



Welcome Back for Term 4

A warm welcome back to everyone. This term will be very busy. For information about what's happening, please refer to the attached Fredo the Fridge Frog. If there is anything you're not sure about, please don't hesitate to contact either Robyn or myself.

Welcome to the 17 new students who started at Gracefield today:

- ◆ Gethin Dodd
- ◆ Nityent Patel
- ◆ Emmet McKechnie
- ◆ Marko Varga
- ◆ Michaela Hussey
- ◆ Luke Hamilton-Kohi
- ◆ Kaylee Parks
- ◆ Tisa McLean-Te Keu
- ◆ Elizabeth Eddie
- ◆ Hahona Gilbert
- ◆ Pareiha Tamati-Wereta
- ◆ Winiata Tamati-Wereta
- ◆ Rangimarie Tamati
- ◆ Lachlan McColl
- ◆ Alicia Johnson
- ◆ Justin Johnson
- ◆ Jayden Hamilton

Sun Hats

The children must wear sun hats when they are outside, from now until the end of the year and then again in Term 1 of next year.

Lost Property

Parents have one last chance to go through this clothing before it is taken away at the end of this week. Can I please remind parents that it really is in your best interests (and ours) if you label your child's clothing, so that if it is left on the field (or anywhere) we know who it belongs to.

Congratulations

Congratulations must go to Gavin Hughes who has won a promotion and will be leaving Gracefield at the end of this year. Gavin starts a new position as a senior teacher at Wellesley College. We wish him the best and thank him for all his fine work at Gracefield.

Health

School Dental van will be onsite at Gracefield School for the next two weeks. This means there will be limited car parking in the staff parking area.

Late arrivals and picking up your child(ren) during school hours

Just a reminder to parents that if your child arrives after 9am, you must sign them in the **LATE BOOK** at the office. If you are picking up your child during school hours, you must drop by the office and sign them out in the **LOG OUT** book. Let Robyn in the office know if you are taking them out of school for the whole day, or bringing them back and as a courtesy tell their class teacher as well. If you are bringing them back to school, they need to be signed back in by filling in the "Return Time" in the LOG OUT book.

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 fee.

Bank account details:	Bank & Branch:	ASB Bank, Queensgate
	Acct Name:	Gracefield School
	Acct Number:	12-3142-0035595-00

Student(s) Detail updates

If you have moved or changed any of your home or work contact details such as phone, or mobile numbers, you need to send your new details to Robyn in the office, so that she can update our student information. You can email office@gracefield.school.nz or use the form at the end of in this newsletter. The last thing we want is an emergency and we can't contact parents because contact details haven't been kept up to date.

Sports

Swimming

Swimming starts today for the next two weeks. Please make sure your child comes to school with their swimming togs and towel in a plastic bag.

Swimming will be Monday – Thursday this week and Tuesday – Thursday in week 2 due to Labour Day on the Monday.

If your child is not swimming they must have written note to give to their class teacher stating why. Any children who don't have a note will be given togs to use.

Touch

The touch fee for Term 4 is \$25 and is now overdue. We still have quite a number of students who have not paid this. Please make your payment asap. Uniforms will be handed out today (juniors), Tuesday (middles) and Wednesday (seniors).

Athletics

On Wednesday, **1st November** we have our Middle and Senior syndicate athletic sports. From now until then the students will be doing physical education activities associated with this. It would be great for us if you could make sure that your child has footwear that is suitable for running. The reality is most footwear is fine, we are just asking that they don't wear jandals or sandals to school during this time.

PTA Quiz Night – Tickets available now!

The PTA Quiz Night is happening on **Monday, 30th October** at the **Sprig and Fern** Tavern in Petone. It's going to be a fantastic night out raising money for our awesome school. Tickets are \$15 each and are now available! Please use the ticket order form available at the end of this newsletter, or from the office. All order forms and cash payments need to be given to Robyn in the office. Sorry, no door sales available. Any questions please email: gracefieldpta@gmail.com

Nibbles will be provided and we have heaps of great raffle prizes available thanks to these wonderful businesses: Interislander, Supervalu Woburn, The Beauty Room, Staglands, Brew'd Boulcott, LoneStar Petone, Salem Hairdressing, NZ Barber, CoEd Coffee, Avalon Service Centre, Norma Blue, Lighthouse Petone, Tupperware and Woburn Pharmacy.

GRACEFIELD PTA QUIZ NIGHT

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Name of eldest child & class no. _____

(tickets will be sent home with this child the day before the quiz)

No. of tickets _____ at \$15 each

Total owed \$_____

Payment type (please circle one) Cash / Online Payment

Online payments to the PTA bank account **12 3142 0246966 00**

Ref: Your name, Quiz

Please return this order form and any cash payments to the school office ASAP.