



Newsletter

1 February 2021 Newsletter No 1

Welcome back to Term 1, 2021. We hope that you had a good break from school. It has been great to see all the happy faces coming back in the gates.

This year we welcome Miss Melissa Davie in Room 6. Melissa joins us from Golden Sands Primary School in Tauranga. Mrs Kirsty Stone is in Room 10 and joins us from Long Beach School, Ashburton.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students starting at Grantlea Downs this week, including some returning students: Baylee Walker, Corbin Thorn, Pyper McGiffert, Hazel McGiffert, Bella Johnson, Pippa Barr-Jones, Heyven Motuga-Timoti, Xyhon Gordon-Patterson, Kalare Win, Marley Rangiawha-Henry, Sage Ross, Cohan Hayes, Madison McGrail, Wiremu Thomson, Lawson Kavanaugh, Sahara Kleinow, Briar Marshall, Skyler Felizardo, Kohbin List.

Reminder: School CLOSED, Monday 8th February to observe Waitangi Day.

SCHOOL PICNIC

Our annual school picnic will be held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 from 5.00-7.00pm. Bring a fish'n'chip tea or picnic and relax with your children and friends.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE BACK THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

Reminder: School Hours are 9 – 3pm, with students able to be on site from 8.30am – 3.15pm

STAFF 2021

The teams in 2021 are as below:

Opihi Syndicate		Teachers
Room 1	Yr 0 &1	Mrs Sandra Annett
Room 2	Yr 0 &1	Miss Raewyn Guise
Room 3	Yr 1/2	Miss Alice Austin
Room 4	Yr 1/2	Miss Charlotte Lester
Room 6	Yr 1/2	Miss Melissa Davie
Waipopo Syndicate		
Room 7	Yr 3/4	Miss Megan Shaw
Room 8	Yr 3/4	Mrs Linda Gordon
Room 9	Yr 4/5	Miss Sally Guthrie
Acacia Syndicate		
Room 10	Yr 5/6	Mrs Kirsty Stone
Room 11	Yr 5/6	Mr Vaughan Skea
Room 12	Yr 5/6	Mrs Ange Hide
Kereta Syndicate		
Room 13	Yr 7/8	Mr Sam Carlaw
Room 14	Yr 7/8	Ms Sharleen Hole
Room 15	Yr 7/8	Mrs Kirsty White
Release Teachers		
		Mrs Cynthia Gill
		Mrs Ange Higgins
		Mrs Hilary McKnight
		Mrs Tina Gibson
		Mrs Rebecca Fennessy
		Mrs Alyce McKerchar
Support Staff – Teacher Aides		
		Mrs Joy McGillvray
		Mrs Jan Lees - Librarian
		Miss Penni Naylor
		Mrs Leslie Pedlow
		Mrs Leah Tee
		Mrs Claire Flynn
Office Staff		
		Mr Steve Fennessy - Principal
		Mrs Shelley Willocks
		Mrs Andrea Garven
Property/ Cleaners		
		Mr Reon Keenan
		Mrs Wendy Pickard
		Mrs Cathy Moffat

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES –

TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 1.00PM – 6.50PM INCLUSIVE

**SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT
12.30PM ON THIS DAY, IT IS
ONLY OPEN DURING THE
AFTERNOON FOR CONFERENCING**



Bookings are now open. Just a reminder that if you are going to make consecutive bookings that you leave a 10 minute slot between interviews to allow you time to get to the next appointment. It is expected that each family will attend. If a booking is not made a time will be allocated to you. If you do not have internet access you can book at the school office

A reminder on how to book in for an interview time by following the steps below.

