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Mother's Day Celebration: Thank you all for a fabulous day. We loved seeing so many of you at the assembly and morning tea and your children really enjoyed being able to share their classroom with you. Hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Saturday Netball: Two out of fourteen Saturdays are now completed. Our six teams are thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thank you again to our parent coaches and Mrs Puch (teacher in charge). The Wider West Netball Competition is run by our school's property Manager, Mr Olsen. **Remember: the weekly draw appears on classroom windows, Facebook and the school app every week. Please remind your child to check this list and to be at the school half an hour before their games for warmup.**

Spanish Classes: We are gauging interest for these classes. There will be a cost, but if you are interested please fill in the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office.

Parent Kidpower Session: Some parents missed the first Kidpower Session earlier this year. If you are interested in attending a catch-up session, please indicate on the return slip below.

Worrying Signs for Education: Teacher recruitment data shows there is a crisis looming in education, particularly in Auckland. The number of people enrolling in teacher education courses is declining. While our school is managing at the moment, this may not continue, as nationwide the availability of teachers is declining. This is not good news for your child/children. We all want well-trained, skilled, passionate teachers in every classroom. Teachers and principals are now in negotiation with the government over our new employment agreements. The focus of these negotiations is on improvements to attract and retain the best and brightest teachers to work with our children. Please support us in trying to improve the profession, because if we can do that, we'll achieve an improved education for your child.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL: An increasing number of cars are being parked across driveways and on the yellow lines outside the school. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THESE AREAS. Apart from breaking the road rules, you are putting the safety of our children at risk as the visibility when they are using the crossing is very much reduced. We are arranging to have regular visits from the traffic safety people from the Auckland Council and Police and you may be ticketed or towed away.

Mothers' Day Raffle: Many thanks to the parents and children who bought tickets in our Mothers' Day raffle, where many of the prizes were donated by the teachers. A special thank you to **ANTIPODES** for their donation of skincare products. Emma, the winner of the Antipodes products, was very pleased with her prize.

Pink Shirt Day: This Friday 18 May we will be having a Pink Shirt Day to celebrate Kindness Week. The children can wear pink tops. No pink hair spray or hair chalk please.

We are asking the students to bring a gold coin donation, which will be collected by the class teacher. The donations will be passed onto the Pink Shirt movement and also Kids Can who sponsor our school.

Important Dates:

Friday 18 May- Pink shirt day, gold coin donation; Duffy Theatre, 11.15 am

Saturday 19 May – Community Cultural Celebration, 4.00-6.00 pm, Westgate Baptist Church, Hobsonville Road. Our culture group is performing at 4.00 pm

Year 3-8 Disco – later this term, more information to be sent home

Return Slip

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in finding out more information about Spanish lessons/club

I am interested in attending a catch-up session about Kidpower