13 March 2019 Newsletter No 4

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Last week we had the Senior Swimming Sports which were held at C-Bay. Firstly, a big thank you to those parents that helped with the swimming sports. Without your help we would not be able to run our events so efficiently and smoothly. Secondly, congratulations to the students for their positive behaviour and willingness to follow instructions.

As Mrs White and I were leaving the pool three members of the public approached us and commented on the behaviour of the children. They wanted to share how impressed they were with the sensible behaviour and the low noise level. It is always pleasing when members of the public approach us to give positive feedback. In a similar vein two visitors to our school last week said what a lovely calm, positive vibe they felt when they visited the school. They also praised our beautiful gardens and how tidy and well-kept the school is. A special thanks to Mr Ford and Reon for the immaculate gardens and to the children for keeping the grounds tidy and free of rubbish.

As you will be aware, we have appointed Mr Steve Fennessy as our new Principal. Steve comes from St Andrews Primary School where he was principal for six years. On behalf of our school community I would like to welcome Steve to Grantlea Downs. The staff and Board are looking forward to working with him from the beginning of Term 2.

Our Wheelathon is taking place at school on the 5th April (please note the change of date, Mufti Day will now be Thursday 4th April). We are planning some exciting challenges for the scooters and cyclists. There will be sausages, burgers, tea and coffee available for you to buy. We are also running two raffles. The sponsorship form will be coming home today and there is a

return slip included with it. If you are able to help with marshalling, the BBQ or selling raffles, please fill out and return to the office, asap. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Nga mihi nui Sandra Annett

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Kingsley O'Neill, Axel Strudwicke, Hazel McGiffert and Areka Kahui.

South Canterbury Triathlon

Well done to the twelve members of the SC Triathlon team on their excellent effort in this event on a very hot day. The children swam in the outdoor pool at CBay, then ran to their bikes to bike two laps of Ashbury Park and completed the event with a running lap around the park. Congratulations to Millie Boyle who was second in the Year 5/6 Girls and John Lui who was sixth in the Year 7/8 Boys. A huge thank you to Jaime Boyle for supervising the children on the day and to Theresa Fairhall and Haylee Davis for helping with transporting children and their bikes to the event.



SC Triathlon results and times:

19th / Blake Parker 17:57 21st

5/6 Girls: Millie Boyle 17:22 2nd / Montana Davis 18:46 14th / Erina Lyakh 20:09 32nd 5/6 Boys: Blake Fairhall 16:38 13th / Koda Davis 17:30 21st / Boston Davis 18:09 31st 7/8 Girls: Orla Motley 17:39 8th / Bella Thin 20:26 32nd / Holly Thin 21:33 36th 7/8 Boys: John Lui 16:11 6th / Caleb Fairhall 17:40

Grantlea Downs Senior Swimming Sports – 8th March 2019

	Grantica Dow	•	illilling Sports – otti	
Event/Group	Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Freestyle	9 & under Girls	Miglia Schicker	Bella Hopkinson	Arina Lyakh
Length (25m)	10 Girls	Montana Davis	Millie Boyle	Kassidy Anderson
	11 Girls	Bella Thin	2 nd = Orla Motley, Summe	r Culshaw
	12+ Girls	Emma Reynecke	Abby Lister	Ruby Allison
	9 & under Boys	Boston Davis	Lachie Kotua	Thomas Hendry
	10 Boys	Tim Kirke	Blake Fairhall	Reece Mitchell
	11 Boys	Jack Bennett	Keanu Smith-Allen	Nikita Lyakh
	12+ Boys	Blake Parker	Caleb Fairhall	Tevita Latu
Backstroke Length (25m)	9 & under Girls	Miglia Schicker	Bella Hopkinson	Addisyn Hallberg
	10 Girls	Millie Boyle	Montana Davis	Irihapati McMillian-Meager
	11 Girls	Pippa Palmer	Bella Thin	Annachez Jones
	12+ Girls	Madi Wills	Ruby Allison	Emma Reynecke
	9 & under Boys	Boston Davis	Lachie Kotua	Cooper Kelliher
	10 Boys	Blake Fairhall	Tim Kirke	Reece Mitchell
	11 Boys	Jack Bennett	Keanu Smith-Allen	Nikita Lyakh
	12+ Boys	Caleb Fairhall	Blake Parker	John Liu
Breaststroke	9 & under Girls	Miglia Schicker	Arina Lykah	Addisyn Hallberg
Length (25m)	10 Girls	Montana Davis	McKenzie Don	Rebecca Bramley
	11 Girls	Orla Motley	Mercedez Karauria	Pippa Palmer
	12+ Girls	Abby Lister	Madi Wills	Latisha Put
	9 & under Boys			
	10 Boys	Tim Kirke	Hunter Tee	
	11 Boys	Jack Bennett	Lochie Wilson	James Grice
	12+ Boys	John Liu	Blake Parker	Caleb Fairhall
Freestyle	9 & under Girls	Miglia Schicker	Bella Hopkinson	Arina Lyakh
2 Lengths (50m)	10 Girls	Briar Taylor	Montana Davis	Cassie Thornley
	11 Girls	Bella Thin	Orla Motley	Chelsea Nicholls
	12+ Girls	Abby Lister	Madi Wills	Ruby Allison
	9 & under Boys	Boston Davis	Lachie Kotua	
	10 Boys	Tim Kirke	Blake Fairhall	Hunter Tee
	11 Boys	Jack Bennett	Keanu Smith-Allen	Ryan Donehue
	12+ Boys	Blake Parker	Caleb Fairhall	Bailey Campbell
Backstroke	9 & under Girls	Miglia Schicker	Arina Lyakh	Bella Hopkinson
2 Lengths (50m)	10 Girls	Briar Taylor	Montana Davis	Irihapati McMillian-Meager
	11 Girls	Pippa Palmer	Chelsea Nicholls	Annachez Jones
	12+ Girls	Madi Wills	Abby Lister	Alex Elder
	9 & under Boys			
	10 Boys	Blake Fairhall	Tim Kirke	Reece Mitchell
	11 Boys	Jack Bennett	Keanu Smith-Allen	Ryan Donehue
	12+ Boys	Caleb Fairhall	Blake Parker	John Liu
Breaststroke	9 & Under Girls	Miglia Schicker	Addisyn Hallberg	
2 Lengths (50m)	10 Girls	Briar Taylor	Montana Davis	
	11 Girls	Orla Motley	Chelsea Nicholls	Pippa Palmer
	12+ Girls	Abby Lister	Latisha Put	
	9 & Under Boys			
	10 Boys	Tim Kirke		
	11 Boys	Jack Bennett	James Grice	
	12+ Boys	John Liu	Blake Parker	Caleb Fairhall
Medley	Open Girls	Orla Motley	Open Boys	Jack Bennett
Freestyle 4 Lengths (100m)	Open Girls:	Briar Taylor	Open Boys	Jack Bennett
Butterfly 50m	Open Girls	Orla Motley	Open Boys	Jack Bennett
	1 st = Evans	2 nd = Jellicoe	3 rd = Grant	4 th = Gould

