



Newsletter

15 May 2024 Newsletter No 8

Tena koutou katoa

Thank you to all those that attended the Digital Safety evening with Rob Cope last week. It was a fantastic and informative night. It was great that so many of you were able to attend.

Rob Cope has created an online resource called the Big Reconnect and has kindly given us access to this. To do this please, follow the instructions below:

To access The Big Reconnect course, please click on the following link: [The Big Reconnect The Big Reconnect - For Parents | Our Kids Online \(teachable.com\)](#)

This will take you to the main page for you to enrol in the course. Click **ENROL NOW** This will then take you to the enrolment page.

Step 1 On the left side of the page put in your email address Step 2 On the right-hand side of the page click on **Add Coupon Code** then copy and paste GRANTLEAFREE

Step 3 Then click on **apply** Step 4 Click on **get it for free** This will then take you to a new page for you to: Step 5 Add your name Step 6 Create a password

This Friday is the school Wheelathon, we are looking forward to a great day. There will be prizes for the best dressed and best decorated scooter, a sausage sizzle, popcorn, face painting and much more. Racing starts after morning tea at 11am. Thank you to everyone that has helped their child with their donations. Please make sure your Donation Card is returned, even if there are

This week we are celebrating Support Staff Week. This gives us the opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful office staff, teacher aides, property, kitchen and cleaning staff. We are very fortunate to have them and they support our staff, children and school in so many ways.

Regards
Richard.



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs this week: Evie Hokai-Gage, Safiya Waperi and Eunilyn Ryan.

HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Reminder: The Home and School AGM is on **tonight**, Wednesday 15 May at 7.30pm, (postponed from Monday 13 May), in the School Office Block. All welcome!

SCHOOL CLOSED - ADVANCED NOTICE

We have a Teacher Only Day scheduled for Week 6 FRIDAY 2nd JUNE (the Friday before King's Birthday Weekend)

Kia Ora Whanau

Through Sport Canterbury and the HAL initiative we have been taking part in a project called Neighbourhood Play Systems (NPS). NPS is a Sport NZ initiative designed to gather a stocktake of the play environment and play spaces surrounding Grantlea Downs School. We aim to gain a better understanding of how our ākonga play on their way and play around the area and our wider local community. In order to do this we have gathered extensive tamariki insights, mapped the surrounding 800m radius of the school and are now collecting whanau voice to help us create a fuller image of the local play environment for our ākonga and understand how you and your tamariki play around school and in your free time!

If you could please take 2 minutes of your time to complete this quick survey, that would be hugely appreciated, and you will go in the draw to win a \$30 fuel voucher or \$50 Pak n Save voucher.

Once the full report is complete all data will be shared with the whole school community.

Whānau and Community Survey:
<https://forms.office.com/r/uCwiW9btJb>

WHEELATHON 2024

Friday marks our Wheelathon day, and parents are welcome to join us between 11am and 2pm with entry via the bottom carpark please. Seniors (Y5-8) will begin at 11am, followed by Juniors (Y0-4) at 11:30am.

There will be face painting and a variety of food stalls available, so children may wish to bring along some money for purchases. Price list below.

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| Sausage in Bread | \$2 |
| Cake | \$2 |
| Popcorn | \$2 |
| Ice Block | \$2 |
| Juice – In your own drink bottle | \$2 |
| Juice – per cup | \$1 |

Buddy classes have been working hard to enhance our previous track designs. Don't forget there are prizes for PINK-themed decorated bikes, scooters, helmets, and outfits, as well as spot prizes throughout the day. The announcement of the major prize winner will take place during our next Assembly.

We still have some Donation Cards still to be returned. Even if you do not have any donations, the Card needs to be returned by Friday 17 May please.

We also still require more parent helpers to assist with the food stalls. If you're available, please email linda@grantleadowns.school.nz



We look forward to seeing you there!

Principal Awards – Term 2 Week 2

Bailee Armstrong, Manaia Evans, Kyson Taylor

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 1

Dhyan Renjith, Willow Don, Ayson Kannemeyer, Annie Richmond, Jaxon Spivey, Layla Gordon, Charlie Dunnage, Dotte Cadigan, Xhyon Gordon-Patterson, Jaxon Bell, Axel Price, Kyson Taylor

Values Champion – Week 2

Paityn Rennick, Evie Hokai-Gage, Carter Halkett, Dakota Richardt, Max Yerbury, Ivy-Leigh Lord, Sophia Paul, Maddison Valentine, Skyler Felizardo, TJ Kotua-Tekorong, Brodie Fox, Kate Hoare, Ava Maraku, Ola Latu

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The first meeting of this term is next **Tuesday 21 May 2024** at 6.30 pm in the Administration Office Board Room.

