

X country

A reminder that our School x-country will take place on **Wednesday May 16th**. Start time is 1:30pm and the juniors run first. Parents are encouraged to come and join us to support the children. We've added a few interesting features to this year's course, so watch out for that. Postponement date is **Thursday 17th May**.



GRACEFIELD PANUI

Gracefields Greatest Recipients

- ◆ Gaige Whitecliffe-Porter for being a thinker (āta whakaaro) and respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Syklah-Rose Maneff for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Emily Hayes for being a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Nathan Kearns for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- ◆ Justus Finney for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Sarah-Ray Young for being conscientious (pukumahi) and a risk taker (māia)
- ◆ Toby Jones for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- ◆ Kaitiaki Rapira for being respectful (whakaaro nui)
- ◆ Louie Cross for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)

Life Education

The Life Education Caravan arrives at Gracefield this Wednesday. This means that students will be taken through this amazing resource over the next weeks. If you've not paid the \$4 entry fee for your child, can this be done by Friday of this week at the latest? Please use the form at the bottom of this newsletter to do this.

The caravan is situated in the staff car park which means parking will be at a premium during this time. Unfortunately, it also means that parents won't be able to use the staff car park, because it just becomes too congested and dangerous for the children. We will put out a chain at the beginning and end of the day to remind parents not to come in.

While we are discussing traffic, just a reminder that parents are asked not to park on yellow lines in the car parks. This is so we can keep the children safe and to keep the traffic moving. Also, I'd like to remind parents that the smart thing to do is to park on Riverside Drive and walk through the alleyway. It's literally a minutes' walk and there is loads of parking space. Finally I'd like to ask parents to be patient. It can be very busy, particularly at the end of the day. It would be a tragedy to have a child hurt because a parent/caregiver didn't want to wait an extra few seconds.

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 donation.

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

Scholastic Book Club

Order forms were sent home last week, they are due back this **Friday 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 order not placed.

Netball - First Game Dates and Times

Fees: Netball fees are \$41 and need to be paid to the office by **Friday 11th May.** Thank you to all of those who have paid already. You can pay Robyn with cash or by internet banking to: Gracefield School, ASB Bank **12-3142-0035595-00** Ref: **your child's name and NETBALL.**

Gracefield Green (Y4/3): You will have your skills session every week of Round One on Court 9 at 2pm. However, you need to be warmed up before then, so please arrive no later than **1:40pm** to warm up with your coach. The first game is on **Saturday 12th May.** After the skills session you will be versing San Antonio Angels on Court 9.

Gracefield Red (Y3/4): You will have your skills session every week of Round One on Court 9 at 12pm. However, you need to be warmed up before then, so please arrive no later than **11:40am** to warm up with your coach. The first game is on **Saturday 12th May.** After the skills session you will be versing Hutt City Unicorns on Court 11.

Gracefield Blue (Y5/6): The following is for Gracefield Blue team only. First round of grading games are today, **7th May,** at Taita Courts. All Blue team members are to meet at Court 1 for 3:30pm for warm-up. We will be playing Avalon 2 - Magic on Court 1 at 3:50pm and then EHS 5 - Sprinters on Court 2 at 4:15pm.

It's going to be chilly on the courts so navy/black long sleeve thermal tops and pants are recommended. **Don't forget your drink bottles!** Please make sure finger nails are cut short, hair is tied back and all jewellery (earrings, necklaces, bracelets and unnecessary hair accessories) have been removed prior to the game.

Next **Monday 14th May,** is our second round of grading games at Taita Courts. All Blue team members are to meet at Court 2 for 3:30pm for warm-up. We will be playing Waterloo 4 -Mystics on Court 2 at 3:50pm and then Belmont 3 on Court 2 at 4:15pm.

Please contact Heather (022 0430510) if your child will be late or unable to attend any of our games over the season (with as much notice as possible).

PTA News

The PTA is meeting tonight at 7pm in the staff room. All are welcome.

Entertainment Books On Sale

Please support Gracefield School by purchasing your 2018/19 Entertainment Membership (either book or digital membership) through us. The books are on sale now. Purchase by using the link below: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104w996>

St Bernard's College Open Day

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on **Saturday 26th May 2018** from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide.

St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.

For further information please see our website: www.sbc.school.nz

or contact the office at [183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250](tel:5609250)

Email: office@sbcschool.nz

Netball 2018

Please fill in the details below and return this form along with the money (**\$41.00 per child**) to the office by **Friday 11th May 2018**. If paying by internet banking still return this form.

Room: _____ Child's Name: _____ Netball Team: _____

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Please find enclose \$\$ _____ Cash or Internet Banking

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Life Education Trust 2018

Please fill in the details below and return this form along with the money (**\$4.00 per child**) to the office by **Friday 11th May 2018**. If paying by internet banking still return this form.

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