



# Newsletter

## 19 July 2023 Newsletter No 11

Tena koutou katoa

It was great to see all the children back at school on Monday. There is a positive buzz within classrooms and the playground with the children reconnecting after the holiday break.

Term 3 will be another busy term. Next week we have Matariki breakfasts for each of the syndicates starting with Opihi on Tuesday morning, each syndicate will be sending out information via Hero, please look out for this. Matariki is a time to come together to celebrate the start of the new term with whanau. Please come along with your child if you can.

In Week 3 we are holding parent conferences on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd August. On the Wednesday school will finish early at 1.30pm. Parent conferences are an important time to discuss your child's learning progress with your child's teacher. We encourage you to book early so you get your preferred time. Please book using the link contained in the newsletter.

Regular attendance at school is a contributing factor to success at school. Those that miss school on a regular basis are likely to have bigger gaps in their learning. We all have a role to play in ensuring our children are coming to school as much as possible which means attending every day unless they are sick. The Ministry of Education classifies regular attendance as 90% (missing fewer than five days of school in a ten-week term) Every day not at school is missed learning.

Regards  
Richard

### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs this week: Elora de Har, Floyd Jackson, Dakota Richardt and Ashton Ottley.



### Note: CHANGE OF TIMES

**School will now be finishing at 1.30pm for students on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. Lunches will still be provided and the bus will run at the earlier time of 1.40pm.**

**PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES –  
WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2.00PM – 6.50PM  
INCLUSIVE  
THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 3.30PM – 5.20PM  
INCLUSIVE**

Bookings will be open from tomorrow 20 July. Just a reminder that if you are going to make consecutive bookings that you leave a 10 minute slot between interviews to allow you time to get to the next appointment. 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

**STEP 2** Enter in the following code where it says "Parents School Event Code" **67sev**

**STEP 3** Type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you) 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. 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.

### HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING – WHANAU SURVEY

Our school is involved in a government well-being initiative called Healthy Active Learning (HAL). This initiative is in its third year and is in 900 schools in the country. This survey is for you to fill in, to the best of your ability, about what you know about Healthy Active Learning and Health and Physical Education programmes at Grantlea Downs School. We appreciate your responses as it helps guide our future Health and PE programmes. The survey should take about five minutes to complete and everyone that does, will go in the draw to win a \$50 Supermarket voucher. Click on the link below or go to the Community Notices on the Hero App and follow the link from there. Survey closes on Friday 4 August 2023.

Link to survey: [Whanau Survey](#)

### HANGI

We had our hangi last term and it was a fantastic event. The school was blown away by the support and generosity of our school community. Thank you to all of those that offered to help and who were involved with the hangi.



This was a fantastic experience for the students to be a part of and the kai was fantastic. The whole school together for shared kai was a highlight for many.

**Scarlet** - My favourite bit about hangi was when we got to eat it. Yum.

**Kassi** - My favourite part about the Hangi was eating the delicious food, it fell apart when I ate it.

**Jack** - My favourite bit about hangi was watching the hangi being made.

**Honor** – My favourite part about the hangi was getting fresh air and not being in class.

### ABSENCES REMINDER!

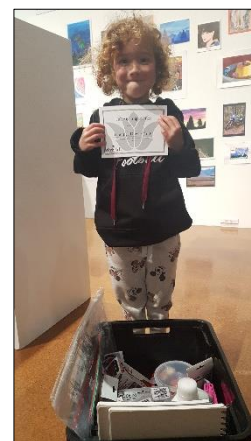
If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, **PLEASE** contact the school office. Please advise their **NAME AND ENSURE YOU GIVE A REASON FOR ABSENCE IE SICK, DOCTORS APPT. ETC.** You can call 684 7706 any time, our phone system is automated to take absence messages before school opens, text on 027 684 7706, or send us a message through the Hero App (a quick and easy option).

### THANKS

Many thanks to Derek Vogel and Lance Cassidy for preparing the grounds over the holidays. Thanks also to Sonyia Ramsay and Cathy Moffat for having the rooms cleaned, ready for our return to school.

### ARTARAMA 2023

Congratulations to Rm 1 & 2 for winning a class award for Outstanding Artwork in Artarama 2023. Matilda Russell was at the Aigantighe Art Gallery to collect the prize on behalf of Rm 1 & 2.



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE NEXT THURSDAY 27 July 2023.

Orders can be made via the Scholastic LOOP App or bring your order form with any cash payment to the school office. Look out for the free book offer for LOOP orders only with this issue.

**FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY**

ALL ISSUE 5 LOOP ORDERS OVER \$30 CAN CHOOSE UP TO 3 FREE BOOKS!

