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Dear parents

Swimming

The swimming season has now **finished**, so those togs can stay home please. This has been one of the best and longest seasons we can remember, with the pool in use virtually every day.

Pool keys need to be returned to the school office-don't forget to collect your refund!

A big thank you to our caretaker, **Bob Johnson**, for his maintenance of the pool over the season, and to all those parent volunteers who helped keep the pool running for community use during the holidays and at weekends. A special mention too of BOT members **Birgit Rahm** and **Mark Bason**, who have done so much-yet again-to help keep things ticking along.

So many schools these days don't even have a swimming pool. How lucky we are to be able to enjoy both a pool, and such wonderfully spacious and well-maintained playing fields.

And soon we will have a real cricket wicket!

Tip Top Fun Day

Yesterday was the Fonterra Tip Top fun day, held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. This event is organised each year by the Pakuranga Rotary Club. As usual it was a great day for all who took part. This year the school had three teams with 36 children involved. The children performed really well. I would like to thank those parents who managed a team and also those who helped make the water slide the event that all the children particularly enjoyed. Your input and energy were appreciated.

(Grant Kibblewhite, team organiser)

(and a special note of thanks to Grant Kibblewhite, for once again giving up his Sunday to organise our teams and ensure everyone had a good time. Mr T)

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who will receive their certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly (2.15pm start): **Jacob Bunn, Megan de Kock, Senuda Dharmadasa, Jessica Gan, Nuoya Huang, Leo Kim, Shaun Kirk, Amelia Kousary, Anapapa Latu, Jake Meyer, Jessica Moat, Pashva Parikh, Mollie Salt, Jazmine Thlang, Michael Tohovaka, Francois Van Jaarsveld** and **Rui Lin Zhang**.

New Pupils: Welcome to **Logan Cardoza, Emily McGowan** and **Cameron Smith**.

Mr T

PTA News

Iceblock and Mufti Day: This Friday 4th April. Please see separate notice sent home today. Iceblocks need to be ordered in advance, so please complete order forms and return with payment as soon as possible.

2008/09 Entertainment Books: Following the success of this fundraiser last year, and at the request of many families, we are pleased to be able to offer the 2008/09 Entertainment™ Book as a fundraiser again this year. The Entertainment™ Book is a restaurant and activity guide that provides special 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from many of the best restaurants, hotels and attractions throughout Australia & New Zealand and families who have used them in the past tell us they very quickly re-coup the cost of the book and go on to save a great deal from there. A book will be issued to each family around the middle of May.

**To: Botany Downs Primary School Community
From: PTA**

COMMUNITY WORKING BEE

THIS WEEKEND!!!

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th April

WE NEED MORE HELPERS!!!

Each year as part of their commitