



Performer

Just a reminder that we have an author coming to speak/perform to the children this Wednesday. **There is a cost of \$3 for this. The money will need to be in by tomorrow at the very latest.** Please use the attached permission form and return along with the money to the office. He will also be working with a select group of students, talking about his writing. This will happen before the show at 1pm.

Gracefield's Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Tilly Ephraim for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Ava Ross for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Lexi Turner for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Phoenix Kahi for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Thalia Gribble for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Jack Hammond-Hosie for being respectful (whakaaro nui) and a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Jemma Robertson for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Ryder Noble Cousins for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Alex Hutt for being a risk taker (māia)

Magazines and Newspaper

Thank you to everyone for bringing magazines and newspaper to school. We have plenty of both now so please don't bring in anymore.

Health Update

There is a tummy bug going around the school. Symptoms are just a sore tummy or vomiting and diarrhoea. This is not isolated to one classroom any more, there are cases of this bug in most classes now.

Just a reminder that children need to be off school for a minimum 48 hours or after vomiting and/or diarrhoea has stopped.

Hangi

We still need old sheets for covering the hangi pit. If you have old sheets you don't want anymore, please send these to school.

We still need a few more helpers on both Thursday and Friday, especially for cooking the hangi. If you are able to help, please let Robyn know..

Opening Ceremony

On **Friday, 1st December** at about 12pm we will have an opening ceremony for the two major artworks that have been completed at the front of the school. The first of these is the bird paintings that are now complete on the bunkers. The second, (which will be news to some), is that we will be replacing the stone tiles under the glass at the entrance. These are part of the spiral that ends at the carving. This is the work that was completed by Barry Te Whatu in 2007. All senior students will be involved in this along with a select group from each class. Parents and people from the local community are most welcome to come along to the ceremony. After this is finished the children will be eating hangi for lunch. (this was put down earlier that morning).

There will be no short assembly on this day.

Kapa Haka Performing

This morning our Kapa Haka was invited to perform at a ceremony outside Callaghan Innovation on Gracefield Road. This is all part of the beginning of the construction of the Wainuiomata Shared Pathway project. Because this is so recent I don't have much more information about what will be happening at this point.

School Picnic

The end of year is fast approaching and to celebrate this we plan to do another whole school picnic. Last year we went to McKenzie Pool in Petone. This year we plan to go to the Wainuiomata pool. The date for this is **Tuesday, 5th December**. We leave at **9.30am** in the morning and will return at around **2pm** to school. Parents are most welcome to join us for the day (you will need to find your own way there). We will be travelling by bus. Let's hope we get a fine day.

Road Patrol Training

Next Tuesday, Julie Orr the Road safety police officer will be at Gracefield to conduct road patrol training for next year's patrollers. If your child is in Year 5 and opted to be part of this worthy programme, they will have received a permission letter that must be returned before the training can be done. If you need more information about this, please contact me directly on 5695422.

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms are due back this **Friday, 24th November by 3pm**.

When ordering from book club:

- You must use a Scholastic Order Form. Do not send order written on a piece of paper or similar. School Office has spare copies of order forms.
- **ALL details** must be filled out including **contact phone number**.
- Clearly write ALL details.
- Cheques are payable to Scholastic and not Gracefield School.
- Using cash, you must have the correct amount with your order. Change is not given.
- Delivery is 1 – 2 weeks after we place the bulk order.

Please note....if your order is not completed properly, it will be returned to your child and the order not placed.

We encourage online ordering as this minimizes money handling, admin work and back orders are processed a lot quicker.

NEW option for online/loop ordering - If you want to order books for a birthday or Christmas without your child/ren knowing, then use these steps - In the **“class”** option, select **“Office”** and in the **“teacher”** option, select **“Parent Pick up”**.

School Donations

This is a voluntary school donation set by the Board of Trustees. Your donations are used to subsidise some school trips and other activities and to subsidise the purchase of extra equipment and materials for school activities and events. You can pay either in instalments, by lump sum, either cash or cheque to the office, or by automatic payment through your bank. These are tax deductible.

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. If paying to the school bank account, you need to reference your **child's name** and **what the payment is for** i.e. school donations.

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

Touch times for this Friday 24th November

Gracefield Team	Playing	Time	Field
Sea Eagles	Gracefield Storm	4pm	1b
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Broncos	SH Meteors	4pm	5a
Tigers	OLRS Canes	4pm	7b
Eels	Hutt Central Tigers	4:30pm	7a
Dragons	Fernlea Raiders	4pm	8a
Jets	SPP Mako	4pm	8a
Rabbitohs	SH Cyclones (girls)	4:30pm	3a
Magpies	Chilton Darts	5:30pm	3a
Panthers	Manaaki Juniors	5pm	4b
Bears	EHS Lions	5pm	3a

Please be at your game at least 15 minutes before game start time.

Parking is always an issue

Touch Results

Gracefield Team	Played	Results	POD
Magpies	Wilford	Lost 12 – 2	Stacey & Ava (Last week's result)
Magpies	Turbo Bullets	Won by default	
Tigers	Boulcott Chiefs	Lost 9 – 6	Rylee and Ina
Eels	Fernlea Eels	Won 15 – 1	Ruby
Jets	Maungaraki Magnetic	Draw 6 – 6	Olly Blackie
Rabbitohs	Korokoro Warriors	Won 12 – 2	Maya and Aaron

Inter Zone Athletics

Next week, **Tuesday 28th November**, is the Inter Zone athletics for Nikyah, Connar, Kees, Ryan, Mikayla, Zevanah, Ruby and Tyra. Could I please have a parent come forward to oversee these competitors on the day? This job would require you staying from 10am to 2pm. We also have only one parent who can help with transport. We require two more. Please see Natasha Corrales in Room 4 or email me n.corrales@gracefield.school.nz

PTA

Attached is PTA news and Order Form for Xmas Decorations.

PERFORMER on Wednesday, 22nd November

Please fill in the details below and return this form along with the money to the office by **Monday, 20th November**. Cost is \$3.00 per child.

Room: _____ Child's Name: _____

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Total Amount enclosed: \$_____

School Term Dates 2018

Term 1 Wednesday, 31st January - Friday 13th April

Term 2 Monday, 30th April - Friday, 6th July

Term 3 Monday, 23rd July - Friday, 28th September

Term 4 Monday, 15th October - Friday, 14th December