



### End of term

A reminder that we finish for the term on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**.  
Assembly starts at **1:30pm** and School closes at **2pm**.

### Lost Property

There is a considerable amount of clothing in the Lost Property. Can parents please make an effort to come and look through the Lost Property box before the end of term because the **Lost Property will be cleared out and taken away in the first week of Term 2.**

### Gracefield Greatest recipients:

- Gab Geraldizi for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Zac Houghton for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Isabel Wood for being a communicator (whakawhiti kōrero) and respectful (whakaaro nui)
- Holly Beavis for being a risk taker (māia) and a communicator (whakawhiti kōrero)
- Mirren O'Houghton for being a risk taker (māia) and respectful (whakaaro nui)
- Ashish Lal for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Renee Raj for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a communicator (whakawhiti korero)

### HCC – Holidays in The Hutt

We have flyers in the office if anyone is interested in what HCC is running for the Easter School Holidays for children.

### Netball 2017

Reminder that this Year's netball fee is \$40 and needs to be paid to the office by **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**. Teams will start training next term. Netball uniforms will be handed out to players this week as one of the teams starts grading on the first day back of Term 2.

### Kapa Haka

On Friday our Year 5 and 6 students had a Kapa Haka performance at assembly. This was the first for the year and although they are still a bit scratchy, it was a wonderful show. Thanks to Murray Patterson who teaches this group every Friday between morning tea and lunch.

### Pasifika Poly Group

Our school will be entering in the Polyfest again at the end of Term 2. Because of this, we will be starting up our Poly group when we return from the holidays. Any Year 1- 6 child can join, and we hope to have lots of children from a range of cultures joining the group. This year Gavin Hughes and one of the after school care employees, Nathaniel Sulupo, will be taking the Poly group.

### Pacific Island Talanoaga

Thank you to those parents who turned up to our talanoaga last week. The meeting went really well and we came up with some great ideas to work on for the year. If you weren't able to make it, there will be another one next term - we would love to see more people there!

### **School Donations**

School donations are \$20 per term per child, or \$80 per annum per child, or \$50 per term for a family of 3 or more children. You can pay your donations either by cash or cheque to the office or by Direct credit or Automatic payment to the school bank account. If paying to the school bank account, you need to reference your **child's name** and **what the payment is for** i.e. school fee.

Bank account details:	Bank & Branch:	ASB Bank, Queensgate
	Acct Name:	Gracefield School
	Acct Number:	<b>12-3142-0035595-00</b>

### **Ngā Rerenga Kōrero (Māori Language Phrase)**

Maori: Wetewete ana!

English: Mean! Wicked!

### **Hutt City Council Sports Festival**

On **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May** our Yr 5 and 6 students will be taking part in a sports rotation put on by the Hutt City Council. We wish all the children going to this the best for a fun filled, active learning day.

### **Civil Defence**

Over the last month I've had a few meetings with the Civil Defence group from Lower Hutt. They have been very helpful guiding us in how to prepare for emergencies.

One suggestion they have is for us to hold a reunification drill for the students and parents/caregivers at Gracefield. This involves practising coordinating reuniting children with their parents/caregivers after a significant civil defence emergency (earthquake, tsunami etc). The reasoning behind this is very sound. Apparently in Christchurch there was a lot of confusion when the schools tried to do this after the earthquake that happened during the school day. Obviously at a time like this, everyone is stressed and there is huge potential for confusion and for the children to become unnecessarily upset. They are suggesting, and I think is a great idea, that we have a system in place and practice it. Our plan is to have this drill between **2.30pm – 3.00pm** one day next term. Before this can happen though, we need to ensure that all of our paperwork, including designated people who can pick up your children, is up to date. We will be doing this from the start of next term with a view to holding a drill in the following weeks.

Just a reminder that our reunification point, after a significant earthquake is, **St Paul's Church on Waiwhetu Road**. We will be moving quickly to this point, if there is an earthquake that is long and strong. Parents/caregivers/designated people would be expected to pick up the children as soon as possible after such an event. Last November's earthquake at night was an example of one that would require us to evacuate Gracefield School. This is because we are inside the designated tsunami zone.

If any parents have any questions about any aspect of this, please feel free to come and see me

### **Student(s) Detail updates**

If you have moved or changed any of your home or work contact details such as phone or mobile numbers, you need to send your new details to Robyn in the office, so that she can update our student information. You can email [office@gracefield.school.nz](mailto:office@gracefield.school.nz) or use the form at the end of in this newsletter. The last thing we want is an emergency and we can't contact parents because contact details haven't been kept up to date.

## PTA News

### Easter raffle tickets

Today is the last day to get your raffle tickets in (Monday 10 April). Thank you to all those who have already returned completed forms and money. Also, if you are not planning on selling any tickets, please return your sheet to the office today. The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly of term on Thursday 13 April.

Our prize baskets are opposite the office if you want to see what is up for grabs!

### Kitten Kai for Kitten Inn

Since last week's newsletter we have received more gold coin donations which we have passed on. Thanks again for your support, we were able to raise \$148 on top of the food donations.

### Whittaker's chocolate fundraiser

Unless you opted out, all families should have received a box of Whittaker's chocolate to sell on Friday. If you missed out or have any questions, please contact Kylie: 0275 928286 or [kylie.keatley@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:kylie.keatley@huttcity.govt.nz)

The chocolate bars are \$2 each. There are 36 bars in each box. The total box is \$72.

Please return all money raised to the office or direct credit into the **PTA bank account 12 3142 0246966 00** ref: child's name, room number, Chocolate.

All money or unsold chocolates must be returned to school by **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. More boxes are available on request, although you cannot get another without the first being paid for.

The family who sells the most chocolate will win an awesome prize!

### Contact Details – Update form

Please fill in the details below and return this form to the office **ASAP**.

Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Tick to indicate what details need to be updated:

- ☐ Address Update                      ☐ Phone Number                      ☐ Mobile Number  
☐ Other

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4: \_\_\_\_\_