



EOTC Sausage Sizzle date for Term 2

Please put these dates in your calendar, they were missed off the Fredo Frog:

- Thursday, 25th May
- Thursday, 22nd June

Gracefield Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Room 2 Jayden Rayner for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Room 3 Lily Van Der Linden for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Room 4 Anya Obruchkova - a thinker (āta whakaaro) and conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Room 5 Perrin McKenzie-McCartan for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Room 6 Beth Houghton for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Room 7 Madoc Gregor for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Room 8 Justus Finney for being conscientious (pukumahi)

Welcome to Azariah Witehira-Tihema who started in Room 1 last week.

Civil Defence

As I explained at the end of last term, we are looking to have a reunification drill here at Gracefield, so we can be prepared in the unlikely event of a major earthquake, or some other reason that would require us to evacuate the school.

Gracefield School is situated inside the Civil Defence designated tsunami zone, so it is vital that we are prepared to evacuate if we have to. This drill is a result of the advice we have received from Civil Defence. It's also because it was the experience of many schools in Christchurch after the big quake that reunifying children with parents, can be an extremely stressful and difficult operation.

To help us make this a success, we need parents to fill out the attached form, specifying **five separate people** who you want to allow to pick up your child/ren, if we have evacuated (five is the minimum number Civil Defence are recommending). It's absolutely imperative that we have these names. They can be anyone you trust, neighbours, family, friends, the babysitter/caregiver. Their role would be to pick up your child and care for them, until you were able to get there. Obviously, you need to inform them that they are on this list and what that means for them.

Every child will receive a paper version of the form (as well as the electronic one by email with this newsletter). We want to have all of these forms back by the end of next week **Friday, 19th May**. Once we have all these in, we will book a time for the reunification drill. It will take place here at Gracefield. Parents will be informed of the day and time. The drill will run at the end of the day, from **2.30 – 3pm**. **No child will be allowed to leave the school without a specified adult**. We are hoping to do this before the end of May. More information about what will happen on the day, will come home later.

Just a reminder that our evacuation point is the hall beside St Paul's Church in Waiwhetu Road. This is the closest place outside the tsunami zone.

Reminders

- Lost Property will be taken away this week. It is your last chance to come and have a look through the Lost Property box.

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**

Sports

School Cross County next week

Just a reminder that we have our school cross country next **Wednesday, 17th May**. This will take place in the afternoon and all parents, caregivers family and friends are welcome to come and support the children as they compete. Postponement date is **Thursday, 18th May**.

Netball 2017

Results

Gracefield	Playing	Score	
Gracefield Black	OLR 2	Lost 0 – 1	
Gracefield Black	Belmont 1	Lost 11 – 4	

8th May Game times - TODAY

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

15th May Game times – next week

Gracefield	Playing	Time	Court
Gracefield Black	Kelson 1	5:05pm	Court 5
Gracefield Black	Maungaraki 2	5:30pm	Court 5
Gracefield Silver	Boulcott 3	5:05pm	Court 8
Gracefield Silver	Arakura 1	5:30pm	Court 7

Player needed:

Gracefield Silver team is on the look out for an extra player. This needs to be either a year 5 or 6 boy or girl. If you are interested, please come and see Natasha Corrales in Room 4 asap.

Te Rerenga Korero o te Wiki- Phrase of the Week

The phrase for this week is:

Tangohia

English

Take it!

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