All parents are welcome to attend. Please note this is not a public meeting but it is “open to the public”.

School Docs

All 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.

The following topics are being reviewed this term:

- Employer Responsibility Policy
- Appointment Procedure
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Classroom Release Time

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MITRE 10 MEGA KART RACE

Congratulations to Scoutt and Manaia in placing third in the Mitre 10 Mega Kart Race held last Thursday.



Competitive CROSS COUNTRY



When: Thursday 30th May, 11am start

The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held this year on Thursday 30th May. Any students from Year 3 to Year 8 who would like to enter in the competitive cross country will need to register when the notice board comes around classes. Encourage your children to enter the competitive cross country and earn Keko Cards for their efforts. All children entered in the Competitive Cross Country will go in the draw to win some Rebel Sport Vouchers.

The Cross Country will be run differently to previous years. The junior events will take place first and then the senior events. After the completion of the first round the junior children will return back to their classes and then the seniors will begin.

11am start: Race Events: Girls and Boys will race together.

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 7
- Year 8

This is the confirmed order of all races

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Suitable running shoes
- School shorts and t-shirt to run in (children can run in their house colour t-shirts and will need their school sweatshirt/polar fleece for after the race)
- Water bottle

Students are training daily at school for their race, and we encourage parents to support their children in practising at home for the event as well.

We welcome and encourage parents, caregivers and family members to attend and support the students.

The South Canterbury event will be held on Tuesday 11th June and the top three boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8 will represent the school at this.

Non - Competitive House Fun Run

The non- competitive "House Fun Run" is back! This is where the students will complete as many laps of an obstacle course as possible. Each lap, the students will drop a popsicle stick into their house bin and collect points for their house! All students are expected to participate in this event and wear house colours to show their support! There will be spot prizes for the best dressed and students displaying the values!

1.15-1.45pm (approx) - Opihi and Waipopo Syndicates

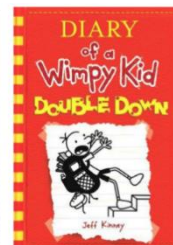
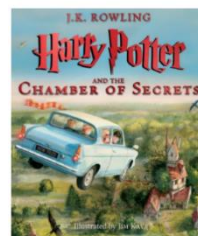
2-2.30pm (approx) - Acacia and Kereta Syndicates

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.



Grantlea Downs Book Night



- Grantlea Downs Book Night is being held on Tuesday 28th May 2024.
- 6.00-7.30pm in the foyer at Grantlea Downs School.
- Parents, children, grandparents, aunties, and uncles are all welcome.
- Heaters will be on, there will be milo and supper.
- Wear your pyjamas, bring a teddy and some rugs.
- Bring your favourite book to read, e-book, comic, graphic book or audio book.
- To help us with catering could you please fill in the slip below and return it to the office by **Friday 24th May** or click on the link to fill in the form online.
<https://forms.gle/AJ9b58RLGJ5o8qnX8>

I will be attending the Book Night on Tuesday 23rd May between 6.30-8.00pm.

Family name: _____

Number attending: _____

Welcome to all new & existing parents and caregivers from the Home and School Committee

This year the Home & School would love to get some new members on board, so if you are keen to come along and find out more, come along to our **AGM tonight, Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in the School Staffroom.**

About the Home & School

We work with the school to maintain and build close links with the community. Our aim is to plan and implement fundraising projects to support the school and its students.

Who can join the H & S?

Anyone! Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Caregivers – you are all welcome :-)

Things you should know...

- ❖ We need more committee members
- ❖ We don't expect you to come to every meeting
- ❖ We don't expect you to help at every event
- ❖ We value all input and fresh ideas
- ❖ We are a fun laid-back bunch



For more information please feel free to call the office on 684 7706

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AraTaiohi

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO PERFORM AT

SHOWCASE ON SOPHIA

YOUTH PERFORMERS WANTED!

SING-DANCE-JUGGLE-SPOKEN WORD
BAND-MARTIAL ARTS-DRAMA



FRI 24 MAY, 5.30-7.30PM
12-24 YEAR OLD PERFORMERS
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!

the Y YMCA South & Mid Canterbury
Refugee Settlement
TIMARU
COUNCIL



Boarding and Day Places Available Now!

