



# Newsletter

**14 November 2018  
Newsletter No 19**

Tena Koutou Parents and Friends

The School has experienced a very busy fortnight, the Year 7 & 8s had wonderful experiences at Twizel and Wainui. Waipopo Syndicates Big Day Out was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather conditions but they participated in interesting activities that were planned for them at school. They are looking forward to the exciting activities planned for the end of the term.

If you know of anyone that has a pre-schooler in the area or out of zone, please let them know that we are taking enrolments for five-year-old children for 2019 and beyond.

A reminder that the school will be closed tomorrow (Thursday 15th November) for teachers to take strike action. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

I hope that the Year 5 & 6 students have an enjoyable time on their camps at Lindisfarne and Woodend next week and make the most of the wonderful activities planned for them.

Nga mihi nui  
Sandra Annett



Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment, whether you are walking to school or work, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

**REMINDER!**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW,**  
**THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER**  
**due to Teacher and Principal**  
**Strike Action**

**The Library will be closing next**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE TO BE**  
**RETURNED FOR STOCKTAKING.**  
**Please bring your books to the**  
**Library asap**

**Waipopo Syndicate**  
**Under 8 and Under 9 Athletics**

A reminder that our athletics are being held **this Friday 16 November** for children aged 8 or younger as at the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Please note that this does involve some children from Acacia Syndicate.

- The day's programme is:**
- Station Rotations:** 11:00am start
  - Lunch:** 12:30- 1:30pm
  - Sprints/Relays:** 1:30pm Start
  - Venue:** School Fields
  - Dress:** Children may wear house colours to School

Jellicoe – Green  
Gould – Blue  
Grant – Red  
Evans - Yellow

You are welcome to come along and enjoy the day with your child/children. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and eat with us. **The postponement day will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

### **NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Matangirau Williams-Agnew, Manaia Evans and Cruz Cross-Wilson.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

A regional competition was held recently for Sumdog (an online maths programme). Room 9 entered, along with 29 other classes from the Canterbury region. We were placed 2nd in the competition and received a three month subscription to Sumdog. Along with this, four Room 9 students also placed in the top 10, out of 329 students. Congratulations to Annachez Jones – 2nd, Devlin Redrup – 3rd, Victoria Kyle – 6th and Hunter Tee in 7th place. This is a fantastic achievement. We will be entering the national competition at the end of this month.

### **SHAKEOUT CHALLENGE**

Well done to the 104 children and their families who took part in the recent ShakeOut home challenges. We hope you found this a worthwhile exercise to raise awareness for the unexpected.

### **JUMP JAM REGIONALS**

Congratulations to Mollie Phillips, Latisha Put, Niamh Motley, Zannyx Geary, Emma Reynecke, Caitlin Bentley, Amelia Maynard, Luke Mitchell, Maddox Peneamene, Mia Quirke, Jessica Aldridge, Sophie Todd, Ruby Allison and Madison Wills for their excellent performance at the Jump Jam Regional Competition. This group were placed in the highest grade, the Year 7/8 Advanced Open and were up against seven other schools. We did not place in the top three but came away with five certificates:

Merit in Technical Execution and Presentation, Excellence in Creativity, Costume and Sportsmanship. Thank you to Maryanne Phillips for transporting children to Christchurch.



### **TEDDY BEAR WEEK ON THE SCHOOL BUS**

The bus had some extra special passengers travelling to school last week.



### **ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATIONS**



On Monday we held a commemoration for Armistice Day, remembering the day WWI ended and those who fought and died for us.

We heard speeches, laid a wreath of poppies, had the last post played, held one minute silence and sang the National Anthem. The children had all made poppies that flowed from the school bell.



### **Year 7 Camp**

The Year 7s had a fantastic time away in Wainui last week. We had a jam-packed week filled with many



new experiences and activities run by the YMCA (high ropes, coasteering, orienteering, kayaking and outdoor living skills). We were extremely lucky as the sun shone and we even managed to have a camp fire on our final night.

