



Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa

Thank you to all the children and adults that came along to Book Night last night. It was a fantastic night and one we hope you and the children enjoyed. Promoting a love of reading in your child is one of the most important things you can do as a parent.



Reading a book to your child every night or giving them a chance to read a book independently



before bedtime will go a long way to helping your child develop a positive mindset towards literacy.

This Thursday is the school Cross Country and Fun Run. The competitive cross-country races for Yr 3-8 start at 11am with the fun house run starting at 1:15 pm for the Juniors and 1:45 pm for the Seniors.

A reminder that **school is closed this Friday and Monday is King's Birthday, a public holiday**. On Friday, staff will be involved in professional development activities with the Timaru Kahui Ako. The Kahui Ako involves most schools in Timaru. The purpose of the day is to collaborate with other educators on a range of educational topics, especially the revised NZ curriculum.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Regards
Richard.



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students to Grantlea Downs this week: Kayden Samuel and Sonny Dockrill

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>

SCHOOL CLOSED – THIS FRIDAY
We have a Staff Only Day this FRIDAY 31st MAY. School will also be closed on Monday 3 June for King's Birthday Weekend

Advanced Notice: Mufti Day - Friday 14 June in support of Diabetes NZ. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

WHEELATHON 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's Wheelathon, whether through donations, volunteering your time, or purchasing items on the day. We raised just over \$9000! Special thanks to Temuka Transport for the use of their BBQ. The money raised will go towards various projects around the school.

Congratulations to all our prize winners, including those who won spot prizes on the day, the Best Decorated Bike or Scooter competition, and the Best Outfit competition. The winner of the Chromebook was Sophia Corcoran.



Best Dressed - Opihi

1st Sophia Kirk

2nd Brayden Clifford

Best Decorated Bike/Scooter - Opihi

1st Chloe Ferguson

2nd Bella Ford

Best Dressed - Waipopo

1st Wiremu Kotua-Tekoronga

2nd Lilly McGrail

Best Decorated Bike/Scooter - Waipopo

1st Fletcher Jackson

2nd James Willmott

Best Dressed - Acacia

1st Sophie Reweti

2nd Blake Rolton

Best Decorated Bike/Scooter - Acacia

1st Danni Steedman

2nd Lennox Thomson

Best Dressed - Kereta

1st Polly Hendry

2nd Laila Fifita

Best Decorated Bike/Scooter - Kereta

1st Manu Kotua-Tekoronga

2nd Kristy Goundar

Principal Awards – Term 2 Week 4

Pascoe Smillie, Briar Marshall, Abby Thornton, Izabella Simms

Class Awards and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 3

Brayden Clifford, Travis Dockrill, Maliyah Kleinow, Tristan Greenfield, Irie Corbett, Wiremu Thomson, Jayda Gibson

Values Champion – Week 4

Brayden Clifford, Zahalia Townsend, Aleko Lord, Theo Hart, Isabella Zandbergen-Krause, Klaus de Har, Gemma Halkett-Doull, Rahurahu Tungia, Hazel McGlinchy, Rhea Huriwai, Savannah Annear Mason, Manu Kotua-Tekoronga



Competitive CROSS COUNTRY



When: Tomorrow -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 & 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) - Ophi 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.



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Has your child received support for
ANXIETY or ADHD?



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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.

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Click to participate or learn more:
https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cip0T_C9wLfEIXc



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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