

Monday 24th November 2008

Newsletter 37/08

Dear parents

Less than four weeks to go, and the days are racing by. Keep watching out for the newsletters that will be in the school bag every Monday to keep up to date with what is happening.

Last week the Year 5 children had a great time at Sonshine Ranch. A big thank you to those wonderful parents who gave up their valuable time to assist with the camp. We all really appreciate it.

The Juniors had a great morning for their athletics. Thanks to all our wonderful parents who came along to support their children.

Best wishes to the Year 6 children who are away this week at Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island, with teachers Amanda Foote, Lyndal Lowans, Nicolette van Heerden and Mr T. Let's hope the weather improves.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who will be receiving certificates:

Hannah Allen, Harrison Carr, Leandre Crowther, Abigail Fumbilwa, Codee Hollick-O'Connor, Juane Jonker, Philip Keliouris, Marnus Loots, Corinna Rahm, Aaryan Raj, Mariam Sacranie, Ayusha Salgaonkar, Sayali Samant, Balpreet Singh, Danielle Smith, Demika Sookanathan, Amanda Sua, Ella Treeby, Daniel Weon, Michael Willetts.

School Values

For the last five weeks we have been talking about the importance of showing determination. As we didn't have an assembly last week we have the following children who were selected by their teachers for displaying the Value "Determination."

Daniel Weon, Elise Conway, Charlotte Larmour, Tiffany Human, Abbie Godkin Wilson, Josh Tillson, Sayali Samant, Hayley Anderson, Hanako Hutton, Cameron Tait, Aaron Li, Sophie Bell, Billy Ryoo

For the remainder of the term we are talking about the value of showing tolerance. The following children have been selected by their teachers because they are demonstrating our current "Value" – **Tolerance**: accepting things that you can't change or things that you wish were different. They will be congratulated at this week's assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor.

Rhea Taylor, Nathan Clark, Nathan Brown, Victoria Bassett, Taine Wearing, Vincent Liu, Amand Sua, Raychel Tapsell, Chloe Wardle-Ramage, Corina Rahm, Kishan Soma, Ben Parker, Kyle Jonson, Amy Harrison, Amy Savory, Joel Biland.

New Pupils

Welcome to *Cade Davie*

Middle School Maraetai Picnic

The Middle School are planning to have their picnic this Wednesday, with the savings day being Thursday. However, looking at the weather forecast, the outlook for this week doesn't look promising. Maraetai Park is an exposed spot and we need to ensure the weather is very warm and settled for us to go. Tomorrow we

will make a decision as to whether we go on Wednesday and we will send a note home to let you know. Likewise for Thursday. Unfortunately if we are unable to go on Thursday the trip will be cancelled.
Liz Sudfeldt (Middle Team Leader)

Pool Keys

As in previous years, we are going to open the pool for the school community over summer. Families will be able to purchase pool keys for \$60 for the season (includes \$20 refundable deposit). Watch this space for further details, closer to the time.

Touch results

Botany Magic 2 : All Stars 2
Botany Bullets 4: Tiger Bears 2
Botany Tigers U7 23 Young Guns 11

PTA News

"Grocery Grab" Raffle

Ticket sales have now finished. We need all monies and butts returned quickly, by the end of this week if possible. Remember, you are able to buy tickets yourself, so if you have a ticket or two left, you may want to be in to win yourself!! The lucky winners will be drawn at assembly on Wednesday 10th December.

Tea-Towels

Fabulous personalised tea-towels, with self portraits of your children printed on them! A sample is available at the office if you would like to see one. At \$10 per tea towel (reduced prices when ordering more than one), these make great Christmas gifts for grandparents, family and friends. Orders with payment to school by the end of this week – **Friday 28th November**.

CHIPMUNKS 'KIDS NIGHT OUT' – Friday 5th December (6pm – 8pm)

Drop your kids at Chipmunks and take a couple of hours to do a spot of Christmas shopping or have dinner out! Necessary supervision will be provided by PTA and the Chipmunks Staff. The cost per child is **\$10** and tickets must be pre-ordered by the end of this week – **Friday 28th November**. Please note that **pre-schoolers** are welcome to come (the cost is the same, \$10 per child) **HOWEVER THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT** for the night. Also, please note that **food is not included** in the ticket price. Children will need to have had dinner before they come, or the café will be open for sales on the night and they would need to bring extra money for this.

CHRISTMAS HAMS

\$41.50 each for a 4.5 – 5kg half leg of ham on the bone from Colonial Bacon & Ham Company. The PTA makes \$5 per ham. Orders with payment to school by **Friday 5th December** and you must be able to collect your ham from school at 3pm on Wednesday 17th December.

**** ORDER FORMS for the above are available from the school office, if you have misplaced yours.**

FUN RUN/WALK – Sunday 7th December (9.30am start)

Have you all returned your completed registration form??? If not, it is NOT too late! Please complete and return to the School Office as soon as possible. You will find extra copies at the office if you have misplaced yours. We are looking forward to a fun event.

Have a great week.

Mrs J