The week would not be possible without the kind donations from people and businesses like McCains which allow us to keep the cost down for families.

A big thank you to Daniel Allison, Kirsten Philip, Rosie Phillips, Stew McKenzie and David Fairhall for giving up their time to

come on camp and for all the help while we were away. Miss Jeffrey and Mrs McGeever



## Year 8 Camp – Twizel

What an eventful few days with a very mixed bag of weather. We went from hot sunshine to needing our snow clothes, it really was all four seasons in one camp. Walks up Mt John were completed with a soak in the hot pools. Mount Cook was very enjoyable with a ride on the Glacier Boat amongst all the icebergs, visiting the Museum and then a demanding walk to the first bridge on the Hooker Valley Walk in very trying conditions – not a lot of poncho's came back in one piece. On Thursday we got quite a lot of rain but we didn't let that stop us, we continued with our activities with fishing and mini golf taking place in the rain – no fish were caught! We got to stay dry when we went to the Twizel Events Centre while we climbed up a range of rock climbing walls. Then we had our most eventful day on the Friday – we decided that we didn't really want to go boating as we would rather drive and play in the snow – who said we were camping in summer?

Camp was great and we would like to thank Jason Hall, Jason McLaughlin, Mike Quirke, Brent Phillips, Jarod Carnegie, Rachel Pilgrim and Gillian Sandford for all their help on camp, we couldn't have done it without them.

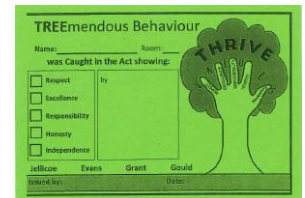
## **TREEmendous Behaviour Values Draw Winners**

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 3 - Term 4**

Values House Joint Winners: Grant, Jellicoe and Evans (yes 3 houses on even slips!!!!)

Brylee Room 4  
Reid Room 3  
Heidi Room 3  
Hollie Room 11  
Jasmine Room 11  
Brendan Room 11



## **Assembly Awards**

### **Principal's Award - Week 3 Term 4**

Annabelle Gilmour, Dasha Chpliko, JJ Gates

### **Excellent Effort – Week 3 Term 4**

Alexis Davis, Jacob Bramley, Hunter Hopkinson, Jaxon Cullen, Caiden Hough, Xavier Barrett, Tegan Graham, Aria Lister, Sergio Bryan, Aleyah Barriball, Lydia Flavell, Alannah Milligan, Montana Davis, Victoria Kyle, Jacob Bain, Tayla Wilson, Harriet Baxter, Mikayla Willetts

### **Values Focus Award – Week 3 Term 4**

Aleka Beckett-Gillett, Sophia Corcoran-Campbell, Cooper Nesbitt, Zanikx Wilson, Auroriah Smith, Gracie McGartland, Hunter Simms, Izzy McGinnis, Mia Holden, Jackson Guthrie, Hayley Milligan

### **Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 3 Term 4**

Ambrose Bryan, Jax Rolton, Heidi Fuller, Izabella Simms, Jett Whyte, Boston Davis, Jamall Eddy, Ryan Donehue, Chelsea Nicholls

### **Excellent Effort – Week 4 Term 4**

Ashton Duncombe, Manaia Evans, Aaliyah Richardt, Jack Ryan, Carter Brown, Braedyn Kavanaugh, Jesse Agnew, Isabelle La Grange, Ethan Wilkins, William Donaldson, Brianna Latu, Kale Smith-Baird, Blake Dale, Ryan Donehue, Jai Wilson, Angus Gould, Dyllin Morris

### **Values Focus Award – Week 4 Term 4**

Honor Walkinshaw-Dee, Greer Hurst, Nevaeh Minchington-Wallis, Teiria Tungia, Filippo Albu, Dontae Hough, Addisyn Hallberg, Olivia Ryan, Dasha Chpilko, Lochie Wilson

### **Achievement Award – Seals of Approval – Week 4 Term 4**

Jasmyn Cleland, Alissi Fagalima, Charlee Rogers, Jorja Flannery, Vann Agnew, Katie Allison, Liam Wright, Miglia Schicker, Faliqh Faris, Mikaylah Donaldson



## ROAD PATROL 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am looking ahead to next year and endeavouring to ensure that the parent volunteer side of road patrol is being undertaken from a range of school families.