ON-LINE BOOKING SYSTEM

- STEP 1** Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- STEP 2** Enter in the following code where it says “Parents School Event Code” **mprrb**
- STEP 3** Type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you) Type in your name, then your child’s name (if you have more than one child at school use the drop down box so more ‘Student’s Name’ lines appear. Press **GO**
- STEP 4** Choose your child’s teacher from the drop down list. Press **GO**
- STEP 5** Choose the times you would like to see each teacher then press **GO**. The time you have booked for each student will appear. Once you have finished press ‘Finish’ then an email will be sent to confirm your parent interview booking.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME 2021

The free and healthy school lunch programme has begun. Please contact the school office (if you haven’t already done so), to advise us of any dietary requirements your child/ren may have, whether diet, health or cultural. A link to a google form is:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10hfGN-J5Fc9d23ss-KXsCxYkDURDOxFSbhYNPr9_tOY/edit?ts=5fc97720

T-BALL/SOFTBALL TERM 1 2021

If there are any other students that would like to play T-Ball or Softball this term, please register your interest at the office asap.

Road Crossings

Due to previous road law changes, we are changing the way we manage the road patrol crossing (*zebra crossing*) on Grants Road. In the afternoon the crossing will *no longer be managed by a road patrol*. Instead, this is changing to the students using it as a Zebra crossing. Training for the students will be provided in conjunction with the school and the *Police School Community* officer which will take place in Week 3. In the interim Teachers will *continue to supervise the students* to ensure they become active in their decision making around road safety. More information will be provided as the training progresses.

Swim Safe Swimming Lessons Year 5 - 8

Kereta and Acacia children (plus the Year 5’s from Waipopo) will be participating in Swim Safe lessons at CBay in Week 4 and 5 this term – 22 February to 5 March. Kereta will not be swimming on Mondays due to TTEC. Children will require togs, goggles and a towel each day. If they are unable to participate for any reason, they do need a written note from home. Can all parents/caregivers please complete the form on the CBay website for each child participating.

CBay Consent form:

<https://www.cbaytimaru.co.nz/learn-2-swim/School-Swimming-Consent>

Digital Communication

Our aim for 2021 is that all communication regarding notices, events and class happenings etc are notified to parents/caregivers digitally. This will be via the Community Feed of our Student Management System, Hero. Many of you may already have access as recent communications have been via this App, as well as school reporting.

Please follow the steps below if you are not yet connected:

1. Ensure that we have your correct email address on file at the office.
2. Download the “Hero” app.
3. For instructions type this URL into your internet browser
<https://qrgo.page.link/zQrER>.



You will receive an email notifying you of any new notices posted on Hero.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Sun hats – compulsory red floppy.

A reminder that all students are required to wear a school sun hat at break times during terms 1 and 4.

Please ensure your child’s hat and all school uniform items are clearly named.



Grantlea Downs Top Teams

Thursday 11 February - Week 2

This annual event involves the children climbing, running, sliding, getting wet and working as a team to complete a series of challenges. Below is some important information to remember for the day:

- Children are to come to school dressed in their house colours. Please see your child's teacher if you are unsure which house they are in.
Gould = Blue Grant = Red
Evans = Yellow Jellicoe = Green
- Please remember togs, towel, rash vest/t-shirt, sunhat, sunscreen, extra lunch and a drink bottle
- If the weather is inclement, please check Facebook in the morning. **Please do not ring the school.**
- The senior event (Yr 5-8) runs from 10.00 – 12.00
- The junior event (Yr 1-4) runs from 12.30 – 2.20

Parents and family members are most welcome to come along and watch. **All** visitors will need to sign in during school hours and follow the school protocols.

- Parents of junior children will be able to take their children home AFTER the activities have been tidied away – if plenty of parents lend a hand at this stage this will not take too long. Children will still need to be dismissed from class by their teacher.

IMPORTANT!!

We have a very short timeframe to organise parent helpers. We need at least 6 for seniors and 6 for juniors.

If you are able to help, please fill in the slip below and have your child return it to Miss Austin in Room 3 or to the office by Tuesday 9 February. Any older High School siblings are also welcome to help with games.

Please return to Miss Austin in Room 3 or to the office by Tuesday 9 February.

I am able to assist with Top Teams in the morning (Years 5-8)

I am able to assist with Top Teams in the afternoon (Years 1-4)
(you are welcome to tick both!)

