



### **South East Zone Cross Country**

Tomorrow **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May** (postponement day is Thursday) we have 30 students representing Gracefield School at the South East Zone Cross Country at Sladden Memorial Park in Petone.

Uniforms went out today for this event. PLEASE come to school tomorrow with this uniform on (shorts/t-shirt/track pants/jacket) and **bring spare clothes** to change into when you arrive back at school.

**We will be leaving school at 9am**, so please make sure you are here before then! **You are to meet in the library at 8:45am.**

### **Gracefield Greatest award recipients:**

- ◆ Charlee Rangihung Vlietstra for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Anita Prak for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Rayner Gilbert for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Henrix Kaaho for being a thinker (āta whakaaro) and respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Bella-Maria Delves for being a communicator (whakawhiti kōrero)
- ◆ Elizabeth Wang for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Uili Uiliavea for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Renee Raj for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Lulu Wood for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)

Welcome to Coco Wood who started in Room 1 last week.

### **Date for Reunification**

Thank you to everyone who managed to get the reunification form into us. I do appreciate that this is somewhat of a pain, but it's the old story, it is not until things go wrong that you really appreciate that all this is worth it. We still have a handful forms to come in, but hopefully they will be here any day now.

We have set a date of **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**, as the day we will have our reunification practice. More details about this will come home in next week's newsletter, but I can tell you the process will start at **2:30pm** in the afternoon and run through till **3:00pm**. You will need to make sure that at least one person on your reunification list, will be available at this time to pick up your child/ren. The aim is to have every child checked off and picked up safely by 3:00pm. We are still negotiating with civil defence how best to do this, but we certainly want to make this process as smooth as possible. In the meantime, if you have any questions about any aspect of this please, feel free to come and see me.

### **Samoan Language Week**

Talofa! In case you did not know, this week is Samoan Language Week. Our Pasifika parents had a talanoaga (meeting) last week and came up with some great activities, which we will be doing at school to celebrate it. The ideas that may interest you are:

1. We will be teaching all children the following key words (it would be great if you could use them at home too!):

1. Chair- Nofoa (pron. nofoa)
2. Desk- Kesi (pron. kesi)
3. Pen- Peni (pron. penee)
4. Pencil- Peni tala (pron. penee tala)

5. Door- Faitotoā (pron. faitotoaa)
6. Reading book: Tusifaitau (pron. tusifaitaw)
7. Exercise book: Api (pron. apee)
8. Yes: ioe (pron. eei)
9. No: Leai (pron. leai)

2. On **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2:50pm**, the school will raise the Samoan flag to celebrate Samoan Independence Day. We will also be playing the National Anthem.

3. At Friday's assembly (2:30pm) we will be we will have a quiz for the children based on the 9 key words. Nathaniel Sulupo (our Polygroup teacher) will also be there to teach the children the Samoan national anthem.

### **EOTC Sausage Sizzle**

Thank you to Aaron Young and Juliet Jones for volunteering their time for coming in to cook and organise the sausage sizzle last Thursday.

### **Term dates for 2018 are as follows**

Below you will find the term dates for 2018. We always align our term dates with Hutt Intermediate (who set these dates) so families can co-ordinate holidays.

Term 1 - Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 - Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 - Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October - Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

### **Te Rerenga Korero o te Wiki- Phrase of the Week**

There is no Māori Phrase of the Week due to the focus being on Samoan Language Week.

### **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:	<b>12-3142-0035595-00</b>

### **Reading Together Programme – Workshop 1**

Thank you those parents/caregivers who attended workshop 1 of the Reading Together programme last week. The aim of the programme is to help parents/caregivers read more effectively with their children at home. Workshop 1 focused on the strategies that can be used when a child makes a mistake with their reading. Time was also spent watching and reviewing a modelled reading lesson.

An overview of the school's junior reading programme was also covered. We look forward to seeing the same parents/caregivers at Workshop 2 on Wednesday night.

### **Netball Results**

<b>Gracefield</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Player of the day</b>
Gracefield Black	Wai Ora	Lost 8 – 7	Alison Zondervan
Gracefield Silver			

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**GOLD COIN DAY TODAY** - Thank you to Janna (4:30 – 5:10) and Karyn (5:10- 5:30) for volunteering to be at the gate by court 3 to help with this event.

<b>Gracefield</b>	<b>Playing</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Court</b>
Gracefield Black	Hutt Central	5:30pm	WNS 3
Gracefield Silver	Fernlea 2	4:00pm	Court 4

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

<b>Gracefield</b>	<b>Playing</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Court</b>
Gracefield Red	NO game Queens birthday		
Gracefield Blue	NO game Queens birthday		

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Queens birthday**

<b>Gracefield</b>	<b>Playing</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Court</b>
Gracefield Black	NO game Queens birthday		
Gracefield Silver	NO game Queens birthday		

**Netball fees are due.** Netball fees are now overdue. Invoices went out last week, so please make your \$40 payment to Robyn asap.

### **Player still needed:**

Gracefield Silver team is on the lookout 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.

**Whittaker's chocolate fundraiser:**

**LAST WEEK** to get your money (or unsold chocolate) to the office or pay by direct credit into the **PTA bank account 12 3142 0246966 00** ref: child's name, room number, Chocolate.

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

Please have money back by **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and save us having to chase you for it. If you have any questions please contact Kylie: 0275 928286 or [kylie.keatley@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:kylie.keatley@huttcity.govt.nz)

**PTA DISCO**

The PTA Disco 'Glow in the Dark' is on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** 6pm-8pm. Please use the attached order form to order your children's tickets and return it with your payment to the office by lunchtime **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Tickets will be sent home on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. There will be snacks, drinks and glow sticks available to buy at the disco.

**DISCO PERMISSION SLIP**

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Gracefield School  
"Glow in the Dark" DISCO on Friday 23 June from  
6:00pm to 8:00pm.

My child: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
My child: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
My child: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**I enclose \$5 per child attending.**

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The adult dropping off and picking up my child/children will be (please print clearly):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I can/cannot help with setting up or cleaning up on the day/night

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Parents are welcome to stay for the first 15 minutes, but due to limited space in the hall, we encourage you to leave and return at 8pm to collect your child.