



### Production DVD's for Sale

We are selling copies of this year's productions. If you would like one of these, please use the order form below. They are \$10 each.

A big thank you must go to Rochelle Gribble and Gavin Mitchell who made these movies.

### Gracefield's Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Matariki Te Roihi for being a thinker (ata whakaaro) and respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Leina Foa for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Mia-Jean MacKay for being a risk taker (maia)
- ◆ Anya Obruchkova for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Lima Matila for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Jennifer Lukuru for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Damien Ombler for being for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Kaea Rangihuna-Vlietstra for being kind, caring class member who is an amazing leader.
- ◆ Amanda Harvey for being a thinker (ata whakaaro)

### Attendance Rates

At last week's board meeting I presented a report regarding attendance rates at Gracefield. The short story is that they are down in 2017 from previous years. This has been a particularly wet winter and I think this is the most significant reason for the drop in rates. It has to be remembered however that our attendance is still significantly higher than the national average for schools like us.

### Change of Government

The change of government will have a significant impact on education in New Zealand. The most obvious change will be the removal of national standards. This will mean the way we report to parents is going to have to be altered significantly. We don't know much more at this point, so all we can do is assure you we will keep you informed as information comes to hand.

### Up and Coming School Hangi hui

Our hangi hui, to organise this term's hangi, is in the staffroom tomorrow, **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6:00pm**. If you can help, please come along to the meeting. Kai and a movie for the tamariki will be provided. Please come along as we will be needing helpers with this.

### School Photos

I have some class photos (all classes) available for purchase at the office if anyone wants to buy one. They are \$17 per photo.

### Magazine Request

We need your help! Later this term the children will be doing an activity at school that requires them to have two magazines each. If you, or your family or friends have old magazines at home that are no longer needed, we would love to have them. Please send these unwanted magazines to school with your child as soon as possible.

### Goodtime Music Academy Performance

On Wednesday last week the Goodtime Music Academy performed for our students in the afternoon. It was an amazing show and they did this for free. If you have a child that would like to learn the drums, singing or any other type of musical instrument, I think you should consider what they have to offer. They are situated at the railway station end of Jackson Street in Petone. They also have a website which you can find by googling them.

### Artwork on Bunkers

Over the next week or so you will see the bunkers at the front of the school being transformed. We have commissioned a local artist to paint a mural. We wanted to brighten these historic buildings and at the same time, teach the children about the animal life that was here before people were. The work will be clearly visible as cars drive past. They are part of the boards work to make Gracefield an even more attractive place for the children.

### Sports

#### School and Southern Zone Athletics Events

The middle and senior syndicate will be holding their Athletics Day **tomorrow, Tuesday, 31st October from 11:00am-3:00pm** (postponement Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November).

Feel free to stay at school during lunchtime, bring a picnic lunch or pop into the staffroom for a cup of tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you at school supporting all the tamariki!

### Touch

Team Name	Played	Results	Player of the Day
Tigers	SH Asteroids	Lost 7 – 3	No POD this week
Eels	OLRS	Won 18 – 3	Logan Hughes
Dragons	Sumthins Burmin	Lost 15 – Nil	
Rabbitohs	Muritai Sharks	Won 8 – 2	Rishant
Magpies	Waterloo Warriors	Won 12 – 4	Lani
Jets	Maungaraki Marvels	Lost	

### Touch times for this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Gracefield Team	Playing	Time	Field
Sea Eagles	Wilford Wiggles	4pm	2a
Storm	Normandale Rockets	4pm	1a
Broncos	SPP Kiwi	4pm	5b
Tigers	Wilford Wizards	4pm	6b
Eels	SPP Taniwha	4:30pm	6a
Dragons	Muritai Storm	4pm	8a
Jets	Wa Ora Wekas	4:30pm	8b
Rabbitohs	Waterloo Bullets	4:30pm	3b
Magpies	SPP Kihikihi	5:30pm	3b
Panthers	SPP Weta	5pm	4b
Bears	Normandale Tornadoes	5pm	6a

Please be at your game at least 15 minutes before game start time. Parking is always an issue.

Touch fees are now **overdue**. If you haven't paid your touch fees, you will receive an payment invoice this week. Please pay this asap.

## **PTA News**

### **PTA Quiz Night Tonight**

It's going to be a great night tonight!!! Doors open at 6pm at the Sprig and Fern Tavern on Jackson Street, Petone. The quiz will start at 7pm sharp. All pre-purchased tickets will be sent home this afternoon with your nominated child – so check their bags! (We also have a list of all ticket holders so if you can't find the ticket it's ok!) Limited door sales are available (\$15 each). Remember cash for raffle tickets – we have some awesome prizes up for grabs!

### **Items Needed For Christmas Raffle**

We have donation buckets in every classroom waiting to be filled with items for the Christmas Raffle. We need non-perishable food items, Christmas-themed items and treats, gourmet treats and other small household items. No second hand goods please. The class that collects the most items over the next few weeks will win pizzas! Thanks for your support.

### **Christmas Decoration Sale**

The PTA is planning on having a stall at the Riverbank Market on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November** selling a fantastically-priced range of gorgeous Christmas decorations. We were donated a pallet-load of these decorations last year so everything sold will be direct profit for the school. Please come along and support us and spread the word about great Christmas deals!

### **Production DVD Order Form**

Please fill in the details below and return this form along with the money to the office.

DVD cost \$10.00 each.

Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_