



Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

The end of the term is always busy and this year is no different, with a range of whole school and syndicate activities planned. It is just over a week away from the school fun run, which is next Friday afternoon, 1st December. We have an exciting afternoon planned so are looking forward to seeing you there. Thank you to all those that have supported the fundraising efforts.

The school pool is a great asset for us to have and the junior classes are enjoying being able to use the school pool again. We thank the Home and School for their generous donation to help pay for the maintenance work that was needed and the NZ Community Trust for the fibreglassing.

Just a reminder that this Friday is a **Staff Only Day**. We will be working alongside staff from other Timaru schools and the Ministry of Education. The focus for the day will be gaining an understanding of the refreshed NZ Curriculum and in particular the changes to the English and Maths curriculums.

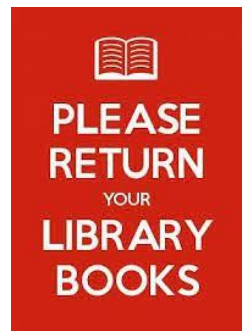
A massive thank you to all of you that have taken the time to fill in the Community Consultation form, we appreciate your input. We would like to have all the forms back by this Friday please. From the information we receive the Board will be able to ascertain whether our current strategic goals meet the needs and aspirations of our school community.

Regards
Richard



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

The Library will be closed from Friday 24 November for issuing of books. All library books are due back by next Friday 1 December for stocktaking.



Our fundraising for the fun run is going really well – thanks to all the whanau who have got on board!

If you haven't set up a profile yet, full instructions can be found on Hero or follow this link to get set up.

https://app.schoolfundraising.co.nz/users/sign_up



**PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL NOW
BE NO ASSEMBLY
ON 1 DECEMBER.**

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday 28 November
The final School Board meeting for 2023 is Tuesday 28 November at 6.30pm in the Board Room in the main office. All welcome! Please take the time to read the Community Conduct Expectations later in this newsletter.

Principal Award – Week 6

Ciaran Campbell, Jaxon Bell, Ruby MacGregor, Dylan Pennell

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 5

Louis Boakes, Harla Brinsdon, Athena Rejeesh, Honey Cross-Papuni, Jasmyn Cleland

Values Champion – Week 6

Arlo Thornton, Pandorah Pairama-Wishnowsky, Axle Ramsey-Turner, James Willmott, Brooke Willetts, Danni Steedman, Chloe Holden, Hunter Hopkinson, Oscar Bennett

SENIOR ATHLETICS RESULTS - 7 NOVEMBER 2023

Event	Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	U9 Girls	Keeva Fitzgerald	Hannah Kavanaugh	Lucy Thornley Mckenzee Rogers
	U9 Boys	Ashton Wentworth Smith	Joseph Hoffman Cook	Tawhirimatea Whyte
	U10 Girls	Manaia Evans	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor
	U10 Boys	Henry Thomas	Xhyon Gordon - Patterson	Jax Rolton TJ Kotua-Tekoronga
	U11 Girls	Eilah Holden	Ella Phipps	Ava Maraku Kristy Goundar Ola Latu
	U11 Boys	Vann Agnew	Caiden Hough	Will Pelvin Jack Ryan
	U12 Girls	Addyson Rogers	Phoebe Kiddey	Maddie Ford
	U12 Boys	Nubian Salwy	Kean Cinco	Oscar Bennett
	O12 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Azaria Kleinow	Xanthe Stevenson Tylah Whakarau
	O12 Boys	Neko Welch	Dylan Pennell	Ashton Winter
Long Jump	U9 Girls	Keeva Fitzgerald	Hannah Kavanaugh	Azariah Vakalala
	U9 Boys	Axel Strudwicke	Joseph Hoffman Cook	Tawhirimatea Whyte
	U10 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor	Manaia Evans
	U10 Boys	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Henry Thomas	Mason Fitzgerald
	U11 Girls	Eilah Holden	Ava Maraku	Kristy Goundar
	U11 Boys	Jack Ryan	Vann Agnew	Oliver Brown-Innes
	U12 Girls	Polly Hendry	Addyson Rogers	Phoebe Kiddey
	U12 Boys	Oscar Bennett	Charlie Palmer	Hunter Hopkinson
	O12 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Azaria Kleinow	Xanthe Stevenson
	O12 Boys	Dylan Pennell	Liam Pratt	Riley Wentworth Smith
Baseball Throw	U9 Boys	Ashton Wentworth Smith	Joseph Hoffman Cook	Brodie Fox
	U9 Girls	Mckenzee Rogers	Hazel McGiffert	Azariah Vakalala
	U10 Girls	Payton Tairaki	Scoutt Tee	Greer Hurst
	U10 Boys	Henry Thomas	Xhyon Gordon-Patterson	Mason Fitzgerald
	U11 Girls	Ava Maraku	Laila Fifita	Ola Latu
	U11 Boys	Manu Kotua-Tekoronga	JJ Leger	Oliver Brown-Innes
	U12 Girls	Jorja Flannery	Pyper McGiffert	Addyson Rogers
	U12 Boys	Charlie Palmer	Nubian Salwy	Oscar Bennett
	O12 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Makayla Winiata	Lily Upston
	O12 Boys	Dylan Pennell	Neko Welch	Cruz Cross-Wilson
Shot Put	U9 Girls	Mckenzee Rogers	Keeva Fitzgerald	Monica Backhouse
	U9 Boys	Blake Rolton	Axel Strudwicke	Ashton Wentworth Smith
	U10 Boys	Henry Thomas	Taveon Kleinow	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga
	U10 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Jasmyn Cleland	Honor Walkinshaw-Dee
	U11 Girls	Laila Fifita	Kristy Goundar	Eilah Holden
	U11 Boys	JJ Leger	Manu Kotua-Tekoronga	Jack Ryan
	U12 Girls	Jorja Flannery	Pyper McGiffert	Addyson Rogers

