



## 13 November 2024 Newsletter No 19

Tena koutou katou

One of the things that all schools, including Grantlea Downs, is continuing to focus on this term is attendance. You will hear us talking about it with you, and with our students. It is regularly discussed in our team meetings as we focus on ways to make sure our tamariki are engaged in school.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends being absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or a medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home to get your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellence by having

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing their education.

If you require further information or assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

Last week we had a very successful Tsunami Hikoi where we evacuated the whole school to Marchwiell Park. Before we left, the school had a Shake Out (earthquake drill) where the children practised the Drop, Cover, Hold method. School Sprints and relays were also held last week.

As I am writing the newsletter, it made me think of the staff we have at school that make our school the great place that it is. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that plan all the activities, teach the children, keep our school clean and tidy, look after children in the sickbay, ensure we have a beautiful school to learn and play in, feed the children, greet visitors at reception and make sure that we comply with all the rules and regulations. It is always nice to acknowledge what people do, so thank you.

Thank you to those that filled out the recent Health Survey. This will help when planning our Health units in the future.

This week the Opihi Team are off to the Opihi Farmyard and the Waipopo Team are going to the Waimate Events Centre as their outdoor education trip.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards  
Sandra Annett

### **DUFFY BOOKS - \$5 PARENT OFFER**

Order Forms are due back by this Friday morning, **15 November**.

As part of the Duffy Books in Homes Programme, Parents have an opportunity to purchase a variety of books for \$5 each. Forms have been sent home but we do have a couple of spares in the office.



### PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

A reminder that these are to be returned to the office **ASAP** please.



### KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo order envelopes were sent home yesterday. Orders close **next Thursday 21 November** to allow enough time for the Photographers to process the orders. Please return to the office asap.

### SCHOOL DONATIONS – GOVERNMENT SCHEME

The Grantlea Downs School Board, at their meeting in June, decided to continue to 'opt in' to the Government Donations Scheme. By our school 'opting in' this means that we will not ask parents for school donations **except** for overnight camps (as per the Education (School Donations) Amendment Bill).

What is **not covered** by School Donations and is **still payable to school** is the following:

- Any voluntary stationery e.g., new entrant stationery packs.
- The 'take home' component of TTEC (Technology fees) – please note **you have agreed to pay these fees** on your enrolment form when you enrol your child.
- Weekend or after school sports fees e.g., netball, touch rugby, basketball, softball/t-ball etc
- Visiting drama or music groups (**please note we currently do not ask for payment for this**)
- After-hours/lunchtime culture activities
- After-hours/lunchtime sports activities
- School uniform

In addition to the government donations scheme, our students are fortunate to be receiving free fruit in schools and free school lunches – not all schools receive these benefits.

Please note: if at any time the government does not offer the School Donations – Government scheme, or the Board decides to opt out of this scheme, then donations will need to be requested to provide the opportunities that your child currently receives.

### TIMARU SCHOOL OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE

On Friday 1 November a group of students from the Timaru School of Music performed for us. These students participate in after school lessons and were touring local schools to show their achievements.



### 2024 HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING EVALUATION SURVEY

Our school is involved in a government wellbeing initiative called Healthy Active Learning. Part of the Child Youth and Wellbeing Strategy, it has supported over 900 schools like ours to improve the wellbeing of tamariki and rangatahi through healthy eating and drinking, and quality physical activity.

To help understand its impact, Massey University wants to hear about how your tamariki participate in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at our school and in our community.

**They have put together a survey which takes 5-10 minutes and, on completion, puts you in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.**

Complete the survey at:

[https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e5SnfFUZmmyyFJb](https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5SnfFUZmmyyFJb) or scan the QR code below to begin.

Find out more about Healthy Active Learning and the impact it is having [here](#).

