



Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

As a school, student attendance is important for us. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by the time they are 16. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

We realise that the coming of winter has certainly brought its crisp mornings and all its chills, bugs and colds and knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand/ Te Whatu Ora and the Ministry of Education have some useful guidance for parents to help you make the call.

This week has seen us change our lunchtime routine to a Play, Eat, Learn format. As mentioned in the HERO post last week the reason for this change is by having the learning immediately following eating, children will be more attentive, calm and ready to learn. Like any change in routine, it may take a while for the children to adjust but we hope in the long run that the change will be beneficial.

Next Friday is our school hangi and we do need some parental help on the day especially supplying firewood, hangi preparation and lifting of the hangi. Please contact the office if you can assist in any way.

Regards
Richard.



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Margot Stringer, Aania Chand, Walty Hall and Deepshika Bhattarai.

Mufti Day – This Friday 14 June
in support of Diabetes NZ. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

NZ PLAYHOUSE – THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

We had a visit from NZ Playhouse on Friday performing The Reluctant Dragon. The storyline was based on the value of friendship, kindness, solving problems without fighting and not judging dragons by their covers.



SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE
School will be closed on **FRIDAY 28 JUNE** to observe the Matariki Public Holiday.

BOT MEETING – Tuesday 18th June

Our next Board of Trustee meeting is Tuesday 18th June at 6.30pm in the Board Room in the main office. All welcome!

OPIHI TEAM TRIP

On Wednesday 29th May the Opihi Team visited the Timaru Museum and the Library. The children enjoyed dressing up at the Museum and looking at the displays, particularly the interactive displays. The Library staff organised a treasure hunt for the children, and they were able to explore the different parts of the Library. We also visited C-Play where everyone played on the different equipment. We all had an enjoyable day and the students' behaviour was fantastic, they were a credit to themselves and Grantlea Downs School.



After school that day Opihi Team held a Structured Literacy Information afternoon. This was to explain to parents how we teach reading and what can be done at home to support their child with their reading. A big thank you to those parents that attended.



Principal Awards – Term 2 Week 6

Finn McAuliffe, Lucy Clark, Xhyon Gordon-Patterson, Tara Milne

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 5

Alizay Fahey, Santaziah Tanoa, Wiremu Kotua-Tekorongu, Luka Pratley, Hunter-Jay Paisley

Values Champion – Week 6

Asher Weaver, Sonny Dockrill, Sophia Kirk, Ellie de Har, Bonnie Cross-Papnui, Stella Dunnage, Dan Akagi-Taynee, Leo Dunnage, Jackson Lindsay, Sophia Bubburt, Lucy Thornley, Kassi White, Khan Wills, Aaliyah Richardt

HANGI 2024

We are in the process of organising our school Hangi which will be held on **Friday the 21st of June** (Week 8).

As with all school wide events, we will require parent help/guidance or input in the following areas. Please get in touch with the office or complete the attached google form if you can assist in any way.

We are looking for:

- Parent help - men to start the fire (6am), drop hangi (8:50-9:30), lift the hangi (1pm)
- Pieces of firewood - bluegum logs preferable 20cm diameter, 1-2m long
- Cotton sheets - you will not get these back!

We appreciate your help!

Your child is welcome to bring their own food parcel to be cooked in the Hangi, they will also need their own eating utensils. Your food parcel will need to be well wrapped in tin foil and labelled (please be realistic about the amount of food for your child as there is limited space in the Hangi). These parcels will need to be at school by 8.30am on the day - ready to be placed in the Hangi. Check out [this video](#) that Mr Skea made us about how to wrap parcels.

The school will also provide food for the Hangi that your child is welcome to eat. If you would not like your child to participate in the Hangi, that is fine but there will be no alternative offered so they will need to bring their own lunch. All families need to complete the google form link below ASAP to help guide our numbers.

[Hangi Google Form](#) - please complete one per child by Monday 17 June. Paper copies are available from the office if you are unable to fill the form out online.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a lot of unnamed school uniform in the lost property. If you are missing any items, please come and check the racks in the office foyer.



Cross Country Results 2024

Race	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Y3 Girls	Ksenia Streltsova	Mahara Tungia	Charlie Dunnage	Dotte Cadigan	Harla Brinson	Elexir Jamieson
Y3 Boys	Luke MacGregor	Tyler Ferguson	Ciaran Campbell	Arlo Thornton	George Beeby	Harry Thornton
Y4 Girls	Aria Henry Evans	A K	Bailee Armstrong	Sophie Reweti	L M	Bhavya Gopakumar/Charlee Rawson
Y4 Boys	Leo Dunnage	Skyler Felizardo	Klaus de Har	Lawson Kavanaugh	Dan Akagi-Taynee	Luka Pratley
Y5 Girls	Harper McIntyre	Francesca Russell	Abby Thornton	Lavanya Renjith		
Y5 Boys	Joseph Hoffman Cook	Axle Ramsey-Turner	Blake Rolton	Casey Holden	Tawhirimatea Whyte	Ashton Wentworth Smith
Yr 6 Girls	Manaia Evans	Ruby MacGregor	Hannah Kavanaugh	Scoutt Tee	Lucy Thornley	Danni Steedman
Yr 6 Boys	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Xhyon Gordon-Patterson	Jackson Lindsay	Romeo Yerbury	Gordon Crichton-Solomon	Eli McInnes
Y7 Girls	Ava Maraku	Bailey Clarkson	Kassi White	Kristy Goundar	Tara Miline	Scarlet Hayes
Y7 Boys	Jaxon Wickenden	Manu Kotua-Tekoronga	Caiden Hough	Vann Agnew	Quinn Hansen	James Chambers
Y8 Girls	Polly Hendry	Phoebe Kiddey	Manaaki Wereta-Ruru	Maddie Ford	Izabella Simms	Teiria Tungia
Y8 Boys	Liam Cunningham	Charlie Palmer	Blake Cunningham	Oscar Bennett	Carter Brown	Liam Phillips



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SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

9th - 10th November 2024

Saturday: Workshops and Quiz night
 Sunday: Fair and Junk to Funk competition

Looking for workshop hosts, fair exhibitors and volunteers

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LIFE EDUCATION
 Learning with Harold

The **5+A Day** Charitable Trust

COOK TO WIN

with *two raw sisters* and a giraffe

Harold has teamed up with the Two Raw Sisters and 5 + A Day to inspire tamariki to make positive food choices. We want to see you get creative in the kitchen, cooking delicious and nutritious kai with your whānau!

ENTER:

- WATCH** our video cooking workshop 'Build your own Pad Thai'.
- COOK** the recipe with ingredients you have at home.
- SHARE** a photo of you cooking or of your final creation to enter the monthly prize draw!

PRIZES:
 Each month between May - October 2024 we'll select one winner who'll receive:

- \$200 Two Raw Sisters voucher
- \$100 grocery voucher
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Book by Bridget Carpenter Music by Tom Kitt Lyrics by Brian Yorkey

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 and the Disney film

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Directed by: Alice Sillis
 Music Directed by: Catherine Anderson
 Choreographed by: Jane Bowen

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