



Newsletter

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Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

Despite the poor weather in the last few weeks the students from Acaica Syndicate had an enjoyable time at their camps. The Opihi and Waipopo Syndicate have started swimming, so hopefully the weather becomes more settled and they are able to get into the pool more frequently.

We farewell Mrs Christine McGeever and Miss Prue Engelbrecht from our staff and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours. The time and commitment you have put in is very much appreciated.

We also wish bon voyage to Mrs Michelle Bray and Miss Claire Jeffrey who are both taking refreshment leave during 2019 and are planning on including some overseas travel.

There are still two and a half busy weeks ahead of us before the summer holiday break. We look forward to Junior and Senior Prizegiving, Year 8 dinner and the Senior Athletics, if the fields dry out and the rain stays away! (ATHLETICS NOW CANCELLED)

The Junior Prizegiving is at 2pm in the school hall on 12th December and the Senior Prizegiving ceremony is at 6pm in the Mountainview Auditorium on 13th December. We warmly invite all parents and families to join us for these important occasions. Prizegiving is a wonderful chance to share in the successes of our students and to farewell our Year 8 leavers.

We are having an afternoon tea at 3pm on the 11th December for all the wonderful parents, families, caregivers and supporters of our school who have helped us throughout the year. We truly appreciate what you do, so please read the details about this in the newsletter and come along.

Nga mihi nui
Sandra Annett

The Library is now closed.

**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE TO BE
RETURNED FOR STOCKTAKING.**

**Please bring your books to the
Library asap**

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Maria McCallum, Madena Whiunui, Mecca Whiunui, Taveon Kleinow and Elijah Bowden. We also welcome back to Grantlea Downs, Skye Murray, Tyla Murray and Cadence Murray.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Andrew Blake recently attended the Broadway Pilot Programme in Auckland. The invitation to attend this programme was a fantastic surprise and opportunity, especially when considering over 2500 teenagers from around New Zealand had applied for one of the 40 slots.



On the programme Andrew was selected as one of the leads and was also asked to audition against 600 semi-professional actors for another even bigger opportunity as part of the New Zealand Team, the New Zealand All Stars Cast, which travel to the USA to showcase New Zealand talent against the rest of the world at the World JNR Theatre Celebration.

Andrew has just been informed that he has been selected for the team and will be representing NZ in January 2020 along with 40 others.

Congratulations Andrew on achieving selection as part of the New Zealand All Stars Cast and we would like to wish you all the best for your trip to the USA.

CANCELLED

**SENIOR ALTHETICS CANCELLED
DUE TO GROUND CONDITIONS**

**END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY
2PM Friday 7th December
All welcome**

Waipopo Syndicate Under 8 and Under 9 Athletics Results

Event	Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	U8 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Katie Allison	Azaria Kleinow
	U8 Boys	Ashton Winter	Caiden Bain	-
	U9 Girls	Mikayla Willetts	Hayley Milligan	Arina Lykah
	U9 Boys	Blake Dale	Ezra Cockburn	Thomas Hendry
Long Jump	U8 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Azaria Kleinow	Katie Allison
	U8 Boys	Neko Welch	Caiden Bain	Griffin Johns
	U9 Girls	Arina Lykah	Miglia Schicker	Bella Hopkinson
	U9 Boys	Ezra Cockburn	Blake Dale	William Donaldson
Softball Throw	U8 Girls	Telila Fagalima	Brianna Latu	Lydia Flavell
	U8 Boys	Taylor Hurst	Boston Davis	Cooper Kelliher
	U9 Girls	Drew Thornley	Mikayla Willetts	Bella Hopkinson
	U9 Boys	Charlie Pelvin	Liam Wright	Harrison Butler
70 metres	U8 Girls	Morgan Palmer	Annabelle Gilmour	Azaria Kleinow
	U8 Boys	Boston Davis	Griffin Johns	Cooper Kelliher
	U9 Girls	Mikayla Willetts	Hayley Milligan	Shania Saunders
	U9 Boys	Ezra Cockburn	Thomas Hendry	Riley Annear

YEAR 6 Camp

The Year 6 students had a fantastic time at Woodend Camp last week, even though there was a bit of rain! They walked from Pegasus to Woodend and then the activities began! First up was the Flying Fox, which was followed by archery, air rifles, orienteering, go-karts and rock-climbing. The camp ended with having a go on the Aero Jump and then back home, stopping in Ashburton for lunch on the way.

