

Monday 3 March 2008

Newsletter 5/08

Dear parents

Family Fun Day

This Sunday afternoon (9 March)

2.00pm-4.00pm

Featuring a water slide, rope bridge, trailer rides, bike obstacle course, family fun races, boat making, pool fun and more. Remember to bring your togs, towel, bike and helmet.

There will be a small charge for the trailer rides, to cover petrol costs, so bring along some loose coins. Sausages, drinks and ice blocks will also be available for purchase on the day. Apart from this all activities will be **FREE**, so come along for a low cost afternoon of **FUN!**

We are in need of **MORE PARENT HELPERS**. Either return the slip attached to the notice last week or phone Kath ASAP (537 5327). Even if you can only spare half an hour, we'd love to have your assistance!

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following little champions, recipients of this week's awards. Certificates will be given out at our assembly on Wednesday (2.15pm start): *Trent Davis, Hanako Hutton, Jayden Kean, Carol Lee, Rhea Patel, Ruth Taylor, Baje Charman, Christine Chen* and *Cameron Jago*.

Senior School Swimming Sports

Tomorrow we are having trials for competent swimmers to select our inter-schools swimming team. The events will be freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke for 9 and 10 year olds. The 8 year olds will be just competing in the freestyle.

This event will start at 11.00am. You are most welcome to come and watch. If you are a swimming club parent we would appreciate help with judging and with selecting the team taking into consideration the requirements of each stroke.

Grant Kibblewhite (Coordinator)

School Trip

Best wishes to all the children in the junior classes, who are off to the Glenbrook Vintage Railway on Wednesday.

Middle School Swimming Carnival

The Middle Syndicate children are having their Swimming Carnival on Friday. This is a fun event where children compete in water based relays. Year Fours will be in the pool from 11.15am - 12pm and Year Threes will be in the pool from 1.45 - 2.40pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come and watch their children.

PTA NEWS

The PTA is meeting **tonight**, 7.30pm in the library.

All welcome...*we'd love to see you.*

Healthy Apple Fundraising: Thanks to all those who are supporting our new healthy fundraising initiative. For those who have ordered and pre-paid, the FIRST DELIVERY of “new season, export quality gala apples” will be this Thursday 6 March. Please collect your apples from the hall on THURSDAY between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. Please note that it is essential that apples are collected each Thursday within the scheduled time. No responsibility will be taken for storage of apples or collection at a different time/day. Any queries, phone Maree (537 6037).

Parent Interviews: Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March

If you have yet to return your Request Forms, please do so tomorrow. Your confirmed times will come home on Thursday this week. This year children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 are invited to attend the interviews with their parents. Further information on this will come home before the interviews.

Welcome!

A big welcome to *Kody Jelavich-Taumata*, brand new at school today.

Religious Instruction

This begins on Tuesday, for Years 2-6. A note is required if you do not want your child to attend please.

Our Children are Superstars!

Chelsea Coleman-Tehiko competed in a BMX Championship in Cambridge this weekend, the '2008 Mooloo Magic' Championships. She won first place in the 8 year old girls BMX race. Chelsea is heading down to Christchurch over Easter to compete in the BMX Nationals. *Best wishes Chelsea!*

Botany Downs School Community Weekend 5th and 6th April

As notified in last week's newsletter, we are all looking forward to the weekend of **5th and 6th April** when we hope to have a huge turnout of members of our school community carrying out the following projects:

- Developing the school frontage (new path, plants, fence)
- Improving the swimming pool surrounds and changing rooms
- Constructing a cricket pitch
- Painting the swimming pool and Eastern boundary fences
- Completing the paths in our native tree area
- Gardening tasks of many kinds

We are hoping that many of our school parents, friends and relations will also join church and staff members on this weekend to help effect what will be tremendous improvements to our school.

Work will be carried out in shifts-four on each day-so parents you will be able to choose which block of time you can assist us in. Child care and yummy food will be available, and the whole weekend will wrap up on the Sunday afternoon with a massive get together around 4.00pm to celebrate what promises to be a wonderful community event.

Please make a note of the dates, and seriously consider giving up even an hour of that weekend to help our school. To find out about previous community projects initiated by Botany Life Community Church, go to www.botanylife.org.nz and click on the *Community Projects* link.

Can You Help Us?

Is there anyone out there who is a competent pianist and could accompany the choir during their Tuesday morning practices? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Just contact Trish in the school office.

See you on Sunday afternoon, at our Family Fun Afternoon!

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