



Mural Article

Last week Stuff (online news site) published an article written by Charlotte Lee-Smith, who is one of our parents here. It was about the painting of the bunkers by the artist Ash Sisson. If you haven't read this, you can follow the link below to find it. A big thank you to Charlotte for taking the time to promote this wonderful artwork.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/99130247/chimp-turns-schools-wwii-bunkers-into-works-of-art>

Gracefield's Greatest award recipients:

- ◆ Charlotte Baker for being a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Charlotte Loughnane for being a thinker and conscientious (āta whakaaro and pukumahi)
- ◆ Mia-Jean MacKay for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Arthur Seagrave for being a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Zac Houghton for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Lauren Steed for being a communicator and a thinker (whakawhiti korero and māia)
- ◆ Peter Hoy for being a communicator and a thinker (whakawhiti korero and māia)
- ◆ Newman Liua Tauala for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Dani Smit for being a communicator (whakawhiti kōrero)

Hangi this Friday

If your child is to have a vegetarian hangi for religious or dietary reasons, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office no later than 3pm Wednesday.

Gold coin koha for lunch. As you will know by now, our hangi is this **Friday, 1st December**. Part of the hangi process is learning about the protocols that are involved with Māori culture. One of these is a koha, or a gift. We are asking children to please bring a gold coin donation as their koha. This money will be put towards the purchase of some kapa haka uniforms for the school.

Coming home today or tomorrow to the parents helping with the hangi, are lists of teams, timetables and tasks. If you have any questions please ring Robyn on 04 5695422.

School Picnic to Wainuiomata Pool

As mentioned last week, the entire school will be travelling to the Wainuiomata pool on **Tuesday, 5th December**. There is a cost of \$5 per student. This is to cover the pool entry (\$1.50) and the bus ride over (\$3.50).

We leave at **9:30am** and will return to school at **2pm**.

All children will need to have permission to go on this trip. Can you please use the attached permission slip and return this with the money by **Friday, 1st December**.

Lunch **will not** be provided, so parents need to make sure their child has food. The PTA will be providing them with a little treat, but it won't be sufficient to get them through the day.

Please note: all those students who went to camp this year **do not** need to pay. There was some money left over once all our expenses were paid.

Mr Day's Graduation

Congratulations to Kristian Day, who is now a fully qualified teacher, having completed two years of successful teaching.

Hutt Intermediate performing

On Wednesday afternoon at 1pm. Hutt intermediate will be performing at Gracefield. This is part of the annual touring show. They bring a variety of acts. We think it's a wonderful thing because it gives the children an insight as to what lies ahead when they head off to intermediate.

Touch

The touch times for this week's draw have not been put out at the time of printing the school newsletter. However, this week's game is the last game of touch for the season, this **Friday 1st December**.

Managers, please text your team the game time, or go onto the total touch website for the draw.

PLEASE bring spare clothing to change into at the end of the game and pass your touch uniform and bag to your team manager. These must be then passed onto Mrs Corrales on **Monday 4th December**.

Just a reminder to those that still owe for Touch Fees, **please pay these asap**.

Touch Results

Gracefield Team	Playing	Results	POD
Broncos	SH Meteors	Won 7 – 1	
Tigers	OLRS Canes	Lost 8 – 1	Kolton-Chase
Eels	Hutt Central Tigers	Won 11 – 1	Pyper and Nikyah
Dragons	Fernlea Raiders	Lost 14 – 0	
Rabbitohs	SH Cyclones (girls)	Won 7 – 0	Lachie
Magpies	Chilton Darts	Won – 14 – 0	Sophie and Mikayla

Inter Zone Athletics

Tomorrow, **Tuesday 28th November**, is the Inter Zone athletics for Nikyah, Connar, Kees, Ryan, Mikayla, Zevanah, Ruby and Tyra. We wish them all the best for their events.

Thank you to Nikyah's mum for helping with transport. We will be leaving at 9:40am and returning at 2pm.

Christmas Raffle

The eldest child in each family will have now received a sheet of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Tickets are \$1 each. Please return the completed sheets and money to the office by **Monday, 11th December**. You can also pay by online banking into the Gracefield PTA account: **12 3142 0246966 00** using your eldest child's name and class number as reference. (Please remember to return the tickets to the office!). If you don't wish to sell any tickets please return to the office ASAP. Extra ticket sheets are available from the office.

This is the last week of collecting items for the raffle baskets – so please keep those donations coming. The class to collect the most items will win pizzas – the top three last week were: **Room 6, Room 7 and Room 4.**

Reusable School Book Covers

Support Gracefield School when buying your school stationary next year! Everytime you order a reusable school book cover from the **Love These Covers** range Gracefield School gets 10c. A pictorial flier will be sent out with the 2018 stationary lists. Or check it out: <http://www.timessix.com/online-shop/product-range/school-book-covers>

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

School Term Dates 2018

<u>Term 1</u>	Wednesday, 31 st January - Friday 13 th April
<u>Term 2</u>	Monday, 30 th April - Friday, 6 th July
<u>Term 3</u>	Monday, 23 rd July - Friday, 28 th September
<u>Term 4</u>	Monday, 15 th October - Friday, 14 th December

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I give permission for my child/ren to go on the School Picnic to Wainuiomata Pool.

Room: _____ Child's Name: _____

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Room: _____ Child's Name: _____

Enclosed is total: _____ (\$5 per child)

Signature: _____

School Hangi

If your child is to have a vegetarian hangi for lunch because of **religious or dietary reasons**. Please fill in the details below and return this form to the office before 3pm Wednesday.

Room: _____ Child's Name: _____

Room: _____ Child's Name: _____

COMMENT: _____