



Newsletter

7 August 2024 Newsletter No 13

Tena koutou katoa

Parent conferences are being held today and tomorrow. This is an important time to discuss your child's learning progress with your child's teacher. If you have been unable to attend a meeting during this time, we urge you to contact the teacher via the school office or their work email, to communicate how things are progressing.

We would like to thank Mrs Alana Turnbull in Room 6 for teaching the children for the first four weeks of this term and we look forward to her returning next term and teaching in Room 1 with Miss Guise.

Ski/skate day, for year 3-8, is on next Thursday 15th August. We remind you that for your child to attend this free outdoor education day, you must send back the ski/skate notice to give permission by 3 pm Thursday. If no notice with permission is received by this date, children that have not returned their forms will be unable to attend and will stay at school for that day.

Due to the hangi being postponed last term, you would have noticed on the term calendar that it has been rescheduled for Friday 23rd August. Please read the separate notice in this newsletter.

Have a great week.

Regards
Richard.

**SCHOOL CLOSED -
ADVANCED NOTICE**
**School will be closed
on MONDAY 19
AUGUST for Staff Only
Training Day.**



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to Grantlea Downs in the last fortnight: Reon Hunt, Indyanah Bates, Tiani Rongonui and Sydney Rongonui.

REMINDER – BOTTOM STAFF CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the car park at the bottom of Grantlea Drive is for **Staff only**. We also ask that Parents and Students **do not use** this entrance before or after school. This car park is also used by the school bus in the afternoons and some safety concerns have been raised with people walking through the car park at this time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR USING CHILD RESTRAINTS

These are the legal requirements.

Children under 2 years old

You should keep your baby in a rear-facing child restraint in the back seat until at least 2 years old, depending on their height and weight. Check your child restraint instruction manual for its height and weight information.

Children under 7 years old

If the child is under 7 years old you must use an approved child restraint, appropriate for their age and size. They must not travel in the vehicle if you can't put them in an approved child restraint. The vehicle's seatbelt on its own isn't an approved child restraint.

Children 7 years old

If the child is 7 years old you must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size. If there isn't one available in the vehicle, you're required to use a seatbelt. However, if your child is under 148cm tall, the safe option is to use an approved child restraint.

Children 8 to 14 years old

Children 8 to 14 years old must use a seatbelt and sit in the back seat if one is available.

Children over 14 years old

Children over 14 years old must use a seatbelt. Sit children in the back seat A child under 15 years old should sit in the back seat, unless those seats are occupied by children under 15, or the vehicle doesn't have any back seats. Sitting in the back seat helps protect young bodies against crash forces.

Exceptions to these requirements

www.nzta.govt.nz/child-restraint-exceptions

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The School Board meetings this term will be next 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.

Dear Grantlea Downs community.

I wish to inform you that Mr Richard Kidd has decided to resign from his position as Principal due to personal circumstances.

Richard's last day at Grantlea Downs will be 27th September, the end of term 3.

We wish to thank Richard for his time at Grantlea Downs and wish him well for the future.

Mrs Sandra Annett will be Acting Principal as we go through the process of appointing a new Principal. Sandra isn't new to this role, having led the school previously while going through this process.

Appointment of new school principal survey

As part of the consultation process to appoint a new principal, we would like parents/caregivers to fill in the survey either via the link below or you can pick up a paper copy available from the school office.

Please note that we would like all replies to be back to school by **5 pm next Thursday 8th August.**

<https://forms.gle/7wJ8Pz9dJBa6yqbx5>

Thank you

Errol Johns

Grantlea Downs School Presiding Member

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.

Class and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 1

Georgie Morris, Harlee-Rose Dragsund, Mila Stringer, Brax Brady, Neiko Jacobs, Elexir Jamieson, Aaliyah Nausu, Francesca Russell, Scoutt Tee, Nevaeh Minchington-Wallis

Values Champion – Week 2

McCormick Bell, Margot Stringer, Rustyn List, Skylar Morris, Olivia Marshall, Luke MacGregor, Hailee Woods, Arlo Thornton, Livi Gilmour, Thomas Vincent, Chase Thomas

Grantlea Downs Disco

Date: Thursday 29th August 2024

Theme: Olympics



The Grantlea Downs disco will be held on Thursday 29th August 2024

- Times - Junior: 4-5pm Senior: 5:30-6:30pm
- Cost: \$5 prepaid ticket gets you a VIP goodie bag. Tickets will be available from Tuesday 20th August to Wednesday 28th August 8.30-9.00am in the entryway to the office block.
- \$2 for door entry on the day.
- Olympic theme wear your sportiest outfit-prizes for best dressed Olympian.
- Fun competitions-win prizes.



