



# Newsletter

## 16 October 2024 Newsletter No 17

Tena koutou katou

Welcome back to Term 4. We have a busy term planned so I hope that you were all able to have a lovely holiday break. We are all looking forward to the new term and the children are excited to see their friends again.

Over the holidays the school was a hive of activity with the outside of some classes being painted. The area outside the kitchen has been concreted and we will be putting picnic tables there for the children to sit at and enjoy their yoghurts. As always, our school grounds look fantastic, this is a credit to the work of our caretaking staff of Derek and Lance. A big thank you to our cleaning staff, Sonyia and Cathy for making sure the classrooms are spic and span.

As the warmer weather is upon us it is expected that all children will wear a school hat. Please ensure that all hats are named.

Some of the events this term include school photos in Week 2, school sprints, athletics, swimming for the Juniors, the Acacia Team is visiting the Rock Art Centre and the Opihi Rock Art site. We will also continue to hold fortnightly assemblies on Friday at 2:30pm and we invite you to come along to these. However due to school photos in week 2, our first assembly will be in week 4 on 8<sup>th</sup> November. A calendar is included for your reference.

I hope we all have an enjoyable Term 4 and that we get lots of lovely warm weather.

Regards  
Sandra Annett

**Reminder: Labour Day Holiday**  
**Monday 28 October – School will be closed**



### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs this week: Mohammed Malahassan, Abdulqader Malahassan, Harlow Corbin, Toby Howley-Caswell, Aleiyah Richards and Oliver Smith.

### REMINDER - UNIFORM – Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn this term. Please ensure your child has one and it is **clearly named**.

We expect the correct uniform to be worn at school as per the school uniform policy. All non-uniform items are to be worn only to and from school.



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS  
CLOSE NEXT THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER  
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.

## KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are booked for Friday 25 October (next Friday). We have added below a copy of the order form from Kolorcare. This is to give you **advanced notice** of prices and choices available for ordering when your order forms come home next term.

Sibling photos will be taken after lunch. Please let your children know if you wish to have these taken.

★ **Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Quantity
21 x 25 cm Named Class Photo	\$16.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laminated Named Class Photo	\$19.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class Funny photo	\$7.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Photo Gifts**

13x18cm photo in Cardboard frame	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
13x18 cm photo in Fridge Magnet	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
10x15 cm Silver edged Fridge Magnet	\$14.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
10x15 cm photo On Photo Block	\$19.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo in Keyring double sided	\$11.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sheet of 5 Individual photos 3x 10x15cm and 2x Wallet Size \$16.00

2x 13x18 cm \$16.00

A4 Enlargement \$16.00

Individual digital Image emailed. \$25.00

Please provide email address below ↓

**Total \$**

Credit / Debit card details \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Phone number if paying by credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Service fee of 1.95% will be added, when Paying by credit card

Deliver this envelope with Cash, or credit card details to school office Thanks  
**Kolorcare**  
 56 Hornbrook st Temuka  
 027 689 8850

## PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office by **Friday 1 November** please.



## ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM COSTS – Yr8 students

The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund through the Rotary Club Timaru North are inviting applications from schools for grants supporting families of Year 8 children with school uniforms, clothing and footwear costs for High School next year.

If you would like to be considered, please contact the office for an application form. **These applications need to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

We have had applications granted previously and we would encourage families to apply to be considered.

## JEANS DAY – MUFTI DAY

Our mufti day held 20 September, in support of Hospice SC raised \$397.00. Thank you for your generous donations.



## Basketball Tournament

In the school holidays Ava and Polly played in the U14 South Canterbury Girls Basketball Tournament. The tournament was held in Ashburton from Wednesday the 9th to Saturday the 12th. We came 6th out of 10 teams in our grade. It was loads of fun you should try out next year.

By Ava and Polly.



## HEALTH CONSULTATION SURVEY

An email has been sent out regarding our Health Consultation Survey. At least every two years the Grantlea Downs School Board is required to consult with the parent community about the school's health and physical education programme.

This is a very short survey, and we would appreciate your feedback in this area.

Please complete this survey by 3 pm Wednesday 23rd October 2024.

We have added the Health Consultation Survey link below

<https://forms.gle/RzpdP48NwQhEyZX9>

We appreciate your time participating in this brief survey.

## Principal Awards – Term 2 Week 10

Aura Benton, Jayda Gibson, Henry Morris, James Chambers

## Class and Values Champions

### Class Awards – Week 9

Brayden Clifford, Saulo Dongiego, Addison Fox, Aroha Blissett, Ronald Milne, Ben Wade, Kingsley O'Neill, Maynard Jamieson, Scarlet Hayes

### Values Champion – Week 10

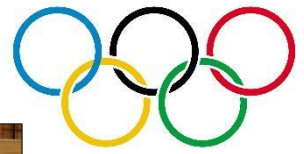
Paityn Rennick, Scarlett Yorston, Murphy Morris, Freida Bennett, Braxton Brady, Bianca Valentine, Bailee Armstrong, Gemma Halkett-Doull, Falcon Rangitaawa, Zaliyah Karena-Jamison, Leroy Johnson, Hazel McGiffert, Kristy Goundar, Anas Al Madhon

## The new concreted area outside the kitchen.





# Grantlea Downs Olympics Thursday 19 September







# Grantlea Downs School

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Next review: Term 1 2027

## Kura Community Conduct Expectations

At Grantlea Downs School, the board as the **PCBU** has a primary responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all workers, and others who may be affected by our kura operations (including ākongā and our wider **kura community**) (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015). Grantlea Downs School is committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for all ākongā and staff and takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school (Education and Training Act 2020, s 127). See **Inclusive Kura Culture**.

### Conduct expectations

At Grantlea Downs School, school-related activities and events, and in all communications, we expect members of the kura community to:

- comply with New Zealand **legislation and regulations**
- follow any reasonable requests or instructions from the kura
- treat school staff and other members of the kura community with respect
- support ākongā learning
- take reasonable care of their own health and safety
- take reasonable care that their behaviour does not negatively affect the health and safety of others
- follow relevant kura policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
  - supporting our inclusive kura culture and kura values
  - respecting the privacy of others (e.g. sharing images)
  - using digital technology and social media safely and responsibly
  - complying with kura expectations about smoking, vaping, and using alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances
  - protecting kura property and resources.

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For conduct expectations applying to specific groups, see **Board Responsibilities, Staff Conduct, Behaviour Management, and Visitors**.

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### Managing concerns and incidents

Our kura is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of our kura community. Anyone who wants to bring a matter to the attention of the kura is encouraged to follow our concerns and complaints procedures, including contacting an appropriate person at the kura. We expect concerns and complaints to be raised respectfully, constructively, and with a willingness to work collaboratively to resolve the matter. See **Raising Concerns and Complaints**.

If there is a concern or complaint about community conduct, or an incident occurs, we aim to address the matter promptly and effectively. This includes meeting the principles of natural justice.

Certain incidents may require immediate action:

- All social network sites have clear rules about the content that can be posted on the site, and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches the rules. The kura also expects that any parent/caregiver or ākongā removes such comments immediately.
- In serious cases, the kura will consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites, under the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015. Cyberbullying and any use of social networking by any member of the kura community to publicly humiliate another will be dealt with as a serious incident of school bullying. See [Responding to Digital Incidents](#)
- If a person is on kura grounds without permission or a legitimate reason and/or refuse to leave when requested, they may be considered a trespasser. See [Trespasser on Kura Grounds](#).
- If gang insignia is worn on kura grounds, the person wearing it will be asked to remove the gang insignia or leave (Prohibition of Gang Insignia in Government Premises Act 2013).
- If necessary, staff contact the police.

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### Related topics

- [Inclusive Kura Culture](#)
- [Bullying and Harassment](#)
- [Volunteer Involvement](#)
- [Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy](#)
- [Smokefree and Vapefree](#)
- [Digital Technology and Online Safety](#)
- [Privacy](#)

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### Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990
- Prohibition of Gang Insignia in Government Premises Act 2013

<b>Last review</b>	Term 1 2024
<b>Topic type</b>	Customised



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

- 5km Fun Run
- Kids Mile (1.6km)
- 3, 5 & 10km Walks
- 10km Races
- Free food!
- Spot Prizes!

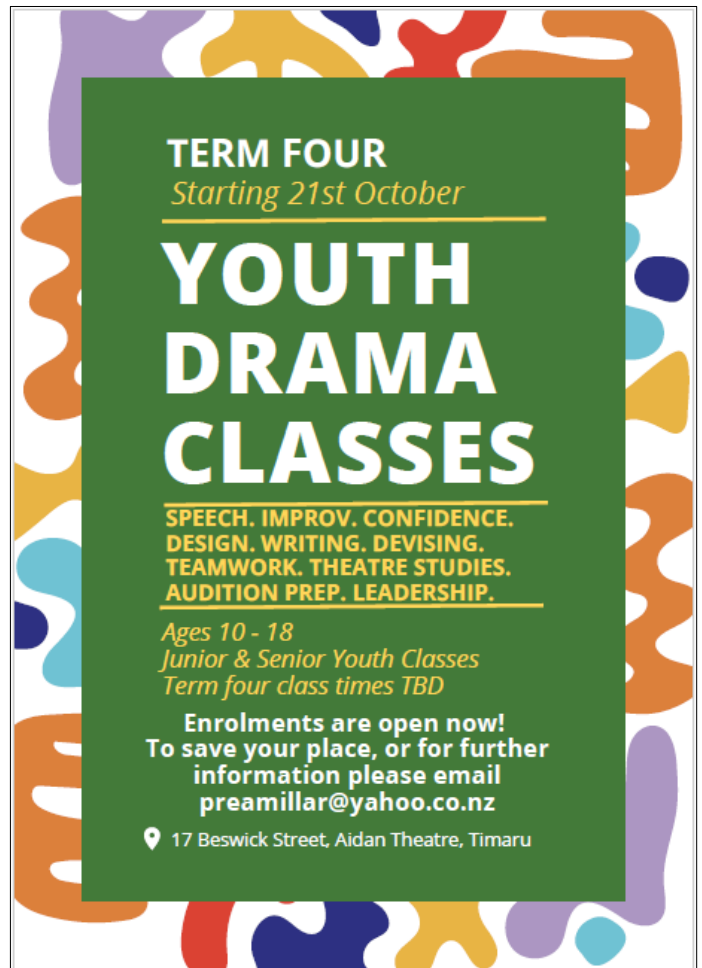
**TIMARU TEN**

'TIMARU TEN at Levels Raceway on **October 26th**: Kids Mile, Walks starting with 3km distance, 5km and 10km Runs.

- Free Food
- Coffee Cart
- Spot Prizes and Voucher Giveaways
- Prize for best dressed

OR enjoy the sun and watch the fun !

-After function with free drink at Speights Ale House.  
Sign up at [timaruten.nz](http://timaruten.nz) '



**TERM FOUR**  
*Starting 21st October*

## YOUTH DRAMA CLASSES

**SPEECH. IMPROV. CONFIDENCE. DESIGN. WRITING. DEVSING. TEAMWORK. THEATRE STUDIES. AUDITION PREP. LEADERSHIP.**

*Ages 10 - 18  
Junior & Senior Youth Classes  
Term four class times TBD*

**Enrolments are open now!**  
To save your place, or for further information please email [preamillar@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:preamillar@yahoo.co.nz)

📍 17 Beswick Street, Aidan Theatre, Timaru



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[admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz](mailto:admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz)  
022 6556 726  
Waimataitai School



**IMPORTANT**

**Take your batteries to your TRANSFER STATION**

- Redruth Resource Recovery Park
- Pleasant Point Transfer Station
- Temuka Transfer Station
- Geraldine Transfer Station

Household batteries - Vapes - Rechargeable batteries - Cell phones

**Batteries cause fires**  
**Do NOT put them in any of your wheelie bins**

**Free & Safe**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GRANTLEA DOWNS SCHOOL**  
YEARS 1 - 6

**TRICK OR TREAT**

**THURSDAY, 31 OCT**

**ELLOUGHTON GARDENS HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED**      **LOLLIE SCRAMBLE**

FROM 3.30PM - 4.15PM  
1 PAGES ROAD

Made with PosterMyWall.com

**Junk to Funk** **Prizes**

Create an outfit from at least 75% recycled materials.