It is of utmost importance to us that we ensure our children are safe around traffic and crossing what becomes a very busy road at 3:00pm each day. That said we need your help to make this happen. We require a number of parents to cover this role throughout the year.

Road patrol consists of you monitoring the crossing as the trained students control the crossing and ensure that students are crossing safely, taking 15 minutes of your time – 3:00pm to 3:15pm on one day a week for a term.

Can you please circle the form below indicating which term and day of the week would suit you to volunteer for road patrol.

The aim is to share the load across our school community, keeping all children safe.

Please return this form – even if you are unable to help at this stage.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Term 1 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Term 2 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Term 3 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Term 4 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Sally Guthrie

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**MASH**  
MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS  
GLENITI

- Afternoon tea provided
- Homework time
- WINZ Subsidy available
- Van pick ups available

- Located at Gleniti Baptist Church, Wai-iti Rd.
- \$17 After School 3:00-6:00pm

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# ANNUAL SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

You are invited to the Annual Grantlea Downs Athletics Sports for students **Acacia and Kereta Syndicate**. The sports will be held at school, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (postponement date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November).

Information about the "Standards Events"

The "Standards Athletics Sports" that your child will be competing in is designed to have each child compete against prearranged standards, but it also accommodates those who excel and are more competitive. In standards events students are competing to a standard rather than just against other students. Each child will score 1, 2 or 3 for every event. All those achieving a 3 will then compete for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placing.

The athletics sports is also an Interhouse sports competition with a shield up for grabs. The winning house will be decided by all the students' individual points being added together. The students are encouraged to dress in the colour of their house as this promotes house spirit and competition.

Your child will need the following:

- ✓ Students are required to **wear shorts**, not track pants.
- ✓ All students must wear both **sunscreen and a sunhat**.
- ✓ They will need a **drink bottle** to ensure they drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- ✓ Students will need warm clothing for between events or if the weather changes.
- ✓ Postponement will be announced on More FM South Canterbury and put on our Facebook page.  
(Please do not ring the radio station)

Jellicoe – Green  
Gould – Blue  
Grant – Red  
Evans – Yellow

Kirsty White  
Athletics Sports Coordinator

The day's programme is:

9:30am	Round 1
10:05am	Round 2
10:40 – 11.00am	BREAK
11:05am	Round 3
11:40am	Sprints – 100m
12:30 - 1:10pm	***LUNCH (you are welcome to join your child for lunch)
1:15pm	Round 4
1:50pm	Round 5
2:25pm	Pack up gear
2:35pm	Relays

*Important Note:*

The SC Athletics Sports age groups are Under 9, Under 11 and 11 & Over. Therefore the U10 students are competing against the U11 students and the U12 students are competing with the O12 students for a place in the school SC athletics team.



### ORDER OF EVENTS

ROUNDS  
High Jump (H J)  
Long Jump (L J)  
Softball Throw (S)  
200 metres (200)  
Shot Put (SP)

	Time	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12	Over 12
Round 1	9:30am	H J	200	S	SP
Round 2	10:05am	S	SP	L J	H J
Round 3	11:05am	L J	H J	200	S
Round 4	1:15pm	200	S	SP	L J
Round 5	1:50pm	SP	L J	H J	200

We **URGENTLY** require some parents to help on the day. If you are able to assist please fill in the slip below, or contact the office on 684 7706.

### SENIOR ATHLETICS SPORTS - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

I \_\_\_\_\_ am able to assist with the Senior Athletics Sports.

I am available (please circle)      All day      Morning only      Afternoon only

I can be contacted on (phone number) \_\_\_\_\_