Name: _____ **Contact Phone Number:** _____

BOT NEWS

The first meeting of the Board will be Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 6.30 pm in the Administration Office Board Room.

All parents are welcome to attend.

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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Information regarding low stock of school uniforms at The Warehouse.

Schooltex have been facing delays due to Global shipping congestion which may have impacted the supply of some schools' uniform items. Some of the orders have been delayed by up to 2 weeks. As a result, you may find some sizes are out of stock. If you experience this, you can place an order with the customer services team in store, and you will be notified as soon as the stock comes into store. Schooltex apologise for the inconvenience that this delay has caused however this has been outside their control.



GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 5th February

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren this **Friday 5th February at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



TERM 1 CALENDAR

A calendar of events and activities is included with this newsletter.



GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar Tuition available at Grantlea Downs School on Thursday's at lunch time through until 3pm, beginning in February 2021. Taking enrolments now. Contact Kathy Macdonald 6844658/ 02102399795.

THANKS

Many thanks to Reon Keenan and Lance Cassidy for preparing the grounds over the holidays. Thanks also to Wendy Pickard and Cathy Moffat for having the rooms cleaned, ready for our return to school.

CONTACT MEDICAL AND PERSONAL DETAILS

If you have shifted and changed your contact details or your emergency contacts have changed, please inform the office as soon as possible. It is vital that we hold correct emergency contact details including all cell phone numbers in case of emergencies. There have been incidents in the past when parents and caregivers could not be contacted. If for any reason your child's medical details have changed, please make sure the office is notified so all relevant records can be updated i.e. allergies, or allergic reactions etc.



Invites all
Parents / caregivers & whānau of

YEAR 5- 8 GIRLS
to our whānau hui on
Monday 15 Feb 5pm

Join us to hear more about our Hine Ora programme that will be run in Term 1 & 2 , BBQ and games
Please RSVP by letting the office know how many whānau members you are bringing by wednesday 10 Feb

Welcome to all new & existing parents and caregivers for 2021

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, keep an eye out in the Newsletter and the schools Facebook page for notification of upcoming meetings.

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



We need your support to succeed



**GRANTLEA
DOWNS**

The country school in the town

Prize Giving Trophies



Junior Awards Presentation

Sporting Swimming	Hewson Cup Most Improved Swimmer – Waipopo Mills Family Trophy Most Improved Swimmer - Opiti Doris Cargo Cup Best Overall Swimmer – Girls	Kyson Taylor Jasmyrn Cleland Izabella Simms
Sports	Doris Cargo Cup Best Overall Swimmer – Boys Waipopo Syndicate Sports Award Overall for Sprints, Cross Country, Triathlon Year 3 & 4 Cosgrove/Merriman Trophy Overall for Sprints, Cross Country, Triathlon Year 1 & 2	Oscar Bennett Jack Ryan, Oscar Bennett, Charlie Palmer, Phoebe Kiddley Scout Tee, Romeo Verbury

Senior Awards Presentation

Sporting Triathlon	Johnston Family Trophy Achievement in Triathlon	Oria Motley, Jack Bennett
Swimming	Coles Family Trophy Achievement in Swimming 8 – 9 Years Wilkinson Family Trophy Achievement in Swimming 10 – 11 Years Collins Family Trophy Achievement in Swimming 12 – 13 Years	Greer Black Briar Taylor Jack Bennett
Netball	Sargent Family Trophy Achievement in Netball	Ella Craig
Basketball	Hessell/Robertson Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship	Oria Motley
Sportsmanship	Tracy Brown Trophy Outstanding Sportsmanship and Fair Play	Annachez Jones
Sports Award	White Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 7 – 8 Redhead Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 7 – 8 Pooley Family Trophy Effort, Achievement, Sportsmanship – Year 5 – 6 Boston Davis	Jack Bennett Oria Motley Ariana Lyakh, Azaria Kleinow, Boston Davis
Cultural Speech	Welsh Family Trophy	Tim Kirke
Art	Lyness Family Trophy Effort, Attitude, Achievement	Darya Chpilkko