200 metres	U12 Boys	Hunter Hopkinson	Charlie Palmer	Fynn Jackson
	O12 Girls	Telila Fagalima	Makayla Winiata	Morgan Palmer
	O12 Boys	Dylan Pennell	Murphy Geary	Neko Welch
	U9 Girls	Hazel McGlinchy	Hannah Kavanaugh	Keeva Fitzgerald
	U9 Boys	Ashton Wentworth Smith	Tawhirimatea Whyte	Joseph Hoffman Cook
	U10 Girls	Ruby MacGregor	Scoutt Tee	Manaiia Evans
	U10 Boys	Mason Fitzgerald	Henry Thomas	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga
	U11 Girls	Eilah Holden	Ava Maraku	Kristy Goundar
	U11 Boys	Jack Ryan	Vann Agnew	Oliver Brown-Innes
	U12 Girls	Polly Hendry	Phoebe Kiddey	Kate Hoare
	U12 Boys	Liam Cunningham	Liam Phillips	Hunter Hopkinson
	O12 Girls	Azaria Kleinow	Morgan Palmer	M C
	O12 Boys	Dylan Pennell	Riley Wentworth Smith	Liam Pratt
Relays	Acacia			
	Kereta	Jellicoe 1st	Gould 2nd	Evans 3rd

Senior Athletics Age Group Champions 2023

Age Group	Champion	Runner-up
U9 Girls	Keeva Fitzgerald	Mckenzee Rogers
U9 Boys	Ashton Wentworth Smith	Joseph Hoffman Cook
U10 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Ruby MacGregor
U10 Boys	Henry Thomas	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga
U11 Girls	Eilah Holden	Ava Maraku
U11 Boys	Jack Ryan	Vann Agnew
U12 Girls	Addyson Rogers	Polly Hendry
U12 Boys	Nubian Salwy	Hunter Hopkinson
O12 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Azaria Kleinow
O12 Boys	Dylan Pennell	Neko Welch



BOARD NEWS

COMMUNITY CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Grantlea Downs School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors. Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical wellbeing, and not harm it in any way. The school's Board has set this Code of Conduct as a condition of entry.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, action, and communication, including speech, emails, texts, phone calls, and social media
- while on school grounds or at another site where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sports event).

Standards of conduct

Grantlea Downs School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements.

Examples of unsuitable conduct include:

- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums
- threats, bullying, harassment, intimidation
- discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- offensive language and/or physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources
- wearing gang insignia on the school grounds. (This is not allowed under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia legislation, and anyone wearing it will be asked to leave.)
- smoking, vaping, possessing, or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol in accordance with school policy).

Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct

How Grantlea Downs School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples include:

- documenting each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded
- holding a meeting with the relevant person, the principal, and/or board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member to discuss the problem and possible resolution
- issuing a warning letter that outlines the problem and required resolution, and reminds them of the possible outcomes of repeated conduct
- arranging a meeting, which may include restorative practices, as an alternative or in addition to the processes above.

Outcomes of breaching the Code of Conduct

If a parent, caregiver, or visitor acts or speaks in a way that contravenes the Code of Conduct, possible outcomes may include:

- The school (principal, board member, or staff member) may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds, then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature may result in the police being informed. For example, under section 139C of the Education Act 1989, it is a criminal offence to assault, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to **harassment**, a restraining order may be sought.

- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.
- All social network sites have clear rules about the content that can be posted on the site, and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches the rules. The school also expects that any parent/caregiver or student removes such comments immediately.
- In serious cases, the school will consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites, under the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015. [Cyberbullying](#) and any use of social networking by any member of the school community to publicly humiliate another will be dealt with as a serious incident of school [bullying](#). Also see [Responding to Digital Incidents](#).

**Reminder: School finishes at
12.30pm on Friday 15th December
The bus will leave at the earlier
time of 12.40pm.**

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 Wed 31 Jan – Fri 12 April
Term 2 Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July
Term 3 Mon 22 July – Fri 27 Sept
Term 4 Mon 14 Oct – Tues 17 Dec

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property in the office if you are missing any items of uniform, clothing, lunch boxes or drink bottles. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Introduction to Music Class 2024

Have your child discover music by experiencing and playing it.

Timaru School of Music runs government funded music tuition for primary-school-aged and homeschooled children who live in South Canterbury.

We are once again offering our Introduction to Music Class for year one and two primary-schooled-aged children. There are a limited number of spaces available in these classes for students who are new to our school.

Classes run Wednesdays: 4:00-4:30pm /4:30-5:00pm during term time.

Apply through our website and select "Introduction to Music" as an instrument:

<https://timaruschoolofmusic.com>

Lessons will be held at our new host school Waimataitai School from 2024.

\$40 administration fee applies.



Heritage Alive!

Christmas Market Day and Heritage Party
Saturday 25 November 10am – 1:30pm



- Market stalls
- Historic church tours
- Live entertainment
- Free bbq sausage!
- Museum exhibitions
- Victorian games
- Fun competitions and prize draws



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St Mary's Church,
SC Historical Society
and SC Museum



This event will be held in the green space between St Mary's Church and the Museum.



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