



Reunification Drill

As you know we'll be having our emergency reunification practice drill on Wednesday of next week. I'm visiting another school that's completed this recently to make sure this runs as smoothly as possible. In the meantime parents need to be aware that although we will do our best to release the children in the half hour between **2:30pm and 3pm**, there is a chance it won't all go to plan (which is why we are having the drill). For this reason I'm asking parents to be aware that they may need to be patient on the day.

In the meantime, you need to plan to have one of the people on your reunification list available to pick up your child/ren between **2:30pm and 3pm**. Specific details about how the afternoon will run will come home in next Monday's newsletter.

Gracefield Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Arthur Seagrave for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Arianah Chambers for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Nico Mitchell for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Campbell Walls for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Alison Zondervan for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Jessica Cotton for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Diizarian Jones for being conscientious (pukumahi)

Welcome to Nathan Kearns and Ava Ross who started in Room 1 last week and today.

South East Zone Cross Country

Last week we had 29 year 4-6 students represent Gracefield School in the South East Zone Cross Country. The top 15 from each year group go on to represent our zone in the InterZone Cross Country. This will be on the **20th June 2017** at Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt (postponement **Thursday, 22nd June**).

Congratulations to Nikyah Pou, Pyper Ombler, Leighton Stevens, Lachie Kennedy, Ben Coubrough, William Clayton, Jen Lukuru, Ruby Bannister and Kitty Wood who have qualified for this event.

A big thank you to Greg Turner, Gillian Halba and Jo Archibold for their help last week.

Wig Wednesday

On **Wednesday, 21st June** is Wig Wednesday. We are encouraging your child to wear a wig and bring a gold coin on this day to support the Child Cancer Foundation.

Samoan Language Week

Talofa! A big thank you to the Pasifika parents who helped organise the Samoan Language Week activities for our children. It was a huge success, with the flag raising ceremony and all the colourful Pasifika clothing on Samoan Independence Day a highlight.

Cycle/Beltway

You may or may not be aware that the Hutt City Council is looking at the option of constructing a cycleway that may include using Bell Road. It's all part of an initiative that would start from Taita and run all the way to Seaview. Parents who live on Bell Road, or in the very near vicinity, will have received a letter, but many of you may still have an interest in this. I'm including an attachment with this newsletter that outlines the four possible options that could happen from here. I think it's important that parents are aware and if they feel strongly they are able to make a submission (that would need to be in by this **Friday, 9th June**).

Below you will find the four possible options:

1. Do not use Bell Road. You will see on the map provided that Bell Road is indicated in red. This is to show that they may or may not use it.
2. (Council option A) **an on road signposted route**. There would be no line marking provided to separate cycling spacing. Signage would be provided to show the direction of the route. This option would enable existing parking to be retained.
3. (Council option B) **an on road painted route**. A 1.5 m painted on-road route would be provided along both sides of Bell Road. In some places the painted route would need to be reduced to 1.2 m where the existing road width is constrained. Signposts would be provided to show the direction. This option may require the removal of parking in some locations (depending on road widths) to accommodate the cycleway.
4. (Council option C) **an on road painted route with inset parking**. A 1.5 m painted on road route along both sides of Waikare Avenue. Signposts would be provided to show the direction. This option would require the removal of some car parking, however some parking would be retained through inset parks.

For more detail about how this is to look, please refer to the flyer attached to the newsletter.

The Board of Trustees at Gracefield will make a submission. We are currently working on what this will be.

Netball

Results

Gracefield	Played	Score	Player of the day
Gracefield Black	Hutt Central 1	Lost 14 – 5	Deneika Rofo

Monday 12th June

Gracefield	Playing	Time	Court
Gracefield Black	Sts P&P	4:45pm	Court 5
Gracefield Silver	Randwick	4:00pm	WNS 1

Saturday 10th June

Gracefield	Playing	Time	Court
Gracefield Red	EHS 7	3:00pm	Court 4
Gracefield Blue	Belmont 5	2:00pm	Court 3

Netball fees are due. Netball fees are now overdue. Please make your \$40 payment to Robyn asap.

Reading Together Programme – Workshop 2

Thank you those parents/caregivers who attended workshop 2 of the Reading Together programme last week. The session built on the knowledge and skills developed in Workshop 1. Workshop 2 illustrated to parents/caregivers how challenging learning to read is for children. It also highlighted the importance of children being able to make connections between their experiences and what they read. The parents/caregivers were also reminded of the benefits of reading lots of stories to their children as they are growing up, as this helps to develop their children's knowledge of language and stories.

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.

<u>School Term Dates 2018</u>		
<u>Term 1</u>	Wednesday, 31 st January - Friday 13 th April	
<u>Term 2</u>	Monday, 30 th April - Friday, 6 th July	
<u>Term 3</u>	Monday, 23 rd July - Friday, 28 th September	
<u>Term 4</u>	Monday, 15 th October - Friday, 14 th December	
Holidays	- Waitangi Day	Tuesday, 6 th February
	- Easter Holidays	Friday, 30 th March and Monday 2 nd April
	- Anzac Day	Tuesday, 25 th April (Falls within school holidays)
	- Queen's Birthday	Monday, 4 th June
	- Labour Day	Monday, 22 nd October

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

Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser:

All chocolate money should be in now and all unsold chocolates returned. If you still have money or chocolate at home, can you please return ASAP, so that we do not need to chase you up. We really appreciate your help with this.

Money: Return to the office or pay by direct credit into the PTA bank account 12-3142-0246966-00 ref: child's name, room number, Chocolate.

Unsold chocolate: Return to the office.

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

PTA DISCO

The PTA Disco 'Glow in the Dark' is on **Friday 23rd 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 22nd June**. Tickets will be sent home on **Friday 23rd 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.