OPEN DAY SUNDAY MAY 26TH, 10AM

Open Day commences at 10am with the Principal's Address in the Nora Dickie Hall followed by Student Led Tours. For us to run this event smoothly - we encourage you to REGISTER at <https://www.timarugirls.school.nz/open-day>
We pride ourselves on our rich diversity, our strong values and our high standards.

Timaru Girls' High School - Day and Boarding School
"EXPERIENCE SUCCESS"

Register for Open Day today <https://www.timarugirls.school.nz/open-day>
or contact the school: 03 688 1122 or principal@timarugirls.school.nz

Timaru Girls' High School
SOUTH CANTERBURY | NEW ZEALAND



Good men in the making

Join us at our Information Evening
Wednesday 5 June, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Learning Together
Growing Together

www.timaruboysschool.nz

TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



KATRINA'S AFTERSCHOOL TIME SOLUTIONS

!!!NOW DOES PICK UPS!!!

We are taking bookings for children from local Timaru Schools.

Contact Us:
Phone: 022 6556 726
Email: admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz
or go to
kats@aimyplus.com
to register and book now.



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It's very simple. Customers can nominate a participating school to receive 50 cents for every 100L of bulk fuel they have delivered.

Once a participating school reaches their \$1,000 target they can redeem from the variety of technology, sports, literature & music packages on offer. The more people involved and nominating a school the sooner they will be rewarded.



Call 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting your local school today!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Has your child received support for
ANXIETY or ADHD?



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TE HANGA Kōwhiri
Te Mātauranga o Aotearoa

Tell us about their experiences, and you could
win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

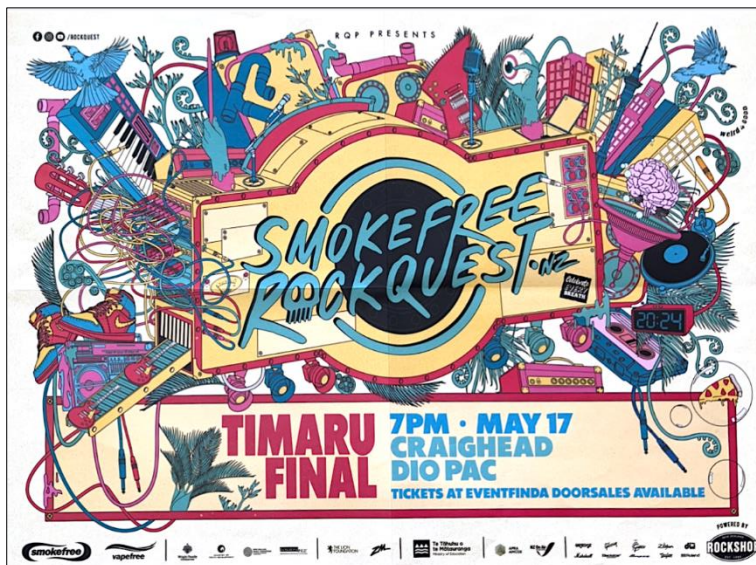
We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

Approved by AUTEK on 08/04/24 [Ref. 24/43]

✉ amy.kercher@aut.ac.nz

Click to participate or learn more:

https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cip0TC9wLfEIXc



PROUDLY PRESENTED & SUPPORTED BY THE CHIRON LEWIS EADY FOUNDATION



EST. 1983 - the LEWIS EADY JUNIOR MUSIC CONTEST for PIANO is a performance opportunity for primary and intermediate-age children at all levels of musical achievement. The Contest allows young musicians to gain confidence and valuable performance experience, and all performers receive Award Certificates, along with constructive and encouraging written feedback.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

2024 CONTEST PERFORMANCE DATES
Sunday 11 August & Sunday 18 August

ENTRIES CLOSE
Sunday 16 June (strictly no late entries)

Tāima Kōrero Time 2 Talk

Protecting Our Young People Online

2pm, Sunday, May 26th
Life Church Timaru
Main Auditorium, 134 Morgans Rd

Please join us for a presentation by Brett Harvey of Tāima Kōrero on what adults need to know about devices, online media & protecting our young people from the harmful effects of the porn industry.

SATURDAY NITE LIVE

TYC MONTHLY YOUTH EVENT

SATURDAY 18TH MAY
AGES 18-13
7-9PM

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