The food was fantastic! It included chicken, roast potatoes and vegetables. Desserts were chocolate brownie and cheesecake, the children were most impressed!

Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who accompanied us on this camp – Bryan Anderson, Gaela Motley, Jim Brown, Michael Grice, Kirsten Philip and Marius La Grange. You all got involved and the children loved having you with us on our camp. Our bus driver, Keith, also needs a mention, he was very helpful in the activities.

Overall a very successful camp to Woodend this year!



Year 5 Camp

Lots of fun was had by the Year 5's who went out to Lindisfarne. We had very changeable weather but tried to get out for many of our planned activities in between the showers. We went for a bush walk, made bivvys, made campfires and cooked our tea, spent a night in tents, learnt first aid from Sasha from St Johns and played some inside team games with staff from the YMCA. We had a fantastic bunch of students and parents at Lindisfarne and lots of memories were made.

Huge thanks to the parents who came out with us and responded quickly and patiently as we changed various parts of our programme or menu to better suit the conditions. Your help was very much appreciated.



2019 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 - 11 weeks	29 Jan to 12 April
Term 2 - 10 weeks	29 April to 5 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	22 July to 27 Sept
Term 4 - 9 weeks	14 Oct to 13 Dec

Grantlea Downs Volunteers and Helpers Thank You Afternoon Tea Invitation Tuesday 11th December at 3pm in the staffroom

On Tuesday 11th December, we will be holding an afternoon tea starting at 3pm to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful parents, families, caregivers and supporters of our school who have helped us throughout the year.

So if you have helped coach or manage a team, went on camp or were a parent helper on day trips, been on the Home & School, the Board of Trustees, helped out with the PMP programme, Road Patrol, Sports Days, School Events or anyone who has volunteered to make our school the great place that it is then we would love to see you there!

We will provide supervision for any children while you are attending the afternoon tea.

We hope you can join us, so we can acknowledge and thank you for your help and support of our school!

Please RSVP to the office on 684 7706 by Friday 7th December, for catering purposes.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

Junior prize giving (Rm's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) will be held in the Grantlea Downs Hall at 2pm on Wednesday 12th December. Those attending are asked to be seated no later than 1.50pm.

The **Senior** Prize-giving (Rm's 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15) will be at **6pm** Thursday 14th December at **Mountainview Auditorium**. All students will be expected to be there no later than 5:40 wearing clean, tidy and correct uniform, shorts and polo shirts only for this occasion, no polar fleeces or sweatshirts to be worn. It is important that **all** students attend this special occasion. Parents and those attending are asked to be seated before 5:50pm.

STATIONERY 2019

This year, as an option, we have again set up a very easy way for you to purchase your child/children's stationery online through **Office Max** at www.myschool.co.nz/grantleadowns. This will be available by the end of the term and you will be able to view our class lists and purchase when it suits you, while earning rewards for the school. If you do not have internet access you can ring 0800 724 440 and complete over the phone.

If you are purchasing your stationery from **Warehouse Stationery** remember to mention Grantlea Downs at the checkout and the school will receive points to claim rewards.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP – Next Friday 7th December

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren **next Friday 7th December at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



TREemendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners

Below are the recipients of the TREemendous Behaviour Values draw. Children are given a green card when they are observed showing actions in line with our school values

Week 6 - Term 4

Values House Winner: Grant

Max Room 13

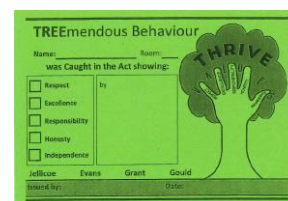
Jax Room 2

Jasmine Room 1

Auroriah Room 5

Ardia Room 12

Daniel Room 10



Assembly Awards

Principal's Award - Week 6 Term 4

Charlotte Collis, Georgia Fitzgerald, Lochie Wilson, Andrew Blake, Ava Maraku

Excellent Effort – Week 5 Term 4

Tara Gates, Kurt Carson, Liam Cunningham, Lachie Bain, Liam Phillips, Morgan Palmer, Elina Carson, Nik Wallis, Jake Rogers, Harrison McCullough, Georgia Fitzgerald, Astle Holden, Jacob Hall, Caitlin Bentley, Daniel Chernetski,

