

**Reminder - School Photos are this week**

Photo days are **Thursday 7th September and Friday, 8th September**. All photos must be paid for by tomorrow **Tuesday, 5th September**. This will allow all payments to clear before photo day.

There will be no late payments taken after photo day.

Netball photos – Netball photos will only be taken if 50% of a team purchases photos. Netball photos are \$17 each, you can get a team envelope from the office.

Thursday is Photo Day for: Room 2, 4, 3, 9 and 7.

Friday is Photo Day for: Room 1, 5, 8, 6.

Friday is Photo Day for: Netball photos at **12 noon**.

Gracefield's Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Hazel Beavis for being a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Leina Foa for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Logan Hughes for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Decklyn Churchill-Greig for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ MacGregor May for being honest (tika)
- ◆ Amy Curlewis for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Jayme Phillips for being a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Uiliavea Uili for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Danielle Smit for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)

Production Help Needed

We desperately need people to help move the stage blocks, so far we haven't had anyone volunteer to help. We hire a truck to do this and they are picked up from Rata Street School. They are quite heavy, so you need to be relatively fit and strong. At this stage we plan to move them this Wednesday, **6th September at 8.30am**.

School Hangi

Thank you to those people who responded to our request for volunteers to help with our Term 4 school hangi. We are going to have a hui this **Wednesday, 6th September** to plan this event further, and would like you to come along.

We are having the meeting at 3:15pm. Some kai will be provided and there will be a movie in Room 3 for the tamariki to watch.

Touch

Coming home today is a separate notice for those children who showed an interest in playing touch in Term 4 for Gracefield School. Please read this notice carefully. The touch fee for Term 4 is **\$25.00** and must be paid by **Friday 29th September (last day of this term)**.

You can pay cash or cheque to the school office or by internet banking, banking details below:

Ref: Childs Name and "Touch T4"

ASB Queensgate 123142-0035595-00

Te Rerenga Korero o te Wiki- Phrase of the Week:

The Phrase for this week is: Eat all of your lunch - Mē kai koe i ō kai katoa

Maths

Junior	Middle	Senior
Add and subtraction (app)	prodigygame.com	http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html

Netball

Results: Black team lost 19-6 against EHS 2. Players' of the day were Mirren O'Houghton and Lauren Steed.

Monday 4th Sept - Tonight

Team	Playing	Time	Court
Gracefield Black	Wilford 2	4pm	Court 7

Netball Prize giving

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Prize giving will be held on Saturday 9 September in the Walter Nash Centre.

Further information and a FAQ section can be found on our website by following this link:

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-2473-0-00&SID=130420&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=49353674

- Teams who play 7v7 netball (Intermediate, plus Primary grades 1-4) are invited if they were winners in Round One and/or Two (or first equal on points). See link above for a list for round one, round two is not yet available.
ALL Year 3-4 and 5-6 ANZ futureFERNs teams.
- Certificates will be given to Year 7-8, Year 5-6 and Year 3-4 coaches who attended our ANZ futureFERNs coach workshops this season. Irene van Dyk has personally signed all the Year 5-8 coach certificates.
- Coaches/Players/Families: please represent your school with pride by wearing their matching playing uniforms or tracksuits.

Netball Photos

- Please hold on to your netball uniform for the team photos. After the photos have been taken all players are to hand their uniforms to Mrs Corrales.

PTA News

PTA Meeting coming up!

Want to find out more about the PTA or interested in joining? Our next meeting is on

Monday 18th September at 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 too. Our email is gracefieldpta@gmail.com

Mid-Year National Standards 2017

Progress Data (working towards)

Most students received a **progress** judgement at mid-year reporting. Progress judgements indicate how students are **tracking in relation to their end of year expectation**. For a student to be **on track** to meet their end of year expectation, we would expect them to be judged **below standard** at this time of year. However, we know from previous years' data (Term 3 to the end of the year), that not all students who are judged **below** the standard mid-year achieve the standard at the end of the year.