Scholastic Book Fair

At School 9th – 13th September

More details to follow in the next newsletter, but You can get started on your diorama now!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

DIORAMA CONTEST

Option 1 Fiction: Create a diorama based on a scene from your favourite book or story.

Option 2 Non-fiction: Create a diorama based on an facts book e.g. Olympics, history, nature etc.

ENTRIES TO THE HALL STAGE 3RD TO 6TH SEPTEMBER. PLEASE INCLUDE NAME, CLASS, AND THE TITLE OF THE BOOK. DIORAMAS WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING THE BOOK FAIR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.





Ski/Skate Day (Years 3 – 8)

Thursday 15th August (Week 4)



No Postponement Date

Our ski/skate day is next week , Thursday the 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.

OPTIONS

* Ice Skating **Years 3 – 8**

* Skiing/Snowboarding for **Years 5 – 8**

Please ensure that your child has the following clothing to ensure that they are warm throughout the day. They will also be required to bring their own lunch. Please make sure the children have plenty of food to last the day.

Skating (bus leaves at 9am, returns approx. 3pm)

Jacket

Warm Jersey/Sweatshirt/Polar fleece

Warm trousers (no jeans)

Warm Hat/Beanie

Gloves

Plenty of food to last the day

Drink bottle

Bike helmet – these are supplied but you can bring your own if you wish



Skiing (bus leaves at 7am, returns approx. 6-6.30pm)

SUNSCREEN –this is essential

SUNGLASSES/GOGGLES - these are essential

Warm Waterproof Jacket

Waterproof trousers

Warm Jersey /Sweatshirt/Polar fleece

Warm Hat/Beanie

Waterproof Gloves

Plenty of food to last the day

Drink bottle



HANGI 2024

Kia Ora Everyone,

We are in the process of organising our school Hangi which will be held on **Friday the 23rd of August** (Week 5).

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) - tikanga is that these are male roles.
- Pieces of firewood - bluegum logs preferable 20cm diameter, 1-2m long. Some extra firewood to help get the bluegum started.

We appreciate your help!

On the day:

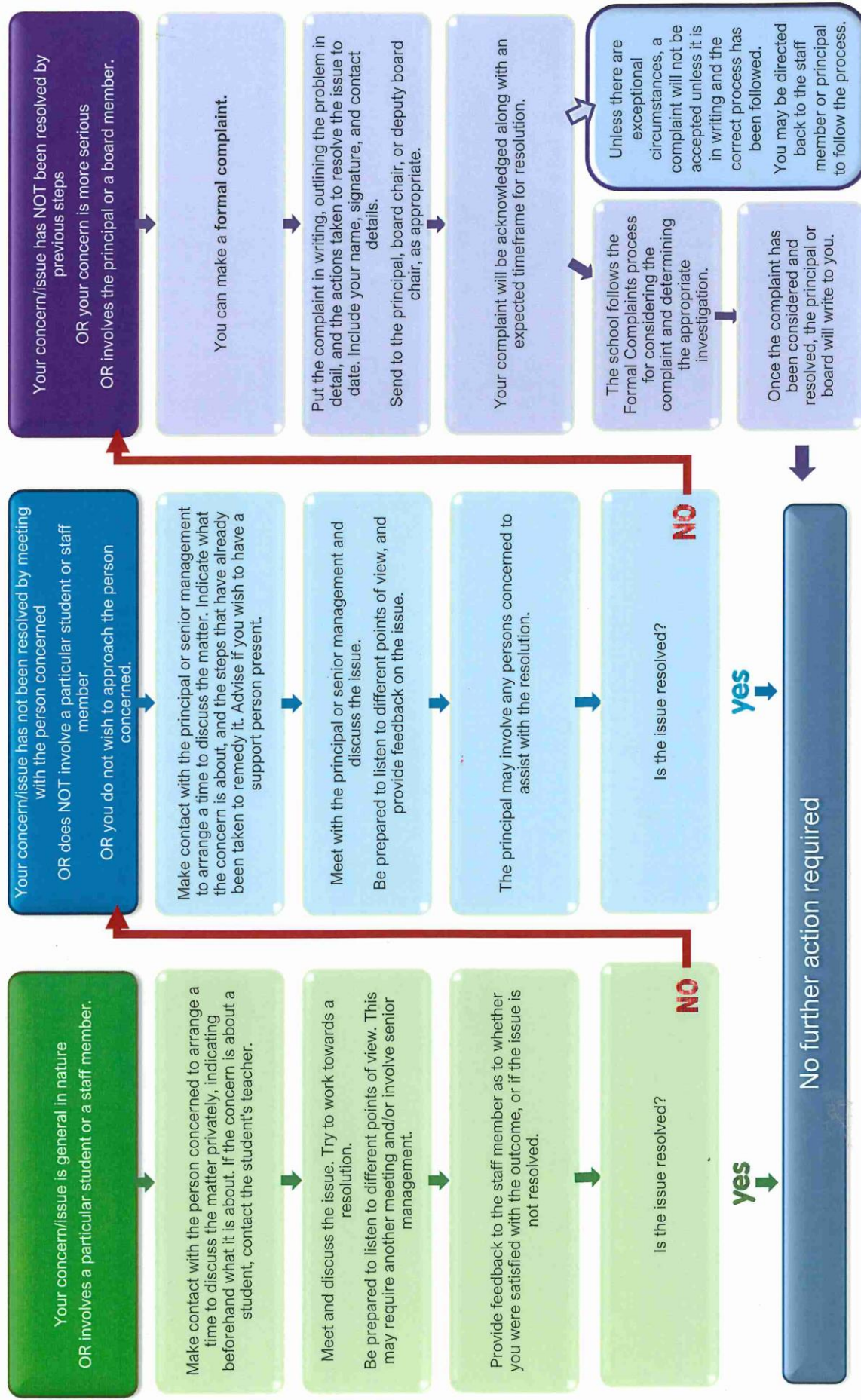
- The **school will provide food for the Hangi**. Your child is **welcome to bring their own food parcel** to be cooked in the Hangi if they wish.
 - Your food parcel will need to be well wrapped in tin foil and labelled (please be realistic about the amount of food for your child as there is limited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

- please complete one per child by Wednesday 14 August

Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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.



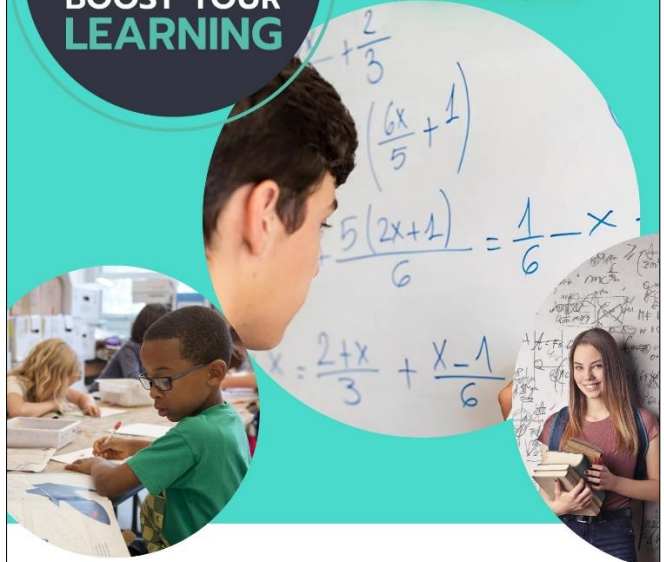
All registrations via our website.
Any questions email TSC or contact Jen: 021685441.



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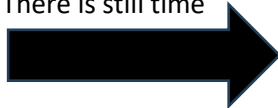


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Anabelle with the kitchen items purchased with the voucher she won for the school, as part of the Life Education Cook To Win Competition. There is still time to enter the monthly draw.






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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Learn to Play a Brass instrument!

What does the Timaru Concert Brass offer?

- Brass tuition for any age and ability
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- 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



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- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
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