



**5 May 2021  
Newsletter No 7**

**NEW STUDENTS**

We welcome the following students and their families to our school: James Willmott, Henry Morris, Hailee Woods, Ella Lindsay, Jackson Lindsay and Anas Al Madhon.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**



**Advanced Notice: Term 2 Week 5  
TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE (Friday before Queens  
Birthday Weekend)**

**HOME & SCHOOL AGM**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 7pm in the School Office Block. All welcome to come along and join us for a cuppa ☺

**GRANDPARENTS GROUP – This Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

We are having a morning tea for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren this **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am** in the staffroom. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS  
CLOSE NEXT THURSDAY  
13<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Wheelathon Winners**

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| Jellybean Raffle  | Freyah Mitchell        |
| Easter Raffle     | Annabelle Gilmour      |
| Main Prize Draw   | Ashton Wentworth Smith |
| Lap Prizes        |                        |
| Junior 1-20 laps  | Mikayla Rose           |
| Junior 21-40 laps | Brodie Fox             |
| Junior 41 + laps  | Joel Thompson          |
| Senior 1-20 laps  | Hunter Simms           |
| Senior 21-40 laps | Brodie Mehrtens        |
| Senior 41 + laps  | Maddie Ford            |

**School Road Safety Reminder**

As we embark on a new school term, it is important to remember the importance of some basic road safety rules around school. **Please drive carefully remembering the 40km/h speed zones.** Be mindful of children and their parents walking and cycling to school, as well as those students catching buses or waiting to be picked up by parents in vehicles. Schools can be very busy places at drop off and pick up time, and your courtesy and patience are appreciated. Please also be respectful of our neighbours and **do not** park over driveways.

## SENIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2021

	Champion Boy	Runner-Up Boy	Champion Girl 1st	Girl 2nd
9 and under	Oscar Bennett	Hunter Hopkinson	Izabella Simms	Addyson Rogers
10 and under	Boston Davis	Jesse Agnew	Greer Black	Aria Lister
11 and under	Thomas Hendry	Lachie Kotua	Arina Lyakh	Bella Hopkinson
12 and over	Tim Kirke	Leon Liu	Briar Taylor	Millie Boyle

## Assembly Awards

### Term 1 - Week 9

Joel Thomson, Hunter Bubbert, Manaia Evans, Ruby MacGregor, Fynn Jackson, Billy Sherborne

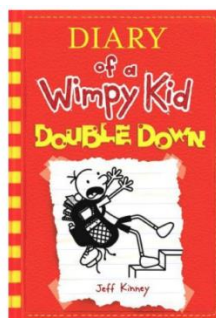
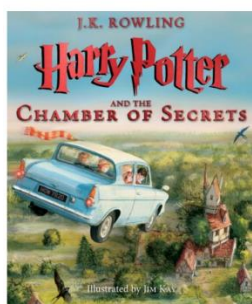
### Term 1 - Week 10

Lucy Clark, Mikayla Rose, Poppy Pratt, Annabelle Gilmour, Aaliyah Kerridge

### **ABSENCES – Reminder!**

If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, **please** contact the school office. Please advise their **name and ensure you give a reason for absence ie sick, doctors appt. etc.** You can call 684 7706 any time, our phone system is automated to take absence messages before school opens, text on 027 684 7706, or send us a message through the Skool Loop App.

## Grantlea Downs Book Night



- *Grantlea Downs Book night is being held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.*
- *6.30-8.00pm in the foyer at Grantlea Downs School.*
- *Parents, children, grandparents, aunties and uncles are all welcome.*
- *Heaters will be on, there will be milo and supper.*
- *Wear your pyjamas, teddy and bring some rugs.*
- *Bring your favourite book to read, e-book, comic, graphic book or audio book.*
- *Librarians from the Timaru District Library will read bedtime stories.*
- *To help us with catering could you please fill in the slip below and return it to the office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May.*

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*I will be attending the Book Night on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May between 6.30-8.00pm.*

*Family name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number attending:* \_\_\_\_\_

# CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 28th May



The Grantlea Downs Cross Country will be held this year on Friday 28th May. All students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be running. The Cross Country will be run differently to previous years. The senior events will take place first and then the junior events. After the completion of the first round the senior children will return back to their classes and then the juniors will begin.

## Round One 1-2pm Race Events:

- Year 8
- Year 7
- Year 6
- Year 5

## Round Two 2-2.45pm Race Events:

- Year 4
- Year 3
- Year 2
- Year 1



### 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. All visitors will need to sign in during school hours and follow the school protocols.**

The South Canterbury event will be held on Monday 14th June and the top 4 boys and girls for each year level from Years 5-8 will represent the school at this.

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The Hits and Genesis have a fantastic opportunity for our school.

Genesis has the chance for your school to win \$2,000 of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) equipment. Alongside all of that your school would be paid a visit from the Genesis drive team and Stace, Mike & Anika from The Hits Drive Show!

Just click on the link below to nominate our school.



[Win big for your favourite school, all thanks to Genesis!](http://www.thehits.co.nz)

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**OCEANS Grief and Loss** is a peer support programme for children, teens, and adults who have experienced loss in their life. The losses we work with usually come from the death of a significant person, or a personal experience of separation/divorce. The focus of this programme is providing a safe environment for participants to talk about their loss/es and the change/s that have occurred then look ahead to a preferred future living and coping with the loss/change. We meet once a week for eight weeks in the children's programme and six weeks for the teen and adult's programme. We have seen many people go through the programme and have numerous success stories of how it has helped (Over 500 since Oceans started in 2006).

To enroll in a grief and loss programme please visit the website: <https://www.anglicancare.org.nz>

Or, phone Matt on 0800 OCEANS or 027 4 OCEANS (ie. 623267) or Email [oceans.timaru@gmail.com](mailto:oceans.timaru@gmail.com) for more information



## South Canterbury Highland Pipe Band Open Day!

COME ON IN AND SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT.

HAVE A GO ON WHATEVER INSTRUMENT YOU'D LIKE

BRIEFING AT 2PM

DATE: SUNDAY 23RD MAY  
TIME: 1PM ONWARDS  
WHERE: SOUTH CANTEBURY HIGHLAND PIPE BAND HALL  
2 TURNBULL TIMARU

You can't make it? No problem!  
Just get in contact to come in another time  
Contact Tiffany Gilchrist  
[tiff.g@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:tiff.g@hotmail.co.nz) or 0279159851

## TIMARU SQUASH CLUB

22 Brunswick Street, Timaru

### Junior Squash Programmes - Term 2

Running on Tuesdays for 9 weeks.  
Starting 11th May 2021

Cost \$50 per person or free to Club members  
All programmes start at 3:30pm - 4:15pm

**Small Nix:** New beginners to squash, having fun activities and playing mini squash games.

**Big Nix:** Skills, co-ordination, and tactical awareness

Players will be assigned to their group programme.  
Equipment supplied Non-marking shoes please.

Register online [www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash](http://www.sporty.co.nz/timarusquash)  
All enquiries to Jen Moorhead 021685441

**TRY IT.  
PLAY IT.  
LOVE IT.**



## STUMPEZE

Stump Grinding Services

**Camryn & Elle Mitchell**  
**021 224 5276**  
[elleandcam@gmail.com](mailto:elleandcam@gmail.com)

## BREAD TAGS for wheelchairs

We are still supporting this initiative as it is not only helping people in need but also our own environment. Bring your bread tags in to school, we have boxes in the office and in Ruma Ako. For more information about the charity check out the website <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za> or the NZ Facebook page Bread Tags for Wheelchairs NZ.