Reading		Well Below	Below	At	Above
	2015 (179 students)	5%	69.9%	21.2%	3.9%
	2016 (174 students)	9.2%	65%	22.9%	2.9%
	2017 (164 students)	9%	73.1%	15.5%	2.4%

Writing		Well Below	Below	At	Above
	2015 (179 students)	8.9%	76%	15.1%	
	2016 (174 students)	10.9%	78.7%	9.8%	0.6%
	2017 (164 students)	10.4%	81.7%	7.9%	

Maths		Well Below	Below	At	Above
	2015 (179 students)	8.4%	68.7%	16.8%	6.1%
	2016 (174 students)	8.6%	73%	17.2%	1.2%
	2017 (164 students)	8.5%	79.3%	11%	1.2%

Achieved Data (All students who received an achievement in relation to the standards at mid-year conferences – these students are in Years 1 to 3)

Reading		Well Below	Below	At	Above
	2015 (34 students)		32.3%	64.7%	3%
	2016 (43 students)	2.3%	16.3%	62.8%	18.6%
	2017 (35 students)	8.6%	8.6%	65.7%	17.1%
Writing	2015 (34 students)		29.4%	67.6%	3%
	2016 (43 students)	2.3%	25.6%	69.8%	2.3%
	2017 (35 students)	8.6%	22.9%	68.5%	
Mathematics	2015 (34 students)	3%	32.3%	61.7%	3%
	2016 (43 students)	4.7%	23.3%	62.7%	9.3%
	2017 (35 students)	5.7%	20%	74.3%	

Web Page

We have a new webpage being produced at the moment, by two of our very clever parents (Gillian Halba and Rochelle Gribble) and one of our very clever staff members (Sarah McAuliffe). At this point in time they are just settling on final content. Hopefully this will be going live sometime in the next month or so. A big thank you to everyone who is working on this project.

Attendance Information

Every year the Ministry of Education request us to send a file in containing all the attendance data for Gracefield School. This is then cross pollinated with all the attendance data from around Wellington and New Zealand, then graphed and sent back to schools for them to analyse. The government is very keen to get children to school as often as possible with a new initiative called "Every day Matters."

I've included a copy of the graph for this year's data (term 2). It very clearly shows that Gracefield students are coming to school at a rate far higher than the national average and also much higher than other schools like us (decile 5). This is extremely encouraging on two levels:

1. If children are coming to school, then they have a far higher chance of achieving to their potential.
2. If children are unhappy at school then truancy rates are much higher.

If you'd like to know anything about any aspect of this information, please feel free to come and see me.



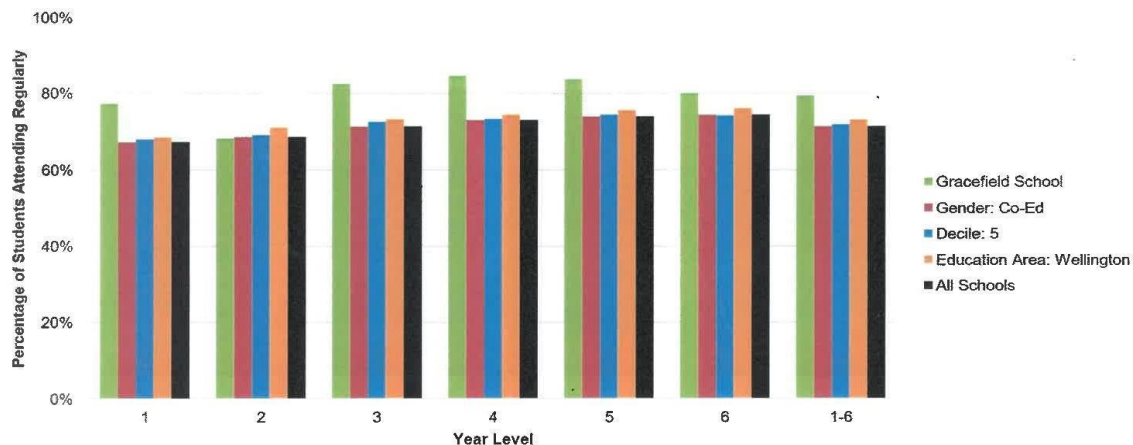
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Attending Regularly Comparison – 2016

Attendance Comparisons by Year Level (Term 2, 2016)

This graph shows how student attendance at your school compares to similar schools by year level.



The percentage of Year 4 students (your highest-attending group) attending regularly was greater in your school than in all comparison groups.

*Attending regularly is attending over 90% of half-days.

* A comparison by school type is not provided, as school types are typically based on the year levels of students attending the school.