CLASS AWARDS

Room 1 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Marina De Jesus Ryan Johnson Anabelle O'Connor Falcon Raingitaawa
Room 2 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Anika Raihana Ashton Wentworth Smith, Tawhirimatea Whyte Abby Thornton Fletcher Jackson
Room 3 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Fleur Skinner Greer Hurst Manala Evans Araliyah Karena-Jamison
Room 4 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Chevelle Thomas Romeo Verbury Lucy Thornley Honor Walkinshaw-Dee
Room 6 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Bailey Clarkson Polly Hendry, Chase Thomas Ava Maraku Yann Agnew
Room 7 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Karakia Wereta-Ruru Hunter Hopkinson Rhea Hurwai Fynn Jackson
Room 8 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Laila Ffita Carter Brown Alannah Milligan, Brylee Taylor Madison Ford
Room 9 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Ella Lambert Kean Cinco Charlie Palmer Gabby Milne
Room 10 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Aria Lister Connor Hoare Harrison Butler Telia Fagalima
Room 11 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Chloe Holden Cooper Kelliher Addyson Rogers Charlie Hayes
Room 12 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Arina Lyakh Murphy Geary Jessica Beeby Kieran Dewit
Room 13 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Josh Aguirre Holly Thin Oria Motley Josh Aguirre
Room 14 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Ella Craig Chelsea Nicholls Ella Craig Angus Gould
Room 15 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Darya Chpilkko Kassidy Anderson Bella Thin Oscar Johns
Room 16 Art	Academic Diligence Values	Mikayla Willetts Harrison McCullough Asenaca Kuruduaudia Casimir Kleinow
Junior School Overall Values	Grace Hooke Memorial Cup	Jett Whyte, Nevaeh Minchington- Wallis
Academic Achievement Senior Scholar (Dux) Citizenship Cup All Round Contribution to the School	McAllister Family Trophy Board of Trustees Award Stuart Family Trophy Hawkey/Lawrie/Tindall Cup	Chelsea Nicholls Kassidy Anderson Annachez Jones Ryan Goodman
House Leaders 2021	Evans Gould Grant Jellicoe	Bella Hopkinson, Faligh Faris Casimir Kleinow Millie Boyle, Thomas Hendry Mikayla Willetts Tristan Dyche

Grantlea Downs Term Calendar Term 1 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Feb 1	2 First Day Term 1	3 Newsletter	4	5 Assembly 2.15 pm
2	8 Waitangi Day	9	10 School Picnic 5-7pm	11 Top Teams	12 Assembly 2.15pm Project Zebra student promotion
3	15 Warrior Princess Whanau Hui Year 5 – 8 Girls, 5pm	16 Parent Goal Setting Conferences 1-7pm	17 Newsletter Safe Walking- Police Education officer Bus Safety - Police Education Officer	18 Safe Walking- Police Education officer	19 Safe Walking- Police Education officer
4	22 Project Zebra promotion	23 Project Zebra promotion BOT Meeting 6.30pm	24 Project Zebra promotion	25 Project Zebra promotion	26 Project Zebra promotion Assembly 2.15 pm
	Acacia/Kereta Swimming CBAY				
5	March 1	2	3 Newsletter	4	5 Triathlon
	Acacia/Kereta Swimming CBAY				
6	8	9 Triathlon p/p PCT - Year 8's	10 Acacia Woodend Camp	11 Acacia Woodend Camp	12 Acacia Woodend Camp SC Triathlon
7	15	16	17 Newsletter	18	19 Senior Swimming Sport AM Assembly 2.15pms
8	22	23	24	25	26
9	29	30	31 Newsletter SC Swimming Sports	April 1	2 Good Friday
10	5 Easter Monday	6 Easter Tuesday	7	8	9 Wheelathon
11	12 Lit Quiz	13	14 Newsletter	15 Have A Go - Kereta	16 Assembly 2:15 End of Term.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Timaru School of Music

