



### Parking

It is with a sense of frustration and sadness that I need to once again ask parents not to park on yellow lines. This is particularly important at the front of the school in the main car park. Parents who stop there to let their children out are putting their own child and the children of other people in danger. It is an unsafe practice and people have been asked numerous times not to do it. Please help us to keep everyone's children safe by parking according to the rules that are outlined on the signs.

We will be putting cones out over the lines for the next few week's just to highlight that people should not be stopping there.

### Gracefield Greatest recipients:

- Nathan Lowe for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Jordin Savaiinaea for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Zoe P for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Ashton Kahui for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Ina Manu for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Todd Peck for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Ben Coubrough for being a thinker (āta whakaaro)
- Alex Williams for being conscientious (pukumahi)
- Nazneen Nisha for being adaptable (hinengaro tuwhero) and a communicator (whakawhiti korero)
- Lily Scott for being adaptable (hinengaro tuwhero)

### End of term

A reminder that we finish for the term on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**. Assembly starts at **1:30pm** and School closes at **2pm**.

### Kapa Haka Performance

At this Friday's assembly, our Year 5 and 6 students will be doing a Kapa Haka performance for the rest of the school. Parents are welcome to come along and watch this, although we do stress it's early in the year, so they are not fully up to speed yet. This should take place at about **2:30pm**.

### Pasifika Parents Meeting

Tomorrow night **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April** we have our first Pasifika parent meeting in the school staffroom at **6.30pm**. All Pasifika parents will have received a personal invite, but in case you didn't, we are really keen to get as many along as possible to plan the year's events.

### Netball 2017

A notice went out last week regarding netball 2017, fees, teams etc. This year's netball fee is \$40 and needs to be paid to the office by **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**. Teams will start training next term. Netball uniforms will be handed out to players this week as one of the teams starts grading on the first day back of Term 2.

## Ngā Rerenga Kōrero (Māori Language Phrase)

**Maori:** Hopukina!

**English:** Catch it!

### Whanau Hui

Thank you to the people that turned up to our hui last Wednesday. There were some great ideas discussed including Gracefield School's 3 year Māori planning framework, Māori Language Week, Matariki, and adapting our kupu/phrase of the week that gets placed in the newsletter.

We also discussed the hangi that will be happening again this year in Term 4.

### Westpac Stadium Sports Visit

Last week a group of Year 5 and 6 students went to Westpac stadium to experience multiple sports. This was an awesome opportunity to try new sports, with people from each sport who play at a higher level. They learnt skills in basketball, Softball, Touch, Hockey and Gymnastics. Thanks so much to the parents who helped out.

### Total Touch

Congratulations to all our touch teams on a great session and a BIG thank you to the team's managers. Without your help these teams would not have been able to play. If you haven't already given your **touch uniform** to your manager, can you please get these to Natasha Corrales ASAP. Managers, if you have your team's certificates, please pass them onto school so we can have a school prize giving in assembly this Friday.

### Touch Results from last week

Gracefield Teams	Played	Score	
Sea Eagles	Muritai Minis	Lost 8 – 7 Went to overtime and Muritai won. Sea Eagles came 2 <sup>nd</sup> in their comp.	MVP – Kori-Lee Rookie of the year was Hendrix
Tigers	Hutt Central	Won 9 – 1 Tigers came 1 <sup>st</sup> in their comp.	MVP – Kees Rookie of the year was Leighton POD - Ruby
Rabbitohs	Raphael House	Won 6 – 5 Rabbitohs came 1 <sup>st</sup> in their comp.	MVP – Ben C and Harris C Rookie of the year was Ava POD – Ben W
Jets	Homb	Won 7 – 1	POD – Caleb

## PTA News

**Easter raffle tickets:** Every Gracefield family should have received a sheet of raffle tickets to sell. Thank you so much to all those who have already returned completed forms and money. If you need more sheets, there are spares at the office. Also if you are not planning on selling any tickets please return your sheet to the office ASAP. All raffle sheets and money need to be returned by **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** and the raffle will be drawn at the final assembly of term (**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**). Our prize baskets are in the office foyer if you want to see what is up for grabs!

**Kitten Kai for Kitten Inn:** There were some great costumes on Friday! Thanks for all the food (photo is available on our face book page) and we received \$85 in gold coin donations.

## Whittaker's chocolate fundraiser:

It's chocolate time again! The PTA is holding its annual chocolate fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we really value your support. We are asking families to sell a mixed box of Whittaker's chocolate for Gracefield School.

We know some families may not want to sell chocolate so if you would like to opt out please complete the form below and return to the office by **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**. Chocolates will be given out to the eldest child in each family on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**. Please return all money raised to the office or direct credit into the PTA bank account. All money or unsold chocolates must be returned to school by **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. More boxes are available on request, although you cannot get another without the first being paid for.

The family who sells the most chocolate will win an awesome prize!

### Whittaker's Chocolate fundraiser:

I would like to **OPT OUT** of the Gracefield School Whittaker's fundraiser.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_