

12 April 2018

Time has passed very quickly this term and tomorrow will be our last day. It has been hectic, busy and at times challenging, but always exciting, fun and a privilege to have your children with us. I would like to wish everyone a good break and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 30 April.

<u>Cyber Safety</u>: We have noticed an increasing number of younger children (including those who are not legally allowed to access these sites) accessing the different forms of social media – Facebook, Instagram, etc. We would like to suggest to everyone that it is extremely important that you make sure that you know what it is that they are accessing and keep monitoring it. We are planning an information/discussion evening for parents next term.

<u>ERO Report</u>: The ERO (Education Review Office) team came into the school earlier this term and have now issued their report on the running of the school and achievement levels of our students. This report is available on our website if you would like to read it.

Storm Damage: During the recent severe storm, we had some damage around the school. Fortunately, it was relatively minor, but because part of the pool fence was blown down, we have drained the pool as a safety precaution while we sort out the style of the replacement fence.

<u>Mother's Day Celebration</u>: Thank you to everyone who returned the slip from the last newsletter, indicating their preference for the Mother's Day celebration. From 41 returns, we had 25 for holding a morning tea and 8 each for breakfast or afternoon tea. Therefore, **morning tea** it is. This will be held on Friday 11 May during morning tea time and will be preceded by an assembly. We would like to invite all mums, grandmothers and aunties. We will send more information home early in Term 2.

Netball: The netball competition will be starting on the first Saturday of Term 2 (05 May). The competition will run every Saturday (apart from in the holidays) during Terms 2 & 3. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be either a coach or manager. We cannot run our teams without you.

Teacher Only Day: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support of our teachers during our teacher only day. As with other professionals, teachers are constantly updating their knowledge and skills. Usually, we hold these days during the school holidays so as not to inconvenience parents but the facilitator was only available during term time this year. The second part of this programme will be on Friday 31 August and school will be closed on this day. We will be sending reminders to you before Term 3.

<u>School App (School Stream)</u>: While more of you have taken up the opportunity to download our app, we would really love to have everyone on board. This app makes communication with you very simple and is extremely important during emergencies or for last minute notifications. The instructions for how to download this FREE app, just look at our website or call in at the school office.

<u>Plunket Injury Prevention Clinic</u>: For children's car seats, being held at the Northwest shopping centre, Level 1 carpark (above the Countdown ramp), with free anchor bolt installation. Saturday 14 April, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Everyone having their car seats tested will go into the draw for a free car seat

Important Dates:

Friday 13 April – Last Day of Term 1, school closes at 3.00 pm

Monday 30 April - First day of Term 2, school starts at 9.00 am

Holiday Programme; Tigers' Den will be running a programme during the April holidays. For more information, please contact Julie, 8331886 or 0274717213