



# Newsletter

## 11 October 2023 Newsletter No 16

Tena koutou katoa

It is hard to believe it is Term 4 already! I hope that you were able to spend some quality time with your children over the holiday break. It is great to see the children back at school excited about seeing their friends again and looking forward to the new term.

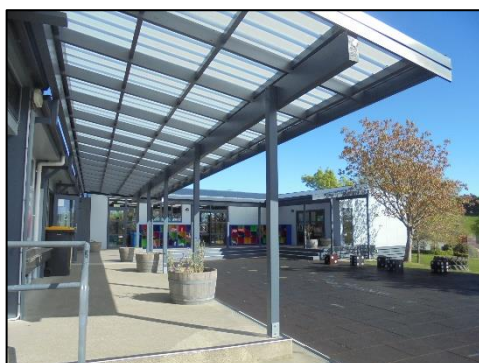
Over the holidays the school was a hive of activity with the canopy over the Junior classes deck, painting of some classes and fibreglassing of the school pool that has nearly been finished. As always, our school grounds look fantastic which is a credit to the work that Derek and Lance our caretaking staff do.

As the warmer weather is upon us it is expected that all children will wear a school hat. Please ensure that all hats are named.

We have another busy term ahead of us. Some of the events this term include school photos tomorrow, whole school sprints, athletics, swimming for the juniors, a colour run and a talent show. We will also continue to hold fortnightly assemblies on Friday at 2:15pm and we invite you to come along to these. A calendar is included for your reference.

This Saturday it is election day, and the school will be open as a polling booth.

Regards  
Richard



### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs recently: Gordon Crichton-Solomon, Connor Hough and Dyhan Renjith.

### JEANS DAY – MUFTI DAY

Our Mufti Day held on Friday 15 September raised \$352.70 for SC Hospice Jeans Day. Thank you for your donations.



**Reminder: Labour Day Holiday**

**Monday 23 October – School will be closed**

### PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 3 November** please.



### THANK YOU

A big thank you to Robyn White who has kindly donated 30 books to the school that she won in a competition recently. The children really appreciate it!



**Reminder: Staff Only Day  
Friday 24 November 2023  
School is closed to students**

# STEAM RESOURCES REQUEST

## WHAT WE NEED

To conduct STEAM challenges a steady supply of recycled materials is needed. Recycled materials need to be clean and easy for children to use (thick cardboard is too hard to cut etc). Type of materials that would be appreciated: Newspaper, cardboard tubes, wool, shoeboxes, food packaging boxes, fabric etc

## WHERE TO TAKE IT...

If you can supply any of the above-mentioned items you can drop them off at office. Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please contact Hamish Campbell at hamish@grantleadowns.school.nz

## KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are tomorrow Thursday 12 October. We have added below a copy of the order form from Kolorcare. This is to give you **advanced notice** of prices and choices available for ordering when your order forms come home within the next few weeks. Sibling photos will be taken after lunch. Please let your children know if you wish to have these taken.

★ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Quantity
21 x 25 cm Named class photo	\$16.00	<input type="text"/>
Laminated named class photo	\$18.00	<input type="text"/>
Class Funny photo	\$6.00	<input type="text"/>

**Photo Gifts**

- 13x18cm photo in Cardboard frame \$12.00
- 13x18 cm photo in Fridge Magnet \$13.00
- 10x15 cm Silver edged \$11.00 Fridge Magnet
- 10x15 cm photo On Photo Block \$17.00
- Photo in Keyring double sided \$11.00

Sheet of 5 Individual photos 3x 10x15cm and 2x Wallet Size \$16.00

2x 13x18 cm \$16.00

A4 Enlargement \$16.00

Individual digital Image emailed. \$25.00   
Please provide email address below ↓

**Total \$**

**Credit card details** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Service fee of 1.95% will be added, when Paying by credit card

**Expiry** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Phone number if paying by credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver this envelope with Cash, or credit card details to school office Thanks

**Kolourcare 027 6898850**

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our cleaning team for cleaning the school during the holidays for us to come back to a lovely clean environment.

## Principal Award – Week 10

Jahsiah Williams, Hazel McGlinchy, Quinn Hansen, Brianna Latu

## Class Awards and Values Champions

### Class Awards - Week 9

Connor Bruce, Charlie Dunnage, Hailee Woods, Wiremu Kotua-Tekoronga, Lavanya Renjith, Archie Kotua

### Values Champion – Week 10

Maddison Scott, Maddison Valentine, Chase Reweti, Ivy-Leigh Lord, Axel Price

## MITRE 10 GO KART RACE

The annual Mitre 10 Go Kart Race will be held on Friday 20 October from 3pm in the Mitre 10 carpark. Students from Acacia Syndicate are currently constructing the kart which will be painted up later this week. They will be having trials today to find our fastest pusher and driver to represent us on the day.