## Your thoughts are needed

### Healthy Active Learning Whānau Survey now open

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[START SURVEY](#)



### Principal Awards – Term 4 Week 4

Ayson Kannemeyer, Ayune Greenfield, Zaliyah Karena-Jamison, Eunilyn Ryan

### Class and Values Champions

#### Class Awards – Week 3

Toby Howley-Caswell, Margot Stringer, Blake Gordon, Layla Gordon, Charlie Dunnage, Theo Armstrong, Maxxi Orr, Scarlet Hayes

#### Values Champion – Week 4

Brayden Clifford, Murphie Morris, Annie Richmond, Karl Hernandez, Honey Cross-Papuni, Jada Wills, Sydney Rongonui, Sophie Scott, Lydia Nelson, Chevelle Thomas, Auberon Kleinow, Maddie Ford, Charlee Rogers

## SCHOOL SPRINT RESULTS - 5 - 7 Year Old - held 12 September 2024

Event	Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
70M	5 Year Girls	Chloe Ferguson	Sinoti Morrison	Bianka O'Connor
	5 Year Boys	Waimarama Hiri-Harris	Aldric Desmond	Dhyan Renjith, Connor Hough
	6 Year Girls	Irie Corbett	Freida Bennett	Te Aika Reihana
	6 Year Boys	Chase Reweti	Louis Dennis	Theo McCarthy
	7 Year Girls	Harla Brinsdon	Ksenia Streltsova	Bianca Valentine
	7 Year Boys	Carter Halkett	Tyler Ferguson	Ayson Kannemeyer

## SCHOOL SPRINT RESULTS - Under 8 Years - Over 12 Years - held 7 November 2024

Event	Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
70M	U8 Girls	Brooke Willetts	Gemma Halkett	Tessa Fifita	Manvi Maneesh	Lucy Clark	Elexir Jamieson
	U8 Boys	Skyler Felizardo	Luke MacGregor	Aiden Scott	James Willmott	Henry Morris	Mason Masters-Simelhay
	U9 Girls	Aria Henry-Evans	Bailee Armstrong	Sahara Kleinow	Livi Gilmour	Bhavya Gopakumar	Brooklyn Thomson
	U9 Boys	Lawson Kavanaugh	Luka Pratley	Leo Dunnage	Theo Armstrong	Hunter-Jay Paisley	Wiremu Kotua-Tekoronga
100M	U10 Girls	Keeva Fitzgerald	Hazel McGiffert	Francesca Russell	Harper McIntyre	Azariah Vakalala	Violet Fifita
	U10 Boys	Axle Ramsey-Turner	Leroy Johnston	Axel Strudwicke	Tawhirimatea Whyte	Ashton Wentworth-Smith	Casey Holden
	U11 Girls	Scoutt Tee	Tiani Rongonui	Ruby MacGregor	Manaia Evans	Araliyah Karena-Jamison	Greer Hurst
	U11 Boys	TJ Kotua-Tekoronga	Henry Thomas	Tristan Phipps	Mason Fitzgerald	Jax Rolton	Taveon Kleinow
	U12 Girls	Bailey Clarkson	Ella Phipps	Kristy Goundar	Ava Maraku	Izabella Simms	
	U12 Boys	Jack Ryan	Chase Harris	Quinn Hansen	Vann Agnew	Caiden Hough	Anas Al Madhon
	O12 Girls	Polly Hendry	Eunilyn Ryan	Phoebe Kiddey	Maddie Ford	Teira Tungia	Kate Hoare
	O12 Boys	Liam Cunningham	Hunter Hopkinson	Fynn Jackson	Khan Wills	Nubian Salwy	Carter Brown

### House Relays - 7 November 2024

Boys:1st: Jellicoe 2nd: Evans 3rd: Grant 4th: Gould Girls:1st: Evans 2nd: Jellicoe 3rd: Gould 4th: Grant





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

The kids are in charge!

## Kids Big Christmas Market

**CAROLINE BAY HALL**  
**SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**  
**10AM - 1PM**

*Over 40 stalls, all run by kids!*

Handcrafted Treasures    Candy Floss  
 Playdough    Baking    Facepainting  
 Crochet Gifts    Pre-loved Toys  
 Books and much more...

### BOOST YOUR LEARNING

#### Quality Tuition

We are a New Zealand company offering one-to-one tutoring for students of all ages, both in-person, and online. We pride ourselves on providing high-quality, bespoke tuition using only experienced and qualified teachers. We work alongside whānau and kaiko to empower students and boost their learning, so they can excel and be confident in their education journey.

#### We can help:

- ✔ Literacy/English
- ✔ Mathematics
- ✔ Science
- ✔ Diagnostic Tools for Learning

#### Why Choose Us?

**Personalised lessons**

We offer individualised lesson plans, tailored to each student's needs.

**Qualified Teachers**

Our tutors are experienced in the NZ curriculum.

**Connection**

We work with each child's whānau and school teacher.

**Online or in-person**

We are committed to providing innovative solutions.

