



Newsletter

24 July 2024 Newsletter No 12

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term 3. Hopefully this term will see the return of warmer and sunnier weather!

We welcome Mr Bailey Gebbie in Room 11 and Mrs Alana Turnbull in Room 6 and Mrs Hayley Toumohuni, who will be providing some classroom release. Alana is with us for the first four weeks until Miss Julia Trushin joins us in Week 5.

We have another busy term ahead of us. In Week 3 we have parent conferences. On Wednesday 7th August, school will close at 1pm with interviews starting at 1:30pm. Parent conferences will also be held on the Thursday from 3:30 until 5:30pm. Information about how to book the interviews is included in the newsletter. Parent conferences are an important time to discuss your child's learning progress with your child's teacher. We encourage you to book early so you get your preferred time.

We are looking forward to the ski/skate day on Thursday 15th August. The information about the day is also included in the newsletter. Please fill in the forms as promptly as possible as this helps with the organisation for the day.

On Monday 19th August, school will be closed for students as we have a staff only day. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause, but this day suited the Ministry of Education facilitators who are going to support us on this day.

Regards
Richard.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE NEXT THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2024.

Orders can be made via the Scholastic LOOP App or bring your order form with any cash payment to the school office. Look out for the free book offer for LOOP orders only with this issue.



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs this week: Harlee-Rose Dragsund, Wimarama Hiri-Harris, McCormick Bell and Sehbaaz Singh.

ADVANCED NOTICE!

School will be finishing at 1pm for students on Wednesday 7th August for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. Lunches will still be provided and the bus will run at the earlier time of 1.10pm. Booking information included on the next page.

WANTED – SMALL BIKES

If anyone has any spare small bikes they would like to donate to the school, they would be greatly appreciated. We have a container on site to store bikes and scooters for children to use on the bike track if they do not have their own but require some smaller sized bikes.

SKI/SKATE DAY – Yrs 3-8

Our ski/skate day is to be held in Term 3, Week 4, on Thursday 15th August. Both skiing and skating will be held at Lake Tekapo, with the skiing at Roundhill and the skating at Alpine Springs Ice Skating Rink. As this is an Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) trip, there will be **NO COST** to the students. Students in Year 3 and 4 will be skating and students in Yrs 5 – 8 will have a choice of skiing or skating. More information including the consent form will be coming home with this newsletter today.



SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE

**School will be closed on
MONDAY 19 AUGUST for
Staff Only Training Day.**

**PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES –
WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 1.30PM – 6.45PM INCLUSIVE
THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 3.30PM – 5.15PM INCLUSIVE**

**SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 1.00PM
ON THE WEDNESDAY, IT IS ONLY
OPEN DURING THE AFTERNOON
FOR INTERVIEWS**

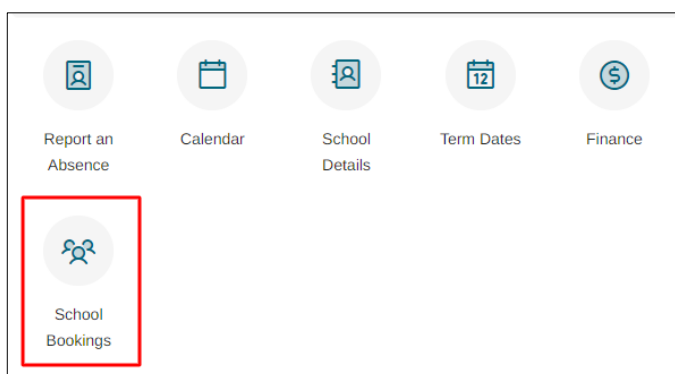


We are again utilising the Hero App for booking the conferences. Just a reminder that if you are going to make consecutive bookings that you leave a 15 minute slot between conferences to allow you time to get to the next appointment. It is expected that each family will attend. If a booking is not made, a time will be allocated to you. If you do not have the Hero App you can book at the school office.

Note: Room 14 only – Mr Carlaw will not be able to conduct his meetings at this time. He will be in contact to arrange alternatives.