Everyone is invited to join us at the event to support our school team as well as join in with the festival atmosphere that marks the start of the South Canterbury Rally. Hayden Paddon will be there and there are always lots of give aways.



## REMINDER - UNIFORM – Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn this term. Please ensure your child has one and it is **clearly named**.



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One day away from school a fortnight is a month missed each year  
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## OPIHI SPRINT RESULTS HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

Event	Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
70 meters	U5 Girls	Isabella Ford	Charlee Woods	Irie Corbett Te Aika Reihana
	U5 Boys	Louis Dennis	Chase Reweti	Max Yerbury
	U6 Girls	Nina Richards	Harla Brinsdon	Aaliyah Stott
	U6 Boys	JJ McCarthy Wederell	Louis Boakes	Antonio De Jesus
	U7 Girls	Manvi Maneesh	Elexir Jamieson	Dotte Cadigan
	U7 Boys	Luke MacGregor	Akulan Ashwinkumar	Ciaran Campbell

### KERETA EXCHANGE

On the 15th of September Kereta Syndicate went to Waimataitai School for our annual sports exchange. The sports we played were basketball, netball, soccer, rugby and badminton. Grantlea Downs smashed Waimataitai in all four sports apart from basketball, but we came back to Grantlea Downs with a smile on our face and a big trophy to display for a year!



### TRAVEL SURVEY

Our school is involved in a School transport study being conducted by Te Whatu Ora and the Timaru District Council. The purpose of this study is to find out the actual and preferred ways that students travel to school and the perceptions of travel in relation to safety, enjoyment, traffic and ease of crossing streets. Our students were surveyed last term, and they would like to collect data from whanau as well. Please click on the link to do the survey or scan the QR code.

If you participate in the survey, there are five \$100 Pak'nSave vouchers available to be won.

Hard copies of the survey are available at the office if needed.

Survey closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

[Grantlea Downs School Travel Whānau Survey](#)

## Grantlea Downs School School Board Elections

### Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Harper-Yerbury, Alana

Johns, Errol

*Shelley Willocks*  
Shelley Willocks  
Returning Officer

## GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL TRAVEL SURVEY

### Be in to WIN!!!

Timaru District Council and WAVE  
invite whānau to take part in a survey  
about how your children travel to and  
from Grantlea Downs, and what we  
could do to make this journey safer.

We'd love you to take part, and are  
offering five spot prizes of  
\$100 Pak'nSave vouchers to say

😊😊😊😊 THANK YOU!!!! 😊😊😊😊

Please scan the QR code below to complete the  
survey:



**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand

**TIMARU**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Te Kaitiaki & Rauaki  
o Te Whānau

## ACACIA SYNDICATE TREE PLANTING

On Tuesday 19 September students from Acacia Syndicate had the opportunity to help with planting trees near the mouth of the Te Ari Tarakihi Stream (the same stream that runs down the back of our kura, school). Staff from Ecan and Timaru District Council and other volunteers, including our students, planted 1000 trees. Check out the links below to the ECan article and a video of the day.

Link to article:

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2023/where-theres-life-theres-hope-planting-for-a-clean-stream/>

Link to video:

<https://youtu.be/0F2FPaKvIH4>



## A Message from New Zealand Police

Parents and drivers play an important role in keeping children safe from harm as they cycle, walk, bus, and scooter their way back to school 🚗 🚶 🛵

As people are coming back from holidays to return to work, parents also need to prepare their children to start or go back to school.

Police are encouraging parents to talk to their children about being safe around roads, and to remember to be safe themselves when they're on the road.

Young children can be excitable and can be distracted when they're heading to and from school. That means they may forget to check before passing driveways, or miss hazards on the roads.

As teenagers they may be more prone to having their heads down in a phone, wearing earphones, and potentially not paying attention when they should be, such as when crossing a road.

If your child will be going to school on their own for the first time, show them the safest route to get to school and back home and practice with them, including the safest places to cross.

If you're wearing earphones, take them out or mute them for a minute and if you're talking on the phone pause the conversation so that you can cross safely.

Police are also reminding drivers about how to behave near schools and around school buses.

Drivers need to watch your speed around schools and be extra alert in case a child runs out in front of you without warning.

