



Māori Language Week

Kia ora, this week is Māori Language Week. We will be celebrating the week at Gracefield School in a range of ways, including learning a karakia, practising the Kiwiana song 'Poi e', which will be performed in Friday's assembly, along with a performance by our kapa haka group.

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

The Phrase for this week is: Please and thank you - Koa/Tēna koe/koutou

Hangi Hui

A huge thank you to the whanau that came along to last week's hui regarding the Term 4 hangi. The date has been set for Week 5 in Term 4, and the preparation for the hangi will be **Thursday, 16th Nov.** The actual hangi day will be **Friday, 17th Nov.** A copy of the meeting minutes will be sent home today to all the people who have offered to help. If you still want to be involved in this, please see Robyn or Gavin.

Production Tickets

Production tickets go on sale as from today. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to order and pay for tickets. Tickets prices have gone up, due to ever rising costs like props, lighting, transportation and hirage of stage blocks etc. We will break even with costs.

Ticket(s):

- Tickets cost **\$8.00** for adults and/or child. A ticket will need to be purchased for a child who is coming to watch the show and occupying a seat. If your child is a student at Gracefield School and taking part in the Production, they won't need a ticket. Tickets are limited to **4 tickets per family** and must not exceed 4 tickets total per family over both nights. Extra tickets can be ordered, but are not guaranteed. Included in this newsletter is a form that **MUST BE** used to order tickets. Return the form along with the money to the office.
- Tickets/seating will be allocated on a first come first served basis. I suggest that if you want guaranteed tickets for the show, you need to **return the form along with the money asap**, as tickets will sell quickly. Seating will be filled from the front to the back of the hall.
- Your tickets will be sent home with your child **the week** of the shows.
- If for some reason your child will not be available to take part in the Production, can you please see your child's class teacher urgently.

Production Thank you

A huge thank you to Placemakers in Seaview, Lower Hutt who donated materials for our Middle/Senior production of Peter Pan. All of the children really appreciate your support!

Also to the people who came to our rescue last Wednesday to move the stage blocks from Rata Street school. Thanks to Craig Jones, Aaron Young, Richard Manu and Logan Matete.

Bell Park

Bell Park is a recreational area of land off Bell Road. You may or may not be aware that this area is being considered for housing. The Council are at present taking submissions from the public on this. If you would like to know more about what is being planned, there is a public meeting that will be held at the Bell Park club rooms, on **Wednesday, 13th Sept at 7pm?**

School Netball prize giving

These will be handed out at this week's assembly. Team coaches, managers and umpires are welcome to come to this assembly.

Touch

The touch fee for children in teams 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

Notices went out last week regarding what touch team your child is in. The 3 teams who didn't have a manager have now been filled – thank you.

Netball

If your child has not returned their netball uniform, can they do this ASAP. Can all managers please return the teams netball bag by the end of this week to Natasha Corrales in Room 4.

Swimming

Attached is the swimming programme for Term 4.

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

Lost Property

Can parents please make an effort to come in and look through the Lost Property. The box is over flowing with clothing, mostly jackets.

National Standards Results, 2016

The Ministry of Education recently published the National Standards results for 2016. Below is a comparison between Gracefield School and the national picture. The data below shows the percentage of students **at/above** the standards.

	NZ Years 1-8	Gracefield School
Reading	77.8%	77%
Maths	75.4%	78%
Writing	71.2%	77%

	NZ Māori Years 1-8	Gracefield School Māori
Reading	68.8%	60%
Maths	65.3%	69%
Writing	61.6%	71%

	NZ Pasifika Years 1-8	Gracefield School Pasifika
Reading	66%	80%
Maths	62.7%	67%
Writing	60.5%	67%

	NZ Years 1-6	Gracefield School Years 1-6
Reading	83.9%	72%
Maths	77%	78%
Writing	73.3%	78%

Production Tickets Order Form

Adult or Child **\$8.00per ticket**
(limit of 4 tickets per family)

Write number of tickets in box

Wednesday, 27th September tickets

Thursday, 28th September tickets

Enclosed \$ _____

Please send tickets home with.

Child's Name: _____

Room No. _____

Please note tickets will be issued the
week of the show.