



### Goal Setting Conferences

We are to hold our first round of parent conferences **tomorrow and Wednesday**. These meetings are to establish learning goals for the first part of the year in consultation with parents and whanau. It is hoped that all parents will be able to attend this vital partnership/link between home and school. If you missed making an appointment, please feel free to call Simon or Hamish on 5695422. We will happily do this for you.

**School will finish tomorrow at 2pm.** This is so we have enough time slots to see all parents.

### Gracefield Greatest recipients:

- ◆ Jett MacDonald-Gunn for being a thinker (āta whakaaro) and respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Zaliah - Rose Te Kira for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Gizel Gilbert- risk taker (maia)
- ◆ Louie Cross for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Chardae Maneff for being a risk taker (maia) and a communicator (whakawhiti korero)
- ◆ Ryder Noble Cousins for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Ryder Sayring-Quickfall
- ◆ Waimarie Kimura

### Weet-Bix Tryathlon

A huge congratulations to all the tamariki who took part in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon. We had 44 children enter and they all had a really great time and had a very rewarding day. We are planning on doing this again next year, so if your child will be 7 years old or older, we would love to see them entering in 2018.

We would also like to acknowledge the PTA who kindly paid for the children's lunches (Subway rolls and fruit) on the day.

A number of photos from the day are on our school facebook page at....

<https://www.facebook.com/Gracefield-School-190705257724261/>

### PTA News

**Easter raffle tickets:** Easter raffle tickets will be coming home with the eldest child in each family this week. We are asking each family if they could sell 10 tickets at \$1 each. The prizes are awesome grocery baskets with Easter treats. All money and completed forms need to be returned to the office by **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**. More ticket sheets are also available from the office. If you don't want to sell tickets please return your sheet to the office. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April**. The family selling the most raffle tickets will win a prize!

**PTA purchases:** The PTA uses all the funds we raise to buy items that will benefit Gracefield students. So far this year we have spent: \$400 on PE gear and \$50 per class for stickers. We also paid to provide lunches to Weetbix Tryathlon participants from our school and to dry clean our sports uniforms.

**AGM:** The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March** in the staffroom for 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

## Friday Lunches

As from this week the Cool Sip Orange juice will be removed from lunch orders.

## Sports

### Hockey

Last week and for the next three weeks, we have hockey coaching here at Gracefield on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is being done by Wellington Hockey. They do a great job so we are very grateful to have them here.

## Total Touch Results

Gracefield Teams	Played	Score	Player of the day
Jets	Waterloo Bullets	Won 8 – 1	Rishant
Tigers	Gracefield Storm	Won 14 – 3	Nikyah
Rabbitohs	Waterloo Saints	Won 6 – 4	Lauren
Eels	Wilford Wizards	Won 9 – 8	Alfie
Sea Eagles	Belmont Superheroes	Lost 5 – 3	Nathan & Avy

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Gracefield Teams	Playing	Time	Field
Sea Eagles	Muritai Minies	4pm	6a
Jets	Blazers	4:30pm	6b
Broncos	WPS Aces	4:30pm	1a
Tigers	Normandale Rockets	4:30pm	8b
Storm	Wa Ora Wekas	4:30pm	8a
Eels	Waterloo Saints	5pm	6a
Rabbitohs	Raphael House Pumas	5pm	5b
Dragons	EHS Warriors	5pm	8b

**\*\*Don't forget to show up at least 15 minutes before the game.  
You can look out for any updates on the school facebook page.**

## Netball 2017

Last week I had a meeting for those children who are keen to play netball for Gracefield School this year. If you are interested in your child playing netball for our school and did not receive a notice please come and see Mrs Corrales in Room 4 asap as permission is due this **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

## Whanau Hui

Our first family meeting of the year for parents/caregivers and whanau of Māori students will be held next **Wednesday, 29 March at 3.15pm** in the staffroom. The aim of the meeting will be to brainstorm ideas for the year ahead. The meeting will take place in a casual environment and there will be kai, so please come along and join the group.

Children will be able to play in the playground during the meeting; if it is wet they will be able to play on ipads/laptops.