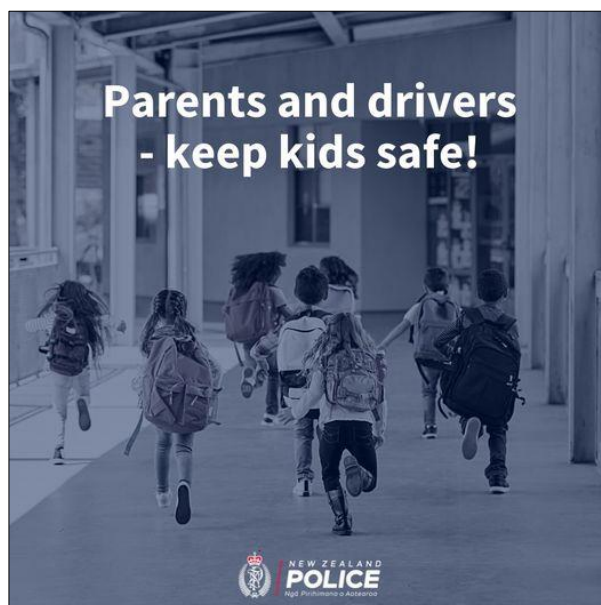
Sometimes children can't be seen if they are behind cars so look under cars for the possibility of feet.

Stay below the 30km/h speed limit for passing schools and below 20km/h speed limit when passing school buses.

Even small increases in speed result in a much greater increase in your stopping distance, and that can mean the difference between life and death for our children.

You can find more road safety advice for families on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency website -

<https://education.nzta.govt.nz/.../road-safety-advice.../>



# Grantlea Downs Calendar Term 4 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	October 9	10	11 Newsletter	12 School Photos	13
2	16	17	18	19	20 Assembly 2.15pm
3	23 Labour Day	24	25 Newsletter	26	27
4	30	31 BOT Meeting 6.30 pm	November 1	2 Whole School Sprints	3 Mufti Day - Gumboot Friday Tu School of Music Show 9.30am Assembly 2.15pm
5	6	7 Snr Athletics	8 Newsletter	9 Snr Athletics pp	10 Waipopo Athletics
6	13	14 Waipopo Athletics PP	15	16	17 Assembly 2.15pm
7	20	21	22 Newsletter	23 Colour Fun Run	24 Staff Only Day- Kahui
8	27	28 BOT Meeting 6.00 pm	29	30	December 1 Assembly 2.15pm
9	4	5	6 Newsletter Year 8 Dinner	7 Talent show	8 Year 8 Boating day
10	11	12	13	14 Prizegiving Junior 2.00pm Senior 6.00pm	15 Last Day Term 4, 12.30pm finish



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Junior Club Squash

### SMALL NIX Programme

Age: 5-9 years  
Mondays or Wednesdays  
Starting 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
3:30pm-4:15pm

### BIG NIX Programme

Age: 9-12 years  
(with good hand-eye coordination)  
Tuesdays or Wednesdays  
Starting: 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
3:30pm-4:30pm

### YOUTH Programme

Age: 12-18 years  
Tuesdays or Wednesdays  
Starting: 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
4:30pm-5:30pm

TERM 4 - 7 week programme  
Cost: \$55 per person per term or free to members  
Equipment supplied & non-marking CLEAN shoes please  
Timaru Squash Club, 22 Brunswick Street  
Register online [www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash](http://www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash)  
Contact Jen Moorhead 021 685 441

5-17 YEARS OLD?

LOOKING FOR FUN?

JOIN ST JOHN YOUTH

Timaru Rhodes Youth Division welcomes you to our Youth Programme. St John Youth is a vibrant leadership programme that focuses on the development and success of young people. Come along to St John youth where you gain valuable skills in first aid, communication, drill and more.

Monday's during Term Time

5:45pm -6:45pm

St John Timaru

9 Jackson Street, Maori Hill, Timaru

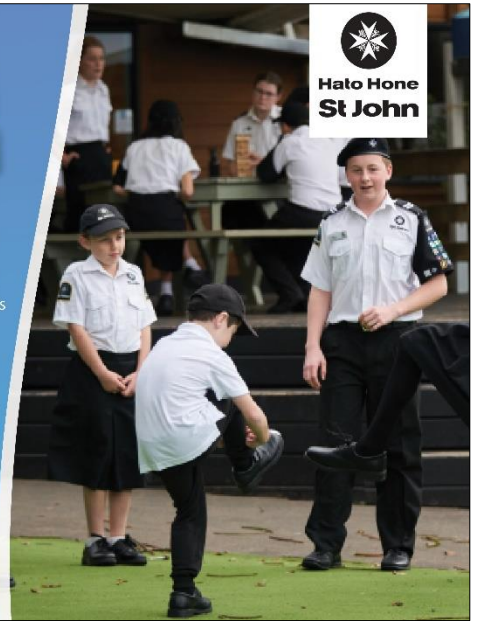


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