



Last Day Term

Our last day of term is **Friday, 7th July**. We finish at 2pm. First day back is **Monday, 24th July**.

End of Term School Lunches

Normal school lunches are available to order this Friday.

Gracefield Greatest award recipients:

- Leina Foa for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Sam Hetherington for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Room 3 Ruby Steed for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Te Aroha-Koi Wiremu Quinn for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- Campbell Turner for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- Ruby Kennedy for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Holly Beavis for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Saad Asif for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Michael Dawson for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Morgan Harvey for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- Riley Keatley for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Alex Williams for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Ryda Waitaiki Peckston for being a risk taker (māia)
- Room 9 Savannah Newman for being respectful (whakaaro nui)

Welcome to the following children who started at Gracefield:

- ♦ Matariki Te Roihi who started in Room 1 last week.

Polygroup performance

A reminder that the Polyfest performance for our Polygroup will be this **Thursday, 6th July** at the Walter Nash Stadium. If your child is in the Polygroup, they must remain at school from 3:00pm. We will then have a few activities planned, including having pizza for dinner. **All children will be required to be picked up from the stadium at 8:00pm.**

Polyfest Tickets, if you have ordered and paid for Polyfest tickets these will be coming home tomorrow. If you have ordered and paid for extra tickets, these will also be coming home tomorrow.

Student Sickness

I don't think I can ever remember a time when we have had so many children off sick. Perhaps it is a good thing the holidays are coming up, so the children can rest up and get themselves well before the start of next term. Children have been off with a bad cough, colds, flu, headaches, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Reminder - Hutt Intermediate School

Open Evening for prospective 2018 enrolments will be tomorrow **Tuesday, 4th July** from **7pm to 8:30pm**. Parents and children welcome.

2018 Prospectus for Hutt Intermediate were sent home last Friday with all Year 6 students in time for Open Evening tomorrow night. If student were away sick on Friday, then they should be bringing them home today.

Te Rerenga Korero o te Wiki- Phrase of the Week

The phrase for this week is:

Mau mau ana!

Caught!

Markings in Carpark

It was pointed out to me by a parent that the car park markings at the front are very faded. It was suggested that this is possibly the reason for parents still parking illegally. While I think it is more likely to be parent laziness by those who still insist on parking in a way that endangers the children, it probably was time these were redone. You will notice this will happen over the next week or two.

Netball

Round Two starts on **Saturday, 29th July** for Year 3-4 and on **Monday, 31st July** for Year 5-6.

You can visit the netball website over the holidays to check out gradings and times for your team on:

http://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?clubID=150328&camp;c=1-2473-0-0-0

Interzone Cross Country

Good luck and congratulations to Nikyah and Leighton who will be competing in the Regional Cross Country in Masterton tomorrow.

Genius Hour

This **Wednesday, 5th July**, the Middle and Senior Syndicates will be presenting their games they have made during Genius Hour this term. Come and view your child's work in Rooms 3, 8, 9, in the school hall and Cybershed, from **10am to 11.30am**. There will also be a cup of tea provided. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday.

Whanau Hui

There will be a whanau hui next term in the first week back. This will be on **Thursday, 27th July, 3:15pm in the staffroom**. There will be some kai, and a movie for any tamariki to watch while we meet. One of the main areas we will be discussing will be planning for the school hangi. We hope to see lots of Māori whanau there to help us with this.

Maths

Websites will be included in the newsletter once a fortnight.

Junior	Middle	Senior
Quick Maths Junior (app)	maths.prototec.co.nz	http://maths.prototec.co.nz/

Parent/teacher Conferences

On **Wednesday, 2nd and Thursday, 3rd August**, mid-year parent conferences will take place. As usual parents book this online by following the instructions below:

1. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home>
2. Select **Booking**
3. Enter the following school event code: **y28q6**
4. Follow the screen instructions to book a time with the teacher.
5. An email will then be sent to you confirming the time. If you don't receive an email you need to go back into the website and go through these steps again.

Please note:

- **Parents need to know that it is first come, first served.**
- You can go back in at any time and edit your booking before Monday 1/8.
- Jan Riley in Room 1 needs to have 30 minute slots. You will note that for her class every second session has been blocked out and that she is only available Wednesday. If you have recently had an interview with Mrs Riley, you will not need another one.
- If you do not want to use this system because you don't have access to the internet, we will make the booking for you, if you call the school office on 5695422. Ask for Simon or Hamish and explain that you want to make a parent conference booking.
- The booking sheet will close for parent bookings, **at 9am on Monday, 31st July**. This is so teachers can print off their lists and prepare. If you need to make or change a booking after this time, please contact either Simon or Hamish in the office on 569 5422 and we will do this manually.
- **Taking the last time slot does not entitle parents to any extra time, unless you have prearranged this with the teacher. Please respect that this is a very long day for teachers and they will be tired.**

Reports will be sent home at the end of **Week 1 (28th July)** next term. This is so parents can read the reports and be prepared for the conferences the following week.