



Monday 30 April 2018

"OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents

Welcome back to a new term everybody, with an especially big welcome to the 18 new pupils who have joined us. This term starts with a roll of 543.

We have opened another new entrant classroom in Room 6 today.

Mother's Day Breakfast Next Week!

From 8am on Friday 11 May

The PTA and staff invite all mums, grandmothers and that special lady caregiver in your child's life to a morning cuppa on **Friday 11th May** from **8am**. Enjoy a light breakfast, visit your child's class, then come to our special Mother's Day assembly at 9.10am.

Bought Lunches (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only).

These will resume this week on *Wednesday 2 May*. The menu choices are posted in the hall by the kitchen.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on **Monday 7 May**, at **7.30pm**.

School Assemblies

Our assemblies are a time for the whole school to get together to celebrate our achievements. Parents are *very welcome* to attend. In fact, *we love to see you*. Assemblies are held on **Friday mornings**, starting at 9.10am.

Our first official assembly this term is on **Friday 11 May**, and will be our special Mother's Day event.

Winter Uniform

We begin the transition into winter uniforms from today. A few days' grace is allowed in case some parents have not yet purchased all the correct items for winter. A reminder that our school uniforms are sold by **John Russell Menswear**, 9 Moore St, Howick. Parents, if you are unsure about anything relating to uniforms, please contact the office.

All children should be wearing **plain black shoes** this term, not sandals, and definitely not coloured sneakers. Thank you for your help with this parents.

Year 6 Camp

Best wishes to all the Y6 children, teachers and parent helpers who left for Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island today. **Have a great time!** See you on Friday around 4.30pm, depending upon traffic.

School Expectations

We like to keep our school "rules" to a minimum, but please be aware that:

1. We encourage healthy food at school (no lollies or fizzy drinks please).
2. Toys, jewellery and all special personal possessions are best left at home. The school accepts no responsibility for lost or damaged articles such as these.
3. The lower car park is a drop off and pick up area only. No parking in the drop off zone or in the marked car parks please, and please do not drive into the top carpark except in the case of emergencies.
4. When waiting to be collected, for safety reasons, children must wait for their parents inside the front fence.
5. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours unless a note or other communication has been received from home. They must be signed out in the office.
6. If up at school during the day, parents must report to the office first before going to your child's room.

Coming Attractions!

Monday 30 April	Term 2 begins Year 6 off to Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island
Monday 7 May	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm
Tuesday 8 May	ICAS Digital Technologies Stardome Visit Rooms 12 & 13
Wednesday 9 May	Stardome Visit Rooms 20 & 23
Friday 11 May	Mother's Day breakfast, class visits, and special assembly
Tuesday 15 May	Soccer Field Day Choir at combined schools rehearsal
Thursday 24 May	Chess competition

Have a great week everyone!

Kind regards,
Mr T

"A Say from Your PTA"

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone for supporting the chocolate fundraiser last term. We have a profit in excess of \$9000 to date with over \$3000 still to come in. If you have not paid for your chocolates yet, please arrange payment as soon as possible. Payment can be made via online banking into account number:12-3089-0111164-00 Please use your child's name and room number as a reference. If you have any queries regarding chocolates please contact Jess Storey: jess.storeynz@gmail.com or Heather Clark: heatherandgreg@xtra.co.nz.

A special congratulations to our top sellers: Katelyn and Elijah Tame, who beat their own record from last year by selling a whopping 18 boxes!

Our mystery draw winner is Annika Wang of Room 19 - well done!

Mother's Day Breakfast

On Friday 11th May at 8am all Mums, Grannies, Nanas and Mummy caregivers are invited to join us for a light breakfast with a hot cup of tea/coffee to celebrate Mother's Day - look forward to seeing you there. If any Dads are free to help out with the BBQ on this date, please email us on friendsofptabds@gmail.com

Children, please eat at home as this breakfast is for Mums only.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 7th May at 7:30pm in the staffroom. We'd love to see you there, everyone is welcome!