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Tena koutou katou

Thank you to everybody that supported our book fair last week. It was fantastic to see so many children and adults viewing and purchasing the books on offer. The Book Fair, like any school activity, takes a lot of organising so it is rewarding for us the staff, to see it so well supported.

We are looking forward to our Olympics day this Thursday. We will be leaving school after morning tea (11:00am) and heading to the stadium on Morgans Road. Children are to wear the colours of the country they are representing. Please if you have the time, come along and watch. It will be a fantastic day!

Also a reminder that it is mufti day on Friday with the money raised going to the South Canterbury Hospice.

We are noticing a few children with long hair that isn't tied back. As stated in our uniform policy, any child with hair longer than shoulder length will need to have their hair tied back.

As this will be my last newsletter as principal, I would like to wish everybody all the best for the future. It has been a privilege being principal of Grantlea Downs School. Grantlea Downs is a fantastic school and I have no doubt that the school will continue to grow and flourish.

Regards Richard

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JEANS DAY - MUFTI DAY

This Friday 20 September we are holding a Mufti Day in support of SC Hospice Jeans Day. Wear your jeans or something denim and bring along a donation in support of this local cause.

REMINDER

Grantlea Downs Olympics TOMORROW, Thursday 19 September

You are welcome to come and watch the Opening Ceremony of the Grantlea Downs Olympics at 11.30am at the Sports Centre (Morgans Rd) and then watch the countries compete for medals. There will be a lunch break from 12.30pm - 1pm. The children will travel to the Stadium by bus and you can take your child home from the Stadium at the conclusion of the Closing Ceremony (please ensure you let your child's teacher know before leaving) or they will travel back to school by bus at approximately 2.30pm. Just a reminder that children have been asked to wear clothes in the colour of the country that they are representing.



REMINDER - UNIFORM - Sun hats

Sun hats are required to be worn next term. Please ensure your child has one

and it is **clearly named**.

Please also take the time during the holidays to check all uniform

items are clearly and correctly named as we

have an increasing number of unnamed sweatshirts and polar fleeces that we are unable to reunite with their owners.

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 FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased books during the Scholastic Book Fair last week. Our commission based on overall sales and hosting the Book Fair equated to approx. \$1,400.00. We have already chosen some books for the library with the balance being available for more books and resources throughout the year. This could not have gone ahead without all the hard work and time put in by Miss Penni, Mrs McGillivray and Mr Campbell.



Congratulations to all the students who submitted an entry in the Diorama Competition. There was a lot of work and imagination put into the creations.

SC Primary School's Soccer Tournament

On Friday 30th of August a group of Year 7 and 8 boys went to Sir Basil Arthur Park in Washdyke and fielded

two teams in the South Canterbury Schools Soccer Tournament.

Game 1: Team 1 played Gleniti and won 10-0. Team 2 played Highfield and won 4-2.



Game 2: Straight after

that Team 2 drew 3-3 to Bluestone. Then Team 1 played a different Gleniti team and won 7-1.

Game 3: Team 1 had a big game against Timaru

Christian School. They managed to win 4-0 which should've seen them finish in 1st place.

It was Team 2's time to shine and they needed the win against Gleniti who were one of the best teams. Unfortunately, Gleniti scored goal after goal and ended up winning 13-0.



The results came in and in 3rd place overall was Gleniti, which meant Bluestone or Grantlea Downs would come

first. The winner was Bluestone with Grantlea Downs Team 1 putting in a great effort to come 2nd overall.

We had a fun day and we will be entering again next year. The player of the day from Team 1 was Charlie Palmer and Team 2 was Khan Wills. Thanks to all the parents and Mr Carlaw for giving up their day.



Opihi Team - Sports Demonstration

Last Thursday we had the Opihi Tabloid Sports and sprints. The students participated in a variety of events and then after lunch we had the age group sprints. It was great to see all the children giving things a go and enjoying themselves. Thank you very much to the Whanau who volunteered to help with the events we very much appreciate this







Principal Awards - Term 3 Week 6

Sage Fish-Jackson, Sahara Kleinow, Abby Thornton, Mason Fitzgerald

Class and Values Champions

Class Awards - Week 7

Lucas Gillan, Deacon Adams, Te Aika Reihana, Sophia Leslie, Charlee Rawson, Sophia Paul, Sophie Robinson, Mason Pratley, Brodie Penty, Jaxon Wickenden, Liam Cunningham

Values Champion - Week 8

Sehbaaz Singh, Willow Don, Alizay Fahey, Lavida Dyer, Brooklyn Thomson, Shannon Bates, Bailey Rawson, Tristan Phipps, Honor Walkinshaw-Dee, Manaia Evans, Gabby Milne, Caiden Hough, Manu Kotua-Tekoronga

Grantlea Downs School Out of Zone Enrolments 2025

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Grantlea Downs for 2025.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that 32 places are likely to be available over the YrO, Yr1, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 classes, for out of zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Next year there will be two enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from 3 February 2025 to 27 June 2025. The second period runs from 14 July 2025 to 16 December 2025.