Well done to all the students for an excellent effort in their swimming sports, with some fantastic results. Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day, this was very much appreciated by the students and staff. ()

STUDENT SUCCESS

Liam Nesbitt competed in a karate tournament on Saturday 2 March in Christchurch. Liam won a silver medal for kata and a silver medal for kumite (sparring). Well done Liam!

Congratulations to Oli Kirke for winning the 11-14 age group in a Department of Conservation Writing Contest. His winning story is below.

Good Bye Dino-Juice

It's year 2024. Bailey, an old Cadillac built in the 1950's is coming back from town. He is driving as slow as he can. He doesn't want to face his garage-mate, Nople. Bailey knows she's going to laugh at him, yet again. Before he left this morning, he noticed another black patch where he parked yesterday. His oil leak has got worse.

Nople is the latest Tesla Model X, a very confident car, she came up with her own name- NO PetroL EX, She prides herself on being good for the environment and calls Bailey a stinky old butt. Poor Bailey, unfortunately he does have a stinky old butt. "Hello stinky old butt, have you had your dose of daily dino juice? (That's Nople's nickname for petrol.) Also...Have you had your bladder inspected recently because I could see some patches on the floor this morning! Hahahahahaha."

"Instead of laughing at me, I wish you could help me. Do you think I want to be like this? I don't want to be destroying this planet. For your information, I like it here. I like when Piwakawaka sits on my bonnet. I like when Kea tries to pull my windscreen wipers. Cheeky Pukekos are my best friends, they always try to chase me. And most of all, I like the Bellbirds' dawn chorus. I don't want to destroy their homes and be responsible for their demise. It's a horrible thought. So if you can't help me, then leave me alone."

After that, Nople didn't say anything for days...

Until one morning, she drove in with her friend Gasgone.

"Wake up, old fart, we've got something for vou."

Bailey didn't reply.

"Come on, old guy. We're going to replace your dino-juice sucking engine today."

"Really?!"

"Yep, no more smelly farts for you, old man." Bailey couldn't believe his luck.

Nople wasn't lying. In just a few days his ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) was sitting next to him in the garage and instead of it, a shiny WOOZAH electric motor was placed.

You couldn't wipe the smile off his face with Jif.

Epilogue

Bailey is now an electric car. Although lacking some of the technology of Nople, he doesn't fart like he used to when he was a petrol car. He now has more speed, torque, acceleration and just between you and me, Nople thinks he's pretty fancy!

But the best thing about the New Bailey is he can now hear the birds sing, which makes him the happiest car around.

By Oli Kirke

BOT

The following policies are now available for parents to review on our school docs website.

- School Swimming Pool
- Alcohol, Drugs and other Harmful Substances

Please use the following link and username and password to review/or comment on these policies. http://grantleadowns.schooldocs.co.nz/

Username grantleadowns Password grantsroad

You can view all school policies on this website at any time.

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARY VISIT

This week Timaru District Library are visiting our Library, reading to classes and chatting about the Library facilities and activities.



Jade from the Timaru District Library talking to Room 10 students

EMERGENCY CONTACT LISTS

Please return your checked and updated Emergency Contact List to the school office asap. These were given out at the Goal Setting Conferences and ensure we have the correct contact details if required.

Assembly Awards

Principals Award – Term 1 – Week 5 Lera Muston, Calaie Herriott

Term 1 - Week 5

Jasmyn Cleland, Sophia Corcoran- Campbell, Greer Hurst, Cooper Nesbitt, Alissi Fagalima, Chase Harris, Kade Kerrison, Alice Baxter, Elina Carson, Montana Davis, Curtis Kiddey, Deacon Cooper, Aaliyah Dewit

Term 1 - Week 6

Aria Ng, Matangirau Williams-Agnew, Caiden Hough, Jack Ryan, Nevaeh Minchington Wallis, Riley Annear, Addisyn Hallberg, Blake Parker, Oli Kirke

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Northern Hearts AFC Inc

Junior registrations for 2019 season Any existing or new junior players wanting to play for our Club, please go on our Junior Northern Hearts Facebook page and register your child/children as per the instructions. Registrations close 15 March 2019.

Any queries, please email nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com See you on the field!





