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**29 April 2019**

Welcome back to everyone for Term 2. We have a number of special events this term and look forward to sharing them with as many of you as possible.

**SATURDAY NETBALL:** Netball is starting this Saturday 04 May. The weekly draw will be put up on the Room 9 window and your child will need to check this each week to get their game time and who they will be playing against. All players need to be at the school at least ½ an hour before their game to meet with their coach and get ready to play. Fees need to be paid at the office please.

**MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY/MORNING TEA:** This special assembly is being held on Friday 10 May, starting at 9.30. At the end of the assembly children will return to their classrooms, with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, special women in their lives and will share the first part of their morning tea time. Adults will then return to the hall at 10.45 for an adults-only morning tea. Would you please fill in the slip on the back of this page to let us know if you are planning on attending the assembly/morning tea and whether any other special women will be coming with you? This helps us to know how many we will be catering for. We would ask that all participants bring a plate along for the morning tea.

**MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE:** Tickets will be on sale from tomorrow, 30 April, at the school office. The draw will take place at the special Mothers' Day morning tea.

**CLASSROOM GARDEN BOXES:** We would like to give a huge thank you to Bunnings, Albany for their support with these gardens. This is part of our enviro-schools learning for the children – recycling water, food, worm farms - and it will be very exciting to see the growth of the vegies and flowers in the gardens. Each box is being cared for by the children, with supervision from their teachers and our fabulous gardener Ashlee Bryant.

**SCHOOL CAMPS:** Thank you to everyone who has started to pay for their child's camp. We would like to remind the parents of our Year 7/8 students that the MERC outdoor education experience is coming up soon. If you haven't received any information yet, please check with your child's teacher. Our chocolate sale fundraising will begin next week – further information will be sent home by Mrs Howe.

**40<sup>th</sup> REUNION:** Saturday 25 May 2019. We will be having a 1970's-style disco with a canteen open (remember back to those amazing discos you used to attend when you were a student here). This is an alcohol free event. Please register your interest at the office or via email.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** Our new website is now up and running, so take a look. We are hoping that the new school app will be available in the next couple of weeks and will keep you informed. Any absences can be reported through the website in the meantime.

**FUNDRAISING:** The school has ongoing fundraising throughout the year, generally aimed at reducing the cost to parents for their children's camps. If anyone has any contacts for prizes or unwanted gifts they would like to donate we would love to hear from you.

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**SCHOOL DONATIONS:** Our thanks to everyone who has paid the donation to the school. We use this money for a variety of purposes and this year it is aimed towards the cost of the shade canopy over the new sandpit – these things do not come cheap!! So, if you would like to make a donation to the school, this would really help. A reminder that the payments for Maths Buddy - \$10, Years 3-8 – and Reading Eggs - \$8, Years 1 & 2 – is compulsory, so if you haven't already paid this would you please do so as soon as possible.

**STOP WORK MEETING** – The meeting that was postponed following the events in Christchurch has now been rescheduled. It is taking place on Wednesday of next week – 08 May. More information will be coming home in the next couple of days, along with information about picking up your children from school. Tigers Den will be open from 1.00 pm.

**Important Dates**

*Saturday 04 May* – Start of the Saturday Netball competition

*Wednesday 08 May* – Teachers' Stop Work Meeting, **School closed from 1.00 pm**

*Friday 10 May* – Mothers' Day Assembly/Morning Tea

*Saturday 25 May* – West Harbour School 40<sup>th</sup> reunion

*Monday 03 June* - **SCHOOL CLOSED – Queen's Birthday Weekend**

*Friday 05 July* – Last day of Term 2

**MOTHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY/MORNING TEA**

I will be attending the assembly/morning tea Yes/No

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_