

Monday 15 December 2008

Newsletter 40/08

Dear parents

School Closing

Please note that school closes at **12.00pm** on **Friday**. The bus will collect bus children at **12.10pm**.

Please collect your children promptly at 12.00pm. There will be no-one at school to supervise children on Friday afternoon as the school will be closed.

School Opening

The new school year begins on **Wednesday 4 February 2009**.

Farewell Year 6

This is the last week at Botany Downs Primary for a large group of delightful Year 6 children. Best wishes to all of you as you head off in many different directions. We're going to miss every one of you.

Stationery

A reminder that stationery packs will be available on the *very first day*. All packs will be \$33 each. Children should bring either the correct money, or a cheque made out to Botany Downs Primary School. Parents may pay by eftpos of course.

Uniform Shop

The last day the shop will be open this year will be this **Thursday 18 December**. The shop will open on the 29 January 2009, and then on the first day of school (Wednesday 4 February) and again on Thursday 5 February.

Inter School Athletics Results

First: ***Claudia Gibson***-10 Year Old Girls Softball Throw
Second: ***Nathan Clark***-8 Year Old Boys 80 M Sprints
Dylan October- 8 Year Old Boys Softball Throw
Jeff Gan - 10 Year Old Boys 80 m Sprints
Kristopher Evans- 10 Year Old Boys 100m Age Sprints
Third: ***Connor Brown***- 10 Year Old 100m Age Sprints

(Grant Kibblewhite)

Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to ***Bradley Robinson*** who won first place in Counties Manukau for the Athletics Medley (Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump) recently.

Congratulations also to ***Ellery Martin***. Along with Bradley, Ellery was selected by Pakuranga Athletics to compete at the Auckland Relay Champs at Mt Smart Stadium on Sunday 7 December. Both Ellery and Bradley won a Silver medal in the Field Relay for their 7 year old age group. Ellery was also part of the winning team in the 4 x 200m and 4 x 100m! Wow! What a fantastic achievement by these two young athletes. WELL DONE BOTH OF YOU.

Tea Towels: There are a few left at each year level. \$10 each. First in first served. Please let Trish know if you have pre-paid for tea towels but have yet to receive them.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly, starting at 2.15pm. This will be our last assembly of the year: **Brad Elliott, Amber Heald, Tayla Jelavich-Taumata, Yuki Lee, Charlotte Mason, Rebecca Payne, Hannah Pearce, Rachel Prow, Jack Stanners, Samuel Vincent, Samuel White** and **Kye Wood**.

Pool Keys: Please hire your keys from the office by Friday!

The school pool will be open during the school holidays. Families of our school are able to purchase a key for \$60 for the season from the school office. This includes a \$20 refundable deposit for the key. The pool opening hours are from 9am to 7pm daily (excluding Xmas day) during school holidays and 3pm to 7pm during the school term.

We need **more volunteers** to open and close the pool daily throughout the season. These duties involve opening/closing the pool gate and changing rooms, removing/replacing the cover and cleaning up of the change rooms for a week. We also require a volunteer to mow the lawns in the pool area as necessary. Volunteers will receive a \$20 discount. If you have any queries please contact Birgit Rahm on 535 3552 or 021 104 0951, birgit@orcon.net.nz.

From Your PTA

GROCERY GRAB LUCKY WINNERS!!

There was great excitement as the winning tickets were drawn at last week's assembly. A big **congratulations** to the following winners, especially our 1st & 2nd Prize winners who are families at our school!

1st Prize - \$1,000 Grocery Grab – Grant Aickin (Ticket No. 4551)

2nd Prize – \$300 Grocery Vouchers – David McRae (Ticket No. 0091)

3rd Prize - \$200 Grocery Vouchers – Sarah Bourne (Ticket No. 3845)

A **big thank you** also to the two families who sold many more tickets than the one book they were issued!

Congratulations to: **Top Seller** - \$300 Grocery Vouchers - the **Kanon family**, with **10 books** sold
2nd Top Seller - \$200 Grocery Vouchers – the **Tito family**, with **6 books** sold

An **especially BIG THANKYOU** to all those families who worked hard to sell the book they were issued, and in some cases many more – a total of around **\$4,500 profit** was made – and we will let you know in the New Year exactly where this money will be spent.

CHRISTMAS HAMS ARRIVE THIS WEDNESDAY

For those families who have ordered and pre-paid for Christmas Hams, these will be available for pick up this week on **WEDNESDAY 17th from the hall between 2.45pm & 3.15pm**. Please ensure you collect at this time, as we do not have the capacity to refrigerate uncollected hams. Any queries, please phone Maree Biland 5376037 (021 0435675).

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR PTA

The PTA really appreciates and would like to THANK YOU for your generous support of our fundraising activities during 2008! We wish all of our families a very **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**, and we look forward to organising some fun events for you again next year.

Start of 2009: School Office Hours

The office will be **closed** from 12.30pm on Friday 19 December until Wednesday 28 January 2009.

The office will be **open** on Thursday 29 January, Friday 30 January and Monday 2 February 2009, 9.00am to 1.00pm. It will then **reopen** on Wednesday 4 February at 8.00am, the first day of the new school year.

Thank you for all your support everyone.

Have a great holiday break.

Mr T