



Patrol helpers

We are still in need of parent helpers for school patrols. We need people for Monday morning and afternoon and on Wednesday afternoon. If you can help (or would like more information) with any of these times, please give Robyn or Simon a call, on 5695-422.

Information Technology Permission Forms

Just a reminder that we are still waiting for some children to return their permission forms. Unfortunately those that don't, won't be able to take advantage of the computer equipment that we have here at Gracefield.

Gracefield Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Jaymii Waa for being a communicator (whakawhiti kōrero)
- ◆ Jamie Dowman for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Rishabh Somaiya for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Tyra being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Kitty Wood for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Diizarian Jones for being conscientious (pukumahi)

Welcome to children that started at Gracefield recently:

Room 1 – Leina Foa, Nathan Lowe, Poppy May, Oscar Preston, Isabella MacKay

Room 2 – Anita Prak

Room 3 – Mia-Jean MacKay

Room 4 – Hendrix Kaaho

Room 5 – Hannes Richardson

Room 7 – Setu Reupena

Room 8 – Justus Finney

Room 9 – Danielle Smith

Meet the Teacher Evening

Just a reminder that we have our meet the teacher evening this Wednesday. If you'd like to do the fish and chip thing on the field, this will start at **5:45pm at 6:25pm** a bell will be rung to ask parents to go to their child's class. At **6:45pm** another bell will ring so that those parents who have two children can go to the next class.

Below you will find an outline of the sorts of things that teachers could be covering during the session:

- the class timetable
- unit topics to be covered this term/year
- behaviour management in the class
- communication between home and school
- teacher aides who might work in the class
- any issues specific to the class

At 7 o'clock there will be a meeting for all those parents whose children are going to camp at the beginning of March (Year 5 and 6 students). We would like to encourage all parents to be there so that you can be fully informed about what will be occurring while the children are at Brookfield. Parents will also be able to ask any questions they may have.

Lunches

Sadly we have had no one come forward and offer to prepare the lunches for the children on Fridays. We have about one week of food left in our freezer, so this Friday will be the last time Friday lunches are sold at Gracefield. We will still do sausage sizzles twice a term and fish and chips at the end of the term as a treat. Friday's lunch order envelopes are available from the office as per usual.

NZ Kids Food - Unfortunately the company that allowed parents to order lunches online is recovering from the earthquake last year. As soon as they are back up and running we will let you know.

Foods Allowed at School

We ask that parents don't send their child to school with foods that contain a high amount of sugar. The primary culprits are fizzy drink and lollies. It is not because we want to be unfair, but because the ingredients in these can make children hyperactive which is counter-productive for children who are trying to learn. It also makes teaching children far more difficult. Your cooperation on this is very much appreciated.

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues are coming home today, due back this **Friday by 3pm**.

When ordering from book club:

- You must use a Scholastic Order Form. Do not send order written on a piece of paper or similar. School Office has spare copies of order forms.
- **ALL details** must be filled out including **contact phone number**.
- Clearly write ALL details.
- Cheques are payable to Scholastic and not Gracefield School.
- Using cash, you must have the correct amount with your order. Change is not given.
- Delivery is 1 – 2 weeks after we place the bulk order.

Please note....if your order is not completed properly, it will be returned to your child and order not placed.

Total Touch

Notices went out last week for those children who returned their permission slips to play touch this term. The **touch fee of \$25 is due Friday 17th February**. Just a reminder the games will be played on Fridays, from 4pm, at Hutt Park. The competition will **start next Friday 24th February** and run for 6 weeks.

Times etc will be put in the school newsletter. However, for the 1st week you may have to look on the website for your child's game time as they are not always ready in time when printing this school newsletter. Or you can visit the website for more information www.totaltouch.org.nz (wellington juniors). Please turn up to your child's game 15 minutes before the game starts.

Lost Property

Last year we had a huge amount of lost property at the end of year in the bin. This is clothing that is not named. It seems such a waste having to send it off at the end of every term, however we have no option because we simply don't have enough space in the bin. **Can parents please make sure that they label their child's clothing** and check the lost property bin regularly if your child's clothing is missing.

Zen Do Kai

Gracefield School hall is used for Zen Do Kai. They have asked me to promote their “Free beginners night” which will be happening in the school hall next Monday night (20/2) at 6.45pm. If you would like to know more about this, there is a poster in the school foyer on the community notice board.

PTA News 13 February 2017

PTA Meeting – Join Us! The PTA will be having our first meeting of the year on **Monday 20th February in the staffroom at 7pm**. The PTA is a group of parents who organise fundraising events for our awesome school. The money we raise goes towards things such as: sports uniforms, Kapa Haka uniforms, subsidising school trips, wet weather gear and much more! We welcome new members so please feel free to come along and see what it's about. If you are interested in helping out at events but don't want to commit to meetings – we would love to hear from you. Our email is gracefieldpta@gmail.com

Fruit and Vegetable Co-op

St Pauls Parish Waiwhetu, have been running a fruit and vegetable co-op. The cost of this is \$12. You get a variety of fruit and vegetables worth a lot more than you pay.

The process goes like this:

- You pay the money with the slip filled in (available from the school) by Wednesday lunchtime.
- These are collected that day and the order placed.
- The following Tuesday the food is delivered to Gracefield and can be picked up in the office area.

Below you will find a picture that is representative of the kind of produce you would receive for your \$12 (it's important to realise that the vegetables and fruit change according to the season). I don't think anyone could deny that this is great value.

You can also pay by internet banking.



You can find out more about the whole operation by going to this webpage:
<http://www.stpaulslowerhutt.org.nz/waiwhetu-fruit--vege-co-op.html>