**Contact Us**    ☎ 020 4031 6035    🌐 [www.boostyourlearning.co.nz](http://www.boostyourlearning.co.nz)

## Introduction to Music Class

Have your child discover music by experiencing and playing it.

Timaru School of Music runs government funded music tuition for primary-school-aged and homeschooled children who live in South Canterbury.

The Introduction to Music Class is for year one and two primary-school-aged children. There are a limited number of spaces available in these classes for students who are new to our school.

**These 20 minute classes run on Wednesdays between 4 till 5pm during term time.**

**Apply through our website and select "Introduction to Music" as an instrument:**  
<https://timaruschoolofmusic.com>

Lessons are held in the Waimataitai School library.  
 \$40 administration fee applies.

## 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

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**HEAD**  
**FESTIVAL OF SQUASH**

Join us for a fun filled weekend of squash.  
Open to all kids brand new and experienced.

**23 & 24 November**  
10am-3pm

**Timaru Squash Club**  
22 Brunswick Street  
Timaru

**\$50 per day or \$80 for both days**  
includes lunch and snacks

**Please wear clean non-marking shoes and bring a water bottle**

**LEAD COACHES**  
EMMA MILLAR & GEORGE THOMAS

**Activities**  
Fun games  
Skill challenges  
Speed + reaction activities  
Matchplay  
Coaching  
Q&A session  
Off court workshops for parents and coaches

**AGES 5-13**

**REGISTER NOW**

To register: send your name, age and club to [districtmanager@squashmidlands.co.nz](mailto:districtmanager@squashmidlands.co.nz) by Sunday, 17 November or contact Vicki Rae for more information on 021 373 161



**HIPPY**  
Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters

Empowering parents to support their 2-5 year old child for life long learning

- FREE for families and tamariki
- weekly workbooks with fun activities and storybooks
- available for families accessing 8 hours or less of ECE

Coordinator - Jenna Chapman  
Ph/text 027 283 1320  
Facebook @HIPPYTimaru

## Electronic Speed Sign Not Working?

Around many Timaru District Schools, there are electronic speed signs that switch on and off during programmed periods. If you notice damage to these signs or can see a fault, please let us know!

Phone 03 687 7200 or report it online [www.timaru.govt.nz/tell-us/fix-it-form](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/tell-us/fix-it-form)



## IMPORTANT

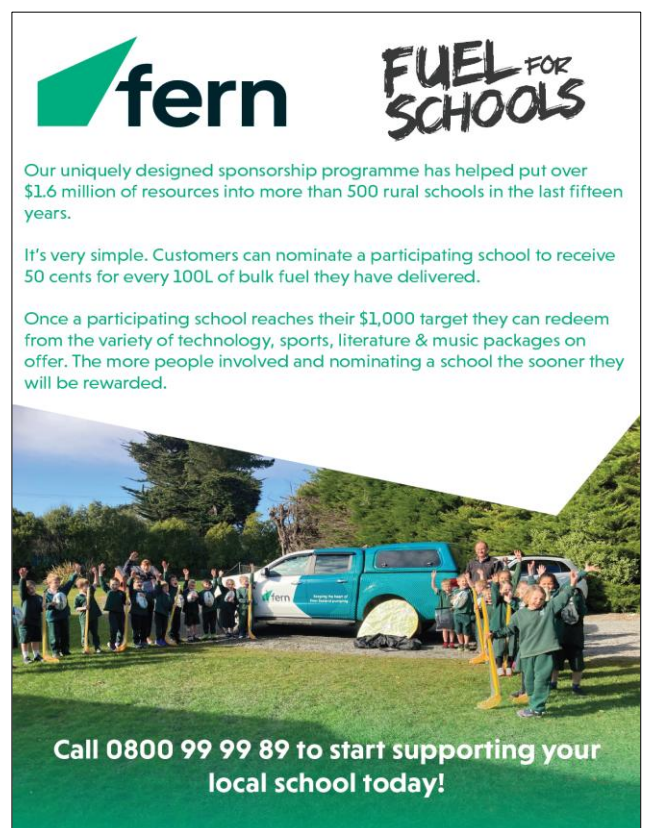
### Take your batteries to your TRANSFER STATION

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



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Once a participating school reaches their \$1,000 target they can redeem from the variety of technology, sports, literature & music packages on offer. The more people involved and nominating a school the sooner they will be rewarded.

Call 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting your local school today!