Enrolment days
 Wednesday February 10 & 17
 Oceanview Heights School Hall
 3.30 – 5.30pm
 Government funded tuition
 Classes Available
 Guitar, Ukulele, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Cornet,
 Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Suzuki Violin, Cello.
 One-off fee of \$40 per year
 Hire instruments available.
 timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com



Anxiety and Trauma

Timaru Girls' High School - Timaru
 Thurs 11 Feb 2021 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm
 Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz



WAITANGI WHĀNAU FUN DAY

At Te Aitaraiki Multicultural Centre – Bridge Road
 SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2021

10am – 2pm

Mihi whakatau (welcome) at 10am

To commemorate Waitangi Day, Te Aitaraiki and Multicultural Aoraki are hosting a whānau fun day.



- Learn about Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Performances from Te Aitaraiki Kapa Haka rōpū and local multicultural groups.
- Flax weaving, mau rakau, poi making and hangī tasting

FREE EVENT
 Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy!



RUN TIMARU

5km Series

5 Race Series, Tuesday Nights
 5km Run, 3km Run or Walk
 February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
 March 2nd

Caroline Bay Soundshell



Registration from 6pm, Start 6.30pm
 Entry \$2

Improve your time each week
 Challenge your friends
 Get fit for Summer



Register TODAY to secure your placement

Waimate Parenting Programme



The Incredible Years

Family Works in conjunction with the Ministry of Education will deliver the Incredible Years Programme in Waimate dependent on sufficient enrolments.

For parents of: children 3 - 8 years:

Thursdays:

4th March to 17th June 2021
 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours, (excluding school holidays)

20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!
Childcare provided if necessary

This 14 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.



To enrol or for further information call
 Liz Munro **NOW** at Family Works
03 688 5029 / 0274 688200
 email: liz.munro@pssc.co.nz

TO BE HELD IN WAIMATE:
 Waimate Main School Hall
 (24 John Street, Waimate)

www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

Free

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Kids Can Do Tryathlon

Sunday 14th February
Ages 7-13years
C Bay Aquatic center.

Registration from 9am. Lower C Bay Carpark
Start 10am

Distances:

7 - 9 years = 3 widths swim, [1km run](#), [2.5km bike](#)
10 - 13 years = 2 lengths swim, [1.5km run](#), [4.5km bike](#)
Swim in Outdoor 50m pool.

Online Registrations now open or enter on the day
(cash only)

Individuals \$10

Teams \$20

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/triathlonsouthcant/Kids-can-do-Tryathlon/Information-1>



TEENAGE YEARS 12-18
TOOL BOX

Build a great family team

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- And lots more!

Cost: \$75 per person or \$110 per couple
However, if you're unable to contribute in this way, we'd still love you to join us. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in.

Time: 7:00pm
Date: Tuesdays, 16 Feb - 23 Mar
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Address: 58 Gleniti Rd, Timaru

For more information contact
Name: Wendy Geerling
Email: wendy.gleniti@gmail.com
Phone: 0210 2376585

Book online
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MACKENZIE COUNTY A & P SHOW, FAIRLIE EASTER MONDAY 5th April 2021



SECTIONS AND CLASSES TO SUIT ALL AGES:

Wearable Art	Upcycling	Photography	Crafts
Painting	Drawing	Digital Art	
Hobbies	Fruits/Vegetables	Leatherwork	
Floral Art	Wood Work	Pottery	Card Making
Cooking	Sewing	Jewellery	Animals

And many more.....

Country Kids Agri-Sports
(contact Secretary for more information)



The Full Schedule can be viewed on <https://showday.online> or you can download it from our website www.mackenzieshow.co.nz or contact the secretary Jodi Payne by phone 03 6858977 or by email mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com

ENTRIES CLOSE 28 FEBRUARY 2021

ENTRIES DON'T NEED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL SHOW DAY

ENTRIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO THE SHOW BY ARRANGEMENT