Dear Parents and Whānau

Ngā mihi mahana ki a kou – a warm welcome to you all and especially to Wilow Nicolson, Shaista Ali (Room 8) and their families who joined our school community this week.

It was great to welcome back, last Friday, some very tired but very happy campers. The weather was equally as beautiful in Hamner as it was in Christchurch last week which allowed all of the planned outside activities to take place. Students got to build a bivouac, use a hobo stove to cook pikelets, climb to the uppermost branches in trees while harnessed up and orienteer throughout the forest. Wild pigs on the perimeter of the camp added an extra dimension to the camp.

We thank all of the parents who supported the camp in one way or another by providing transport, helping with fundraising or staying for one or more nights to help with the logistics of running a camp.

There is much lost property from camp in Room 24 so if your child is missing something call in to have a look.

Once again thanks also to all of the teachers who gave up the comfort of their own homes so camp could occur!

Parent Evening – Our New School

We are still waiting to hear from the Ministry Of Education about where our new school will be sited, however, we have not let this delay or stop other aspects of our journey forward.

Staff are on a learning journey as are our Board of Trustees in relation to future focused teaching and learning.

- Most staff are involved in an intensive twenty week professional development module where they are building their own understandings while working collaboratively with other staff members.
- Next term we will see some of their new knowledge put into practice in class rooms.
- As well as this we already have clusters of staff throughout the school working in collaboration with each other as they plan and teach together.
• We have plans to open up another two teaching spaces to allow this type of co-teaching to occur more easily.
• Our BOT have had meetings with the Ministry and are at the beginning stage of thinking about design briefs for the new school.

Later this year we intend to review and revise our current school vision and values to ensure it is aligned with our new thinking and understanding, however, in order to do this we need to ensure our parent community is knowledgeable and understanding of the shifts in education that lay ahead.

We have organised a parent evening hosted by one of the foremost educationalists in this field, Derek Wentmoth. Derek will share his vast knowledge with us and facilitate parents voicing their wonderings, needs and hopes for their children. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from the best and to have a say in our new school.

In order to help with the parents attending this session we will provide childcare in one of our classrooms. Please RSVP by Friday May 22 so we can gauge numbers and ascertain whether we may need a larger venue.

The following link is to a video on the creation of learner centered teaching – this gives great insight into the things we as a school community need to be thinking about as we move forward into the design phase of our new build.  

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**Parent Evening**

**Wednesday 27 May**  
7:00 – 8:30 PM  
Derek Wentworth presenting  
**Creating our vision for Banks Avenue School**  
The Rae McDonald Library Information Centre  
(school library)  
RSVP by 22 May

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**Netball**  
The netball season has begun and we have two teams of students who have entered into the weekly competition which is held at Hagley Park.

**National Young Leaders Day**  
Yesterday we sent ten of our senior students off to a young leader’s conference at the Wigram Airforce Museum with 1300 other delegates from throughout Canterbury. This was a great opportunity for our young leaders to listen to and be inspired and motivated by the stories and experiences of successful leaders in the community.

The theme of the conference was “This is your journey” and every speaker had some strong messages about their life’s journey.

*Be prepared to fail. Be prepared to make mistakes.*  
*Leadership is not about power it is about empowering others.*  
*Sometimes you’ll win. Sometimes you’ll learn but you’ll never fail.*  
*Focus on outcomes not obstacles.*  
*Develop a willingness to serve – find a need and do something about it.*  
*Success is a meeting of a positive mind-set and actions.*

**Basketball**  
The basketball season is about to begin and once again we have entered two teams into the Thursday night competition at Cowles Stadium.

**Principal Challenge**  
Last week our students were given the chance to think and reflect on what made their mums (or aunties or grans) special. These are some of the responses I received.

*My mum…*  
*My mum is a great mother. She is happy and friendly. She helps me a lot!*  
*Caitlyn McT*

*I love my mum because she loves me to the moon and back… that’s why I love her too!*  
*Cheyenne*

*I my mum is great and she makes really great food! She is special because she is one of a kind. She is sometimes grumpy but that’s because she wants me to do the right thing.*  
*Sophie McT*
Mothers day
Her kisses are soft.
Her cuddles are warm.
She spoils me like crazy.
The best in the world.
Chocolates and sweets just for me
She’s my perfect mother. Aaliyah

Why I love my mum…
You help me in hard times. You always make time for me. You have kindness and courage. You buy food and water. You accept me for who I am. And no matter what you always love me. You always love everybody no matter what they do! Jemma

Thanks girls for writing about your mums – let’s make it easy on them and give them a day when they don’t need to make your lunch - Sophie, Caitlyn, Jemma, Aaliyah and Cheyenne join me on Monday for pizza!

Cross Country — Yesterday in mixed weather conditions we held our school Cross Country event. There was plenty of enthusiasm and encouragement from both the children and the adults on the sidelines. A big thank you to Abby Savage and her team for organizing and managing this event for the whole school. The results follow:

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Congratulations and well done all of you.

Scholastic Book Club – now two easy ways to order
1) Return your completed order form and payment to class teacher by Thursday 28 May 2015.

Alternatively you can now order and pay for books online
2) LOOP: Online Ordering for Parents
   Parents can now order and pay for Book Club online directly with Scholastic’s Linked Online Ordering and Payment for Parents, or LOOP.
   It’s simple! LOOP makes it even easier to run Book Club at your school.

It is easy for parents with the simple ordering and secure payment online via the LOOP website or mobile app.
LOOP is the next stage of the ALL-NEW Scholastic Book Club, as we work with teachers, schools and parents to help get Kiwi kids excited about books and reading. Parents can access LOOP at mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or download the iPhone app from the App Store.
**House Keeping / Reminders**

**Entertainment Books** – These are available to families again this year at $65.00 each with $13.00 from each book sold coming directly back to our school. You still have time to get your order in. The books will be launched next week.

**Lunch On-line**
Remember lunch on-line every Thursday. Orders must be in by 8:30am. Go to: [http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/) to place your order.

**Next PTA meeting:**
Monday 8 June at 7:00pm
in the staffroom
All welcome

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Next meeting
Tuesday 26 May at 6:30pm
Please note the change of time for the open part of the meeting.
in the Sky Room
All welcome

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**Memories from school camp!**

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**RSVP for Parent Evening**
Creating our Vision for Banks Avenue School
Yes I would love for you to reserve seats for me for the Parent Evening on **Wednesday 27 May**
Family name:
______ number of seats reserved

If you will need child care please list the names of your children and their ages
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“Don’t judge someone’s story by the chapter you just walked into.”