



Change of Bells

We have made the decision to do away with the morning tea bell at 10:30am and the lunch one at 12:30pm. We are finding that when the children hear the bell, they tend to switch off from their learning, which is not what we want them to do. It can be really frustrating for children and teachers to have students engaged in productive quality learning, only to have this disrupted by the bell ringing. By doing this we are also sending the message to the children that it's better to read a clock than be dependent on a bell.

Welcome to the new and returning children who started at Gracefield today in Room 1

- ◆ Shibankia Kanthasuvami
- ◆ Charlee Rangihuna-Vlietstra
- ◆ Jinlan Hu
- ◆ Emma Gough

Fredo

Don't forget Fredo the fridge frog will be coming home with this newsletter. Please put him in a place where you can check in to see what's happening this term.

Reminders

- Lost Property will be taken away this week. If you haven't been to check the Lost Property box, you should do so asap.

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 donation.

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

Genius Hour

This term, the Middle and Senior Syndicates will be involved in a Genius Hour project about game making. This inquiry will involve the students researching, then making a game to educate or entertain others on a topic of their choice. There will be an opportunity to view students work in week 10.

Late Arrivals and Picking up your Child(ren) During School Hours

Just a reminder to parents that if your child arrives after 9am, you must sign them in the **LATE BOOK** at the office. If you are picking up your child during school hours, you must drop by the office and sign them out in the **LOG OUT** book. Let Robyn in the office know if you are taking them out of school for the whole day or bringing them back, and as a courtesy tell their class teacher as well. If you are bringing them back to school, they need to be signed back in by filling in the "Return Time" in the LOG OUT book.

Sports

School Cross Country

We are beginning cross country practices this week in order to work on our fitness levels for the school cross country this term. Can you please ensure that your child comes to school with shoes and clothing that are suitable for running.

Due to the Middle Syndicate using the car park as part of their cross-country training over the next three weeks, parents/caregivers will not be able to use the car park from 2:40pm-3:00pm.

The date for the school cross country is **Wednesday, 17th May** (afternoon), with the postponement date **Thursday, 18th May**. Please book the date in your diary now, it would be great to see lots of whanau here supporting the children.

Netball 2017

Message for managers/coaches: Certificates may be collected at the start of Round One from the registration office on game day. There are 10 certificates per team to cover the 10 weeks of Round One and Round Two games.

Size 4 balls will be allocated to all Year 5&6 teams (both formats) on the first week of Round One. Year 3-4 balls are held here to use in the delivery of the programme.

Netball New Zealand have provided each team with ANZ futureFERNs 6v6 bibs. Each **registered team will get one set for FREE!** Netball Hutt Valley will have the bibs available to give to coaches who attend the Year 5-6 coach training on **Monday, 1st May**. If you have already been trained, you can collect yours from the office on your first game night (Monday, 8th May).

Please read carefully:

Primary 7v7 starts on **Monday, 1st May - today**

Primary 6v6 starts on **Monday, 8th May** as there is compulsory coach training on **Monday, 1st May**.

Year 3-4 start 13th May.

Teams will have 1 or 2 grading games on each grading day, so please check the draw carefully. You will need to register your players on the score cards at the office before the game.

1st May Game times

Gracefield	Playing	Time	Court
Gracefield Black	OLR 2	3:50pm	Court 4
Gracefield Black	Belmont 1	4:40pm	Court 4

8th May Game times – next week

Gracefield	Playing	Time	Court
Gracefield Black	Muritai 3	3:50pm	Court 2
Gracefield Black	EHS 2	4:15pm	Court 1
Gracefield Silver	Fernlea 2	3:50pm	WNS 3
Gracefield Silver	EHS 4	4:15pm	WNS 2

Te Rerenga Korero o te Wiki - Phrase of the Week

The phrase for this week is:

Kei raro e putu ana

English

We/They lost

PTA News

Whittaker's chocolate fundraiser:

Thank you so much to families who have already sold their chocolates. Money can be returned to Robyn in the office or direct credit into the **PTA bank account 12 3142**

0246966 00 ref: child's name, room number, Chocolate.

More boxes are available on request, although you cannot get another without the first being paid for. If you are not planning on selling any more chocolate, then please return your box to school this week so we can pass it on to someone else to sell.

Just a reminder that all money or unsold chocolates must be returned to school by **Friday, 2nd June.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kylie: 0275 928286 or kylie.keatley@huttcity.govt.nz

As an incentive, the family who sells the most chocolate will win an awesome prize!

Term 2 meetings

Our meetings for this term are on **Monday, 8th May** and **Monday, 26th June** 7pm in the staffroom.

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