SPEND \$70+ = 3 FREE BOOKS

SPEND \$50+ = 2 FREE BOOKS

SPEND \$30+ = 1 FREE BOOK

LOOP orders only. See [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) for terms and conditions. \*Prize money from these books. Some choices available.

### Principal Award – Week 10

Avahlee Quine- Mannix, Honey Cross-Papuni, Tiaki Whyte, Will Pelvin

### Class Awards and Values Champions

#### Class Awards - Week 9

Chase Reweti, Akulan Ashwinkumar, Mckenzee Rogers, Te Ariki Corbett, Gabby Milne

#### Values Champion – Week 10

Jahsiah Williams, Ciaran Campbell, Marina De Jesus, Sahara Kleinow, Gemma Halkett-Doull, Jacob Bramley, Elijah Stevenson

### WALL PLANNER

We have received a number of wall planners from Moore Marketing to give away to our families. These will be sent home today.

# Grantlea Downs Calendar Term 3 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	July 17	18	19 Newsletter	20	21
2	24	25 Matariki Breakfast - Opihi	26 Matariki Breakfast - Waipopo	27 Matariki Breakfast - Acacia	28 Matariki Breakfast - Kereta  Assembly 2.15pm
3	31	August 1	2 Newsletter  Parent Conferences 2-7pm	3  Parent Conferences 3.30-5.30pm	4
4	7 Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren Group 9am	8 BOT Meeting 6.30 pm	9	10 Kereta Eco Centre Trip	11 Assembly 2.15pm
5	14	15	16 Newsletter	17 Junior Disco 4-5pm Senior Disco 5.30- 6.30pm	18
6	21 Keeping Ourselves Safe Waipopo	22	23 Kereta Science Fair display in hall	24	25 Assembly 2.15pm
7	28	29	30 Newsletter	31	September 1
8	4 Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren Group 9am  Scholastic Book Fair	5 BOT Meeting 6.30 pm  Scholastic Book Fair	6  Scholastic Book Fair	7  Scholastic Book Fair	8 Assembly 2.15pm  Flava event  Scholastic Book Fair Sanford Science Fair
9 Flava event	11	12	13 Newsletter	14 Opihi Tabloid Sports  Open Hour 2-3pm	15 Jeans Day Mufti Day SC Hospice
10	18	19	20	21	22 Assembly 2.15  Last Day of Term3



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE

The latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents <https://issue2306.totstoteens.co.nz>

### What's in this issue for parents?

- » Parent support: Money tips
  - » HELP! Taming the morning chaos
  - » Glorious gluten-free recipes
  - » Active play for under-5s
  - » What's on near you
  - » Beat the winter blues
  - » Merits of mindful routines
  - » A day in the life of an ECE manager
  - » Four schooling options
  - » Cute winter craft for winter puddles
- + \$3,000 of EPIC GIVEAWAYS

## HIGHFIELD MOUNTAINVIEW SCOUT GROUP

LOCATED: 35 MALTBY AVE, BEHIND WEST END HALL

**KEAS AGE 5-8** THURSDAY 5PM - 6:15PM

CONTACT SCOUTER MEGAN 0272253000

**CUBS AGE 8-10** TUESDAY 5PM - 6:15PM

CONTACT SCOUTER GUY 0272374936

**SCOUTS AGE 10-14** TUESDAY 6:30-8:30

CONTACT SCOUTER DEBBIE 0276852807

**VENTURERS AGE 14-18**

CONTACT SCOUTER DEBBIE 0276852807

**LEADERS AGE 18+**

CONTACT SCOUTER DEBBIE / GROUP LEADER

0276852807



**Join a Fantails Hub today!**

**FANTAILS TIMARU**  
 Wednesdays (6 weeks)  
 August (2, 9, 16, 23)  
 September (6, 13)

**3:30pm-4:30pm**  
 Southern Trust Event Centre - Morgans Road

Register Now: [www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/236460](http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/236460)  
 Contacts: [westendsoccer.rego@gmail.com](mailto:westendsoccer.rego@gmail.com) or [jessica@southernfootball.co.nz](mailto:jessica@southernfootball.co.nz)

## Junior Club Squash

### SMALL NIX Programme

Age: 5-9 years

Mondays or Wednesdays

Starting 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

3:30pm-4:15pm

### BIG NIX Programme

Age: 9-12 years

(with good hand-eye coordination)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Starting: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

3:30pm-4:15pm

### YOUTH Programme

Age: 12-18 years

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Starting: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

4:30pm-5:30pm



TERM 3 - 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