

**Monday 8 December**

**Newsletter 39/08**

**Dear parents**

## **School Prize Giving**

**Thursday 11 December**

**Years 1-3 starting at 9.30am**

**Years 4-6 starting at 1.00pm**

*Please turn off your cell phones before coming into the hall  
We are looking forward to having you join us*

### **Term Certificates**

Yes, we are having a school assembly at our usual time on Wednesday (2.15pm). At this assembly we will be giving out our special **term certificates**. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Congratulations to the following children, who will be awarded the term certificate for their classroom: *Sophie Bell, Amy Bonnington, Katherina Chhour, Cameron Clark, Brigitte Coles, Joshua Dheda, Paige Fenning, Louise Franks, Harry Fritsch, Jayden Holmes, Shaun Kirk, Amelia Kousary, Shirley Le, Zaid Mustafa, Briana Sharp, Jessica Singleton, Ella Woodford, India Yarrow and Kevin Zhang.*

### **Last Day**

The school year finishes at **12.00pm** on **Friday 19 December**. Please collect your children at 12.00pm.

The bus will be here to pick up children at 12.10pm.

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

### **Uniform Shop Hours:**

The uniform shop will be closed this Thursday because of prize giving.

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

### **Staff News**

We are very sad indeed to be farewelling two staff members this year, *Philippa Wilson* and *Liz Hilton*, both of whom are retiring.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hilton have made a **tremendous** contribution to our school over the years, bringing to the job the wisdom that comes with experience, and an enormous range of specific skills and strengths.

Both are highly committed and dedicated teachers who have high expectations of children, always seeking to challenge them to be the best they can possibly be. The many pupils who have passed through their rooms during their careers will all be appreciative of their efforts-as are we.

Thank you, on behalf of everyone, for your extraordinary achievements at Botany Downs School.

## THANK YOU

As this very successful year is drawing to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have given so much to the school over the last 12 months, including:

- *The staff, teaching and non teaching, who have worked so hard on behalf of your children*
- *The Board of Trustees and PTA*
- *All the parents and friends of the school who have helped or supported us during the course of the year*
- *The other professional personnel who give us so much assistance, such as our RTLB, and GSE staff*

I'd also like to thank the most important people of all at our school-the children-for everything they have contributed over the year. *Thank you children. You make this school a very special place to be.*

## Are You Leaving Us?

Teachers are currently working on class lists for 2009. If you haven't already done so, please advise the school office this week if your child is not returning to Botany Downs in 2009.

## Children's Stationery Next Year

The price for all stationery packs in 2009 will be \$33 per child.

The correct money should be brought along to school on **Wednesday 4 February**-our first day back. Parents, you are very welcome to pay for next year's stationery before the end of this year if you would like to. Make cheques out to Botany Downs Primary School.

## Bought Lunches

The last day for bought lunches this year will be this **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be **no bought lunches next week**. Bought lunches will resume on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## 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.

*Jessica Gan, Kyla Matthews, Nancy Tang, Callum Elia, Charlotte Lowe, Senu Dharmadasa, Bhavna Mandri, Abbie Godkin-Wilson, Grace Adams.*

## Swimming Pool

### Pool keys

The school pool will be open during the school holidays. Families of the 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 do need some 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](mailto:birgit@orcon.net.nz).

## Touch

Botany Young Guns 4 Panthers 3 (Game 1) Botany Young Guns 7 Brown Bears 2 (Game 2) Botany Panthers 1 Sumadoze 6 Botany Bullets 2 – Hwk Hornets 6 , Botany Magic 3 – Bears 4

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