



GRAFTON UNITED CRICKET CLUB

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Premier and Reserve update

The Premiers are in great form, with three away wins in a row against Waitakere, Cornwall and ECB respectively. The Cornwall win was particularly satisfying for the boys - their first ever win over their rivals in T20 cricket. We take on Parnell at Shore Road in a massive T20 fixture tonight. Special mention to Michael Snedden for his selection for the New Zealand XI to play Sri Lanka, as well as Jack Parsons on making the Auckland 'A' squad.

Our Premier Reserve team are in a similar vein of form, with two imposing wins over Cornwall and Eden Roskill. On both occasions the boys were able to dismiss the opposition for under 100. Hamish Robertson was the headline act against Cornwall, taking his first club 5fer, and ending with figures of 7-24. A good run into the Christmas break should see the Reserves in a strong position to fight for promotion.



Twilight Cricket - Teams Wanted!

Grafton are seeking senior teams to compete in it's Twilight tournament starting on Tuesday 12th Feb. The competition is 8-a side with 14 overs maximum per innings. Games start at 6pm and run throughout Feb & March at Victoria Park. Email charlie@graftoncricket.co.nz to find out more information

Grafton Golf Day

A big thank you to Huapai Golf Course who hosted us on the 25th November for our Grafton Golf Day. Despite the weather forecast and the odd flash of lightning on the day, the event was a huge success. It was fantastic to see players, board members and friends of Grafton mixing on the course and coming together on the day. Congratulations to the 'Grumpy Old Farts' (sponsored by Madison Park Homes & Just Brilliant Builders) who took first place on the day. Thank you also to our sponsors Barfoot & Thompson Ponsonby and Auckland Ventilation Services. Your support of the club is greatly appreciated.

Top senior performances

Hamish Robertson 7/24
Prem Reserves v Cornwall
1st Dec

Anesh Narsinh 5/17
Fourth's v ECB
17th Nov

Marius van der Bas 5/36
Rampage v ECB
8th Dec

Ross Deans 4/7
Reserves v Cornwall
1st Dec

Olly Westbury - 104
Prem's v Ellerslie
10th Nov

Sam Field - 103*
Third's v Northshore
10th Nov





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Girls Cricket Blitz

This week sees the last round of our Girls Blitz competition at Cox's Bay Reserve. Teams have joined us from Ponsonby Primary, Bayfield, St Francis and Westmere and have taken part in a 8 week 12 over competition. Westmere and Ponsonby are currently leading the table going into their final fixture. In other news, our Girls U11 Softball Saturday team remain unbeaten and face Cornwall going into their final at Melville Park this weekend.

Junior Cricket Festival

Join us at Victoria Park during the January holidays for our annual cricket festival - cricket, competitions and lots of fun 'n' games! Spaces are limited so email - charlie@graftoncricket.co.nz to book a place:

14th, 15th & 16th Jan
9am to 1pm

23rd, 24th & 25th Jan
9am to 1pm

Sessions are designed for players in Y2-6 - friends welcome!

Junior Photos

Junior team photos are now available to collect from the Grafton Office.

J.T Sparling Super Series

Sunday 2nd December saw our juniors compete in the first round of the J. T Sparling Super Series in a historical fixture against Auckland University at Colin Maiden Park. We fielded 10 teams across Year 3 to Year 8. Although not so successful on the overall tally for Grafton, it was an enjoyable day for all involved. Grafton teams are looking forward to facing Parnell this Sunday in the next round of fixtures.

The Super Series has arisen primarily from a desire to coordinate interclub Rep fixtures and create more regular and consistent high-level competition between the 5 largest Auckland clubs. This in turn will provide the top tier of junior cricketers with improved opportunities to test themselves against each other, with obvious benefits in terms of player development. This is it's second year.

Jane Gold - Grafton REP Co-ordinator

Key Junior Dates

Last game before
Christmas
15th Dec

First game back after
Christmas
2nd February

Junior Super 6's
10th March

Last game of the
season
23rd March

Junior Prizegiving
24th March