**Judging:**  
Sunday 10th November

Sustainability Festival Fair,  
South Canterbury  
Eco Centre

**Categories / Entries**

Year 1-8 \$5	Year 9-13 \$10	Adults \$20
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Closing date Thursday 24th October  
Email [ecocentrefriends@gmail.com](mailto:ecocentrefriends@gmail.com) for an entry form

Shell go to the ball  
By Melissa James  
2023

**SOUTH CANTERBURY ECO CENTRE**

**FIRE EMERGENCY** NEW ZEALAND

## Fire safety at home



Recently there was a fire in your neighbourhood. Big or small, a fire can impact not only the family involved but the wider community.

Fire and Emergency offer free Home Fire Safety Visits to people, family and whānau who require fire safety advice.

During a Home Fire Safety Visit we:

- Provide information on fire safety
- Install and test smoke alarms
- Provide FREE smoke alarms for those eligible.

**4x** You're four times more likely to survive a house fire if you have a working smoke alarm.

Book your **FREE Home Fire Safety Visit:** 

**Press their buttons to make sure they're ready to protect you**

Maintain and check your smoke alarms regularly:

- Once a month**  
Press the test button to sound the alarm. (Use a broom handle if you can't reach the button).
- Every six months**  
Vacuum or dust your smoke alarms to help avoid false alarms.
- Every 10 years**  
Replace all smoke alarms with new long-life photoelectric smoke alarms.




[www.fireandemergency.nz](http://www.fireandemergency.nz)

I AM CLIMATE HOPE

Mike King's **RIDE FOR HOPE**

Featuring Mike King and Climate Change Guest Speaker. Attendees can go into the draw to win their very own UBCO 2x2 Electric Motorbike.

**TIMARU**  
19TH OCT 6:30PM  
TIMARU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
88 CAIN STREET



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Out of hours music opportunity 2025

Waimataitai school hosts the Out of Hours school music programme for South Canterbury and Tim is getting organised for 2025.

There are scholarships available for students who would benefit from music tuition but might not be able to afford it. Please get in touch with the Timaru School of Music through their website to find the details. Last year this facility was not taken advantage of and we would really like to see some students take this opportunity up in 2025.

Tim will be taking names very soon for any students who wish to come along and have music lessons for the 2025 school year. For more information contact Tim at [timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com)



**CHRISTMAS DINNER 2024**

CAROLINE BAY HALL  
25/12/2024

All welcome  
Bookings essential  
02108481046

TIMARUCHRISTMASDINNER@GMAIL.COM

Donations welcome  
ASB 12-3159-0111099-00

LUNCH SERVED 12.30PM Transport available

Join us on Facebook -  
Timaru community Christmas dinner



**ECO CENTRE**  
Te Pūkahu, Taiao o Aoraki

**SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL**

**9-10 NOVEMBER 2024**  
LEARN, PLAY & BE INSPIRED

Sunday **FREE Sustainability Fair**

Saturday **Workshops & Quiz Night**

Sunday **Junk to Funk Competition & Entertainment**

Visit our **website** for details

[scecocentre.org.nz](http://scecocentre.org.nz)  
55C Redruth St, Timaru



**TIMARU**

**Timaru Squash Club**

**Junior Club: End of Term 3 2024**



**TIMARU**

**SQUASH RACKETS CLUB**

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMES - Term 4**  
Junior Club - Afterschool programme contact: Linda Kenny 0274248504

This is a shorter after-school term programme (7wks) due to summer sports opportunities and Christmas activities, camps etc.

After-school sessions will start on.....

- **Small nix:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm – 4.15pm  
➢ Note: no session on Labour day (Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct).
- **Big Nix:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
➢ If you can't attend on Tuesdays but Mondays work for you – Let Linda know.
- **Youth:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. 4.30pm – 5.15pm
- **Club Junior Christmas Party:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 4.15pm (Dress up)

PLEASE register on-line through our website.