Values Focus Award – Week 5 Term 4

Aaliyah Karena-Jamison, Braxton Smith, Fynn Jackson, George Baxter, Oscar Bennett, Shianna Heney, Annachez Jones, Daniel La Grange, Tevita Latu, Brendan Phillips

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 5 Term 4

Indie Annear-Mason, Tiaki Whyte, Freya Forward, Khan Wills, Phoebe Kiddey, Jack Bennett, Jorja Kelliher, Mollie Phillips, Abby Rempala,

Excellent Effort – Week 6 Term 4

Manaia Evans, Elena Wilkins, Kassi White, Griffin Johns, Olivia Hanson, Shania Saunders, Charlie Pelvin, George Elder, James Grice, Nathaniel Wickenden, Ryan Wilkins, Charlotte Collis, Alex Elder

Values Focus Award – Week 6 Term 4

Aaliyah Raukawa-Goodman, Madison Ford, Riley Egerton, Charlie Hayes, Mia Holden, Pippa Palmer, Max Gibson

Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 6 Term 4

Shyla Page, Amythest Carson, Olly Brown-Innes, Makayla Winiata, Daniel La Grange, Caleb Price

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

CHRISTMAS

STORYTIME & CRAFT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21



TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
2:30PM TO 3:30PM
☀️ PLEASE BOOK!

TEMUKA LIBRARY
GERALDINE LIBRARY
10:30AM TO 11:30AM

☀️ Don't forget to book for the Children's Library session on 687 7498 or email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

THE FREE YMCA YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS BACK!!!!!!

December 17th, 18th, 20th and 21st.
January 14th to the 18th and 21st to the 25th.

WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!!!!!!

Are you aged between 11 and 17? Keen to keep busy, meet new friends and have a load of fun? Then come and join us! We are based at Mountainview High School with full access to the gym, turf and other facilities. This, along with visits to C'Bay will ensure, as one participant described, a "fun programme" that is "great for making new friends". Secure your place now by filling out application form at www.ymcasc.org.nz or Contact James at the YMCA on 027 808 4311 or email james@ymcasc.org.nz.

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MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

December Holidays

Gleniti 8am-3pm Session \$40.00
Gleniti 8am-6pm Session \$45.00
Gleniti 8:30am-3pm Session \$35.00
Gleniti 8:30am-6pm Session \$40.00
Trip fees extra see advertisement.
JANUARY PROGRAMME OUT 16th NOVEMBER

MASH Gleniti
Gleniti School Hall, Heath Street, Gleniti

Mon 17 Dec School today.	Tue 18 Dec School today.	Wed 19 Dec Xmas Craft Let's get creative! It's time to get messy and create some beautiful masterpieces to take home and have on display at MASH!	Thu 20 Dec Swimming at C Bay We are off for a dip at C Bay today! Be sure not to forget to pack your togs and a towel \$5 trip fee.	Fri 21 Dec XMAS PARTY! Christmas Celebrations, Northern Hemisphere style! Please remember to bring a plate for today's shared lunch.
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Book now for our AWESOME December Holiday Programme. JANUARY PROGRAMME OUT 16th NOVEMBER.
For more information, call 03 366 9408 or email info@mashkids.co.nz
Book now at www.mashkids.co.nz

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all issues - all ages
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ADAM THEATRE
117 STAFFORD ST, TIMARU

HISTORY BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT!

Camelot

THE PANTO

Written by BEN CROCKER

Fun for ALL the family

BOOK NOW LIMITED SEASON

December 14th - 24th
Matinee Shows 2pm
Evening Shows 7pm

Book at Newmans MusicWorks
117 Stafford St, Timaru
03 688 5597

Under 5yrs \$ 5
13yrs & under \$15
Students & Seniors (ID) \$17
Adults \$20

Cash only Nibble Nock & Merchandise before and after show. **NO Etpos**
Please stay and chat to the cast and take photos with your favourite characters.