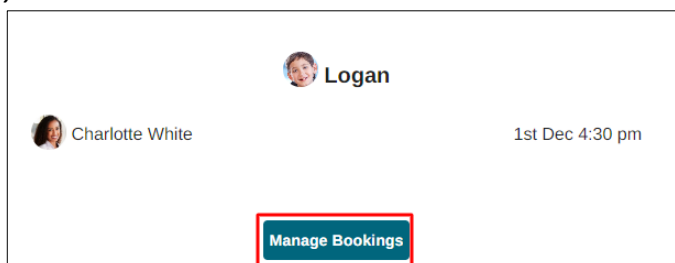
How to book in for an interview time by following the steps below.

STEP 1 Log into your Hero App and click on the School Bookings icon on the Landing Page.



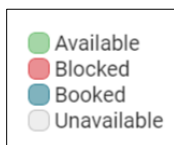
STEP 2 Click on the Manage Bookings tab.

This will display a table of all available slots for all of your associated students.



STEP 4 A colour key provides information on the status of each interview slot.

STEP 5 To add a booking, click a GREEN slot. The booking popup will be displayed, and you have the option of entering a note for the relevant staff member. Clicking CONFIRM will secure the interview slot.



PUB CHARITY GRANT

We have had fantastic news from Pub Charity that we have been successful in receiving some money towards our application for Chromebooks and iPads as part of our Technology replacement programme.

Our grateful thanks go to the following businesses for their generous donation.

1. Armadillo's In The City Timaru
2. Crown Heritage Hotel
3. Empire Hotel
4. Grosvenor Hotel
5. Richard Pearse Tavern



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The School Board meetings this term will be Tuesday 13 August 2024 and Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Administration Office Board Room. All parents are welcome to attend. Please note that while members of the public can attend this meeting, it is not a public meeting.

School Docs

All of our School Policies are located on the SchoolDocs website. Below are instructions on how you can view these.

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and click on Search for your school in the top right-hand corner
2. Type in Grantlea Downs, and click on the prompted school name
3. Username is grantleadowns
4. Password is grantsroad

There is a Quick Links for Parents topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

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The following policies are being reviewed on SchoolDocs this term.

Concerns and Complaints, Media, Performance Management, Professional Development, Protected Disclosure, Staff Conduct, and Staff Leave.

Principal Awards – Term 2 Week 10

Dhyan Renjith, Dotte Cadigan, Romeo Yerbury, Teiria Tungia

Class and Values Champions

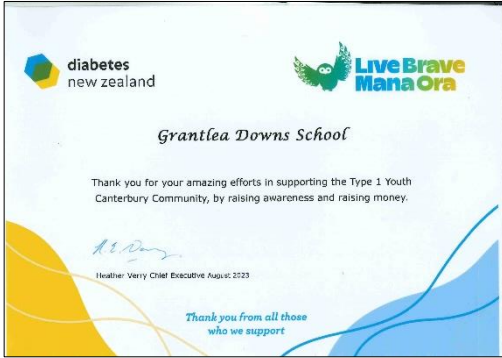
Values Champion – Week 10

Mika Akagi-Taynee, Mila Stringer, Pascoe Smillie, Vanessa Yorston, Bianca Valentine, Ella Lindsay, Chevelle Thomas, Jorja Flannery

ABSENCES REMINDER!

If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, **PLEASE** contact the school office. Please advise their **NAME AND ENSURE YOU GIVE A REASON FOR ABSENCE IE SICK, DOCTORS APPT. ETC.** You can call 684 7706 any time, our phone system is automated to take absence messages before school opens, text on 027 684 7706, or send us a message through the Hero App (a quick and easy option).

MUFTI DAY - DIABETES



THANKS

Many thanks to Derek Vogel and Lance Cassidy for preparing the grounds over the holidays. Thanks also to Sonyia Ramsay and Cathy Moffat for having the rooms cleaned, ready for our return to school.

We would also like to thank the members from the local Altrusa Club, who were assisted by the Geraldine Patchwork and Craft Group, to make and fill pencil cases for us to give to students who may have a need for them.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

PRIMARY YEARS 5-11
TOOLBOX

Feel confident to tackle the primary years

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- Discipline and boundaries
- And lots more!

