm-4pm

Secure your place today, email:

relaxkidssc@gmail.com

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/>