

Monday 1st December 2008

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Dear parents

Just three weeks to the holidays and 24 sleeps until Xmas. The time is racing by with lots of events coming up so keep hunting in the bags on Mondays for the newsletters.

Last week the Year 6's (and parents and teachers) had a fantastic week at Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island. The weather was brilliant which allowed them to do all the planned activities: sailing, kayaking, abseiling and confidence course. Our thanks to the parents who helped and of course the wonderful students who made the camp a terrific success.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following group of children who have been working really hard and have been selected by their teachers to receive certificates at this week's assembly:

Logan Carr, Josh Celik-Alvis, Vicente Cornejo-Sepulveda, Daniel Du Preez, Shane Hogan, Miyako Hutton, Cameron Jago, Leesa Johnson, Ashleigh Jones, Yena Kim, Johnathan Leung, Kelly Liang, Nathaniel McRae, Sian Singh, Niraant Trilokekar and Aldo Zambiano-Sepulveda.

School Values

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.

Ashley Fenning, Hayley Anderson, Cameron Jago, Lori Wolfson, Victoria Bassett, Denzil O'Shannessey, Oliver Beutemont, Jordan Dudley Smith, Grace Adams, Senu Dharmadasa, Ben Tillson, Byron Behm.

Middle School Fun Day

The Middle School children had a fabulous day on Friday for their end of year celebration. We had a wheels theme, two bouncy castles and a variety of ball games going on. We finished the day with a surprise treat from Mr Whippy. Thank you to the parents who popped in and joined in the fun. The end of the day saw exhausted, but extremely happy children.

Middle School Teachers.

N.Z Modern School of Music

Congratulations to Michael Li, Ish Kadakia, Niraant Trilokekar who passed grade 1 theory exam with honours and Yasmine Mustafa passed grade 1 theory exam with merit.

Touch results

Botany Bullets 7 : Brown Bears 0
Botany Young Guns 5: Untouchables 3
Botany Panthers 6: Strikeforce Bears 3
Botany Magic 4: Speedy Bears 1

Road Patrol

A really big thank you to the parents who help with Road Patrol in the mornings:

Mrs Swears, Mrs Hardey, Mrs Muir, Mrs Barber and Mrs Zaveri.

Next year we are going to need some more parents to assist with this important role. If you are able to assist as a parent helper for the morning session it would be really appreciated. Please give us a ring.

Lunch Orders –Canteen:

There are only two more weeks to go for ordering lunches. As there will be **limited stock available**, please check the menu outside the school Kitchen. Remember there are no lunch orders on Tuesday's and all orders to be in by 8.55am.

The last day for the canteen will be Friday 12th December 2008 and will re-open Monday 9th February 2009.

Uniform Shop- Hours:

The uniform shop will be closed Thursday 11th December 2008 as we have prize giving. The last day will be Thursday 18th December 2008 and will open on the 29th January 2009 and then on the first day of school Wednesday 4th February 2009 and Thursday 5th February 2009.

Coming Events

Tuesday	2 Dec	Interschool Athletics (Saving Day Thursday 4 th)
Wed	3 Dec	Road Patrol Training
Fri	5 Dec	PTA's Chipmunks kid's night out
Thurs	11 Dec	Prize Giving Day
Fri	12 Dec	Mufti and iceblocks
Mon	15 Dec	Junior Eastern Beach Trip Monday 15 th December (more information home soon) Year 6 Graduation – 1:40
Tues	16 Dec	VIP morning Tea
Fri	19 Dec	School finishes 12:00

P.T.A. Notices

Chocolates:

This week at assembly we will be awarding our three top sellers from the chocolate fundraiser with a prize for their efforts. Congratulations to Sophie Hartnoll, Ashwarya Gopalakrishnan and Kim Morris.

It was a fabulous effort for our major fundraiser. We made close to \$13,000.00 to put towards our upgrade of ICT equipment in the classrooms.

Thanks to you all for your support.

Tea Towels

It is not too late to order **BUT**, we need to confirm numbers by Wednesday this week, so please send your money immediately.

Grocery Grab Raffle

A reminder that all monies and butts **must** be returned by the end of this week. The lucky winners will be drawn at assembly next Wednesday 10th December 2008.

Chipmunks & Christmas Hams

If you have forgotten to order any of these, it is not too late but please send money & order forms to school ASAP.

Have a terrific week.

Mrs J