

Monday 20 October 2008

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Dear parents

Healthy Food Day

A reminder that tomorrow, Tuesday the 21st of October, the whole school is having a '**Healthy Food Day**'. At 9.30am we will be in the hall having a special assembly to share what we have been doing in our classes and syndicates on our 'food' topic. Parents are welcome to attend.

Between 11.00am – 12.30 all classes will work with their buddy class to produce a filled roll to eat during our whole school picnic on the field at lunch time. We have had the rolls, margarine, fillings and fruit purchased for us by the P.T.A. The children will be able to choose their own fillings for their rolls from – luncheon, lettuce, carrot, cheese, tomato, cucumber. **If there are food allergies, or food your child is unable to eat, please let your classroom teacher know.** Your child will need their usual drink bottle and morning tea.

A big thank you to the P.T.A for their contribution and help supporting our healthy food lunch and to Progressive Foods and suppliers Turners & Growers, Freshmax, NZ Hothouse and Leaderbrand, and to Bakers Delight Botany, for their extremely generous donations.

Teacher Only Day

There is no school next **Monday 27 October** as it is a statutory holiday (Labour Day). A reminder that the school will *also* be **closed** the following day, on **Tuesday 28 October**, for a "Teacher Only Day". On this day teachers will be undertaking professional development on the new curriculum.

Please take note that **Kiwi Kidz** will be open as usual for before and after school care on 28 October **and the programme will be extended to include the hours from 8:30am –3:00pm as well.** All bookings must be finalised asap so that adequate arrangements can be made with caregivers. Parents wishing to enrol their children can contact Winnie directly on 09 2729961 or 021 1123 749. Email: kiwikids@xtra.co.nz

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly. It's been great to see so many parents coming along to our school assemblies. They start at **2.15pm.**, and we really appreciate it if parents can attend:

Paige Osborne, Nilofar Zolghadri, Harrison Carr, Kian Tai, Maria Kim, Nathan Brown, Kyle Jonson, Hannah Duckworth, Ashleigh Hogan, Erika Whiteley, Eden Gemmell, Aaron Li, Louise Franks, Lori Wolfson, Mark Moselen and Sheldon Seaman.

Our Values Programme

As mentioned in a recent newsletter, for the last two years we have been following a Values programme throughout the school, where we discuss and explore eight different values we believe are important to foster at Botany Downs Primary. Each term we focus on just two.

We now we have a **Values Tree**, which is located at the end of the corridor outside Room 2. Starting this term, children that are 'caught' displaying the focus value will have their names written on leaves which will be attached to our very special Values Tree. Every week these children will be congratulated at assembly.

The following children have been selected by their teachers because they are demonstrating our current "Value"- "Determination". They will be congratulated at this Wednesday's assembly:

Jake Clements, Leesa Johnson, Jessica Davies, Victoria Hardey, Megan McCormack, Jessy-Leigh Harvett, Max Ye, Llewellyn Jonker, Johnathan Leung, Emily Driver, Liaim Valentine, Eden O'Shannessey, Janice Liang, Cameron Clark, Rui-Lin Zhang, Troy Tapsell, Tamsin Davies.

New Pupils

Welcome to the following new children at Botany Downs: *Leo Gao, Chelsea Prince, Devonte Teariki, Daniel Du Preez, Meilin He, Po-Wei Chen, Asha Glynan, Emily Taylor, Jayesh Mandri, Joshua Kao, Philip and Stelios Keliouris, Kevashan Moodley and Brooke McGregor.*

Family and Friends Day

A special thanks to all the **Friends and Family** who came to school on Thursday to support our Friends and Family morning. The morning went really well and we have received lots of positive comments. We started with a special sharing assembly watching photo slideshows of work that classes have been doing and watching dance and Jump Jam performances. There was seating for 130 at the special sharing assembly and we needed many more seats! The children enjoyed showing off their work and classrooms to their special visitors.

Thank you to all who came and our 'magic fairies' who served a delicious morning tea to our visitors. A special thanks to Aroha Bishop, Trisha Ingall and Maree Biland plus the PTA for organising and funding the morning tea.

(Amy Muir)

Scholastic Books

Final day for issue 7 Scholastic orders is this Thursday 23rd October.

PTA CALENDAR FOR TERM 4

The PTA has lots on this term. Mark the following dates on your calendar, and watch for more information closer to the time ...

Election Day Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 8th November

Our school will be a Polling Booth again this year. The PTA will be running a Sausage Sizzle on this day, so if you are coming to vote, bring a few gold coins for a sausage, drink and/or iceblock!

Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day - Tuesday 11th November

Enjoy a sausage (or two) for lunch on this day and come dressed in mufti (ie: not school uniform). Watch for a notice the week prior.

"Kids Night Out" at Chipmunks – Friday 5th December (6pm – 8pm)

We are planning a fun night out at Chipmunks Pakuranga. Mum & Dad, drop the kids and take a couple of hours to do some Christmas shopping or have dinner out! Friends are welcome, so let them know the date now and watch for more details coming home soon!

Iceblock & Mufti Day - Friday 12th December

Enjoy an iceblock for morning tea on this day and come dressed in mufti (ie: not school uniform). Watch for a notice the week prior.

Christmas Grocery Grab

What would you put in your trolley if you were the winner of a Grocery Grab?? Well, start making your list now, because the PTA has an exciting fundraiser planned for November/December, and for several lucky winners, a GROCERY GRAB at a LOCAL SUPERMARKET will be a reality! Imagine a trolley (or two!) full of FREE GROCERIES, just in time for Christmas! Watch this space .. more information will be coming home soon!

The PTA Needs New BBQs!

The PTA BBQs are in need of replacement! If you are thinking of upgrading your BBQ this summer and your current BBQ is still in reasonable working order, would you consider 'gifting' your old BBQ to the PTA for ongoing sausage sizzle fundraisers? If so, the PTA would love to hear from you BEFORE we purchase new ones. Please contact the school office or phone Maree Biland (5376037).

Mercury Energy Books

A big thank you to those families who have registered over the last couple of months to receive their Mercury Energy bill online. Another 25 books have been donated to our school as a result. That's over 75 FREE BOOKS received to date!

Regards

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