1st August 2024
Thursday's 7:30-9pm for six weeks
Grown Together
44-46 Rothwell Street, Timaru

Book Online @ www.growntogether.nz
For more information email admin@growntogether.nz

Book online parentingplace.nz/toolbox

Toolbox by Parenting Place

Work-life balance myths and realities

Come join social worker, Juliet to talk all the ways we can balance and manage the chaos that comes with being busy parents!

Online, Wednesday 7th of August
7:30 - 9:00 pm with Q&A

Bookings essential:
<https://events.humanitix.com/work-life-balance>

Only \$18!

real parents

Disney
Brenton Theatre
MUSICAL THEATRE
Atrius

FREAKY FRIDAY

A NEW MUSICAL

Book by **Bridget Carpenter** Music by **Tom Kitt** Lyrics by **Brian Yorkey**

Based on the novel *Freaky Friday* by Mary Rodgers and the Disney films
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

Directed by Alice Smith
Music Directed by Catherine Andersen
Choreographed by Jane Baines

On Stage **26 July - 10 August 2024**
Playhouse - Timaru

iTICKET

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNIOR SQUASH

At the Timaru Squash Club

SMALL NIX
Age: 5-9 years old
Start Date: Monday 29 July
Time: Mondays 3:30pm-4:15pm

BIG NIX
Age: 9-12 years (with good hand-eye coordination)
Start Date: Tuesday 30 July
Time: Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:15pm

Equipment supplied. Please wear non-marking, CLEAN shoes. Programme will run for 9 weeks.



All registrations via our website.
Any questions email TSC or contact Jen: 021685441.






LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold.



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:

- 1. WATCH** our video cooking workshop 'Build your own Pad Thai'.
- 2. COOK** the recipe with ingredients you have at home.
- 3. 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
- \$200 The Warehouse voucher for your school (Full details plus terms and conditions on website)

Learn more at:
www.tworawsistersandagiraffe.org.nz/win



Learn to Play a Brass instrument!

What does the Timaru Concert Brass offer?

- Brass tuition for any age and ability
- Fun and friendly environment
- An opportunity to make life-long friendships
- Opportunity to attend Canterbury junior band camps as well as regional and national representative bands
- Learn to play, perform and inspire with music

Concert Brass rehearsal: Sunday, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Lessons: Tuesday afternoons/early evenings during school term, Timaru Band Room.

Fees and contact details

Please refer to the website for information about fees for Membership, Lessons and Instrument Hire.

Email: secretary@timarubrass.co.nz
Phone: John Wise, President, AETB. ph 021 313 380
Physical Address: 10 North Street, Timaru



www.timarubrass.co.nz





New Zealand Football





MILO Fantails West End AFC Timaru

Thursday 25th July (8 Weeks)
4.30pm - 5.30pm,
West End Park
Fantails Registration
Contact: westendsoccer.rego@gmail.com





SCAN ME



Grantlea Downs Calendar Term 3 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	July 22	23	24 Newsletter	25	26
2	29	30	31	August 1	2 Performance - Echelon "Way too cool" Book Week in Schools
3	5	6	7 Newsletter Parent Conferences Chn home at 1pm 1:30-7 pm	8 Parent Conferences 3:30-5:30	9
4	12	13 Board Meeting 6.30 pm	14	15 Ski/Skate Day	16 Assembly 2.15pm
5	19 Staff Only Day UBRS training	20	21 Newsletter	22	23 Hangi
6	26	27	28	29 Disco	30 Assembly 2.15pm
7	September 2	3	4 Newsletter	5	6 FLAVA Day
8	9 Book Fair Week	10 Board Meeting 6.30 pm Book Fair Week	11 Book Fair Week	12 Opihi Tabloid Sports Book Fair Week	13 Assembly 2.15pm Book Fair Week
9 Te Wiki o te Reo Maori	16	17	18 Newsletter	19 Olympics Day	20 Mufti Day - Hospice
10	23 SC Anniversary Day	24	25	26	27 Assembly 2.15pm Last Day of Term 3