



Last Newsletter

This is the final newsletter for 2017, it has been a fantastic year. I would like to thank everyone involved in making Gracefield the wonderful little school it is.

I won't be at Gracefield for term one next year as I am on study leave (sabbatical). Hamish Regan will be the acting principal.

Gracefields Greatest Recipients

- ◆ Hazel Beavis for being adaptable and respectful (hinengaro tuwhero and whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Tegan Jones for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Alex Johnstone for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Sophia Loughnane for being a thinker (ata whakaaro)
- ◆ Lachie McCall for being a communicator (whakawhiti kōrero)
- ◆ Ben Westwood for being a thinker and conscientious (ata whakaaro and pukumahi)
- ◆ Sarah Ray Young for being conscientious and a communicator (pukumahi and whakatwhiti korero)
- ◆ Daniel Hayes for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Jake Allen for being a thinker (ata whakaaro)

Last week Nuts and Bolts

- NEW classrooms for 2018. The following classrooms are affected by a change IN ROOM NUMBER for next year:
Room 3 is now called Learning Support.
Room 4 is now called Room 3.
Room 5 is now called Room 4.
Room 6 is now called Room 5.
Room 7 is now called Room 6.
Learning Support (2017) that was, is now called Room 7 with Mrs McAullife.
Room 8 is still called Room 8.
Room 9 is still called Room 9 (Mr Day is still the teacher).
- The Year 6 dinner will take place on Thursday starting at 6pm. After this (at 7:30pm) the Year 4 and 5 students are invited to the end of year disco. Permission slips are needed for the disco. If you have misplaced this, see your child's class teacher.
- Reports will be coming home this Wednesday. Please check your child's bag for this.
- Class lists will go up on Friday in the cyber shed window.
- The final assembly will start at about **12:15pm on Friday**.
- We finish for the year at **1.00pm on Friday**.

Thomas George Macarthy Trust

A big thank you to the Thomas George Macarthy Trust who have donated \$2000 to the school library. This is a biennial contribution by them and is very much appreciated.

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

PTA News

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets and cash payments are due back to the office by the end of today

Monday, 11th Dec. You can pay by online banking into the Gracefield PTA account:

12-3142 0246966-00 using your eldest child's name and class number as reference. The winners will be drawn at the final assembly on **Friday 15th December**. Thanks so much for your support.

New Members Needed

PTA membership has dropped this year (we've lost four of our longstanding supporters) and at our current numbers we will struggle to run our usual events in 2018 (Pool Party, School Disco, Quiz Night, Chocolate Fundraisers plus other events). We really need more helpers and people who are keen to help organise events. Please consider coming along to the PTA next year. It's a great way to support the school and get involved in the school community.

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

Holidays

- Waitangi Day on Tuesday, 6th February
- Easter Holidays Friday, 30th March, Monday and Tuesday 2nd and 3rd April
- Anzac Day on Wednesday, 25th April (Falls within school holidays)
- Queens Birthday on Monday, 4th June
- Labour Day on Monday, 22nd October