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Tuesday 15 October 2024**. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places, a ballot will be held on **Tuesday 22 October 2024**.

Parents of students who live in the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during the next year, should notify the school by Tuesday 15 October 2024 to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

Application forms are available at the school office or by calling 684 7706.

Errol Johns
Presiding Member

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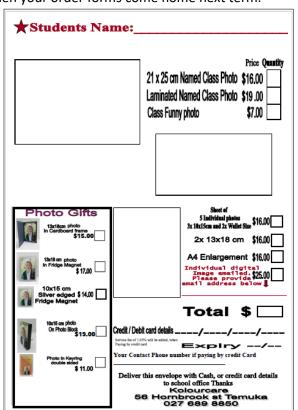
Please collect from the office foyer if any items belong to you. All unclaimed items will be donated.



KEY DATES — Term 3	
19 Sept	GD Olympics
20 Sept	SC Hospice Jeans Only Day – Mufti Day
23 Sept	SC Anniversary Day
27 Sept	Assembly 2.30pm
27 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
Term 4	
14 Oct	First Day - Term 4
22 Oct	Acacia Te Ana Trip
23/24 Oct	Animal Education – Opihi
25 Oct	School Photos
28 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
31 Oct	Firewise Visit – Opihi
1 Nov	Tu School of Music Presentation
5 Nov	Board Meeting 6.30pm
7 Nov	Whole School Sprints
12 Nov	Athletics Yr 3 – Yr 8
13 Nov	Farmyard Trip - Opihi
14 Nov	Senior Athletics P/P
15 Nov	EOTC Trip - Waipopo
26 Nov	SC Athletics
3 Dec	Board Meeting 6.30pm
11 Dec	Yr8 Dinner
13 Dec	Yr8 Boating Day
16 Dec	Junior Prizegiving 2pm
16 Dec	Senior Prizegiving 6pm
17 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – 12.30pm finish

KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

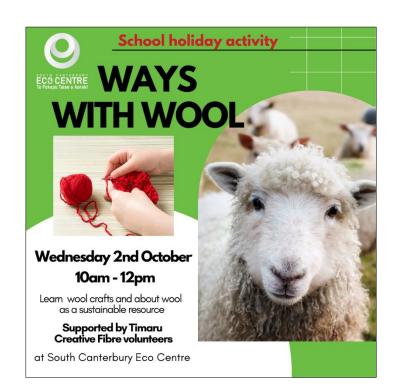
School photos are booked for Friday 25 October (Week 2, Term 4). We have added below a copy of the order form from Kolourcare. This is to give you <u>advanced</u> <u>notice</u> of prices and choices available for ordering when your order forms come home next term.



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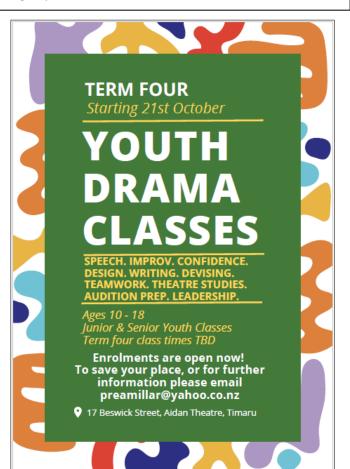


'TIMARU TEN at Levels Raceway on **October 26th:** Kids Mile, Walks starting with 3km distance, 5km and 10km Runs.

- -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 '







Daily activities happening at Timaru District Libraries these School Holidays 30 September - 11 October

Check out our website, Facebook and Instagram pages for session dates and times

Holiday Programme calendars out soon!

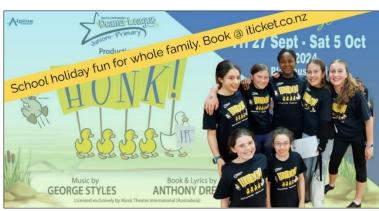
Celtic Cricket Club

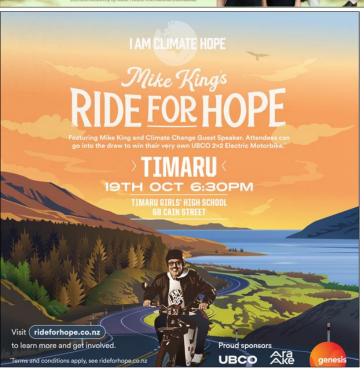
JAB registration is Wednesday 18th Sept $5.30-6.30\,\mathrm{pm}$ and Saturday 21st $10-11\,\mathrm{am}$ at the clubrooms on Craigie Ave

Subs are \$40 or \$50 for a family, payable at registration.

Further info contact: Andrew Buckingham 02108399769 or message on Celtic FB page

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\$100 grocery voucher

\$200 The Warehouse voucher for your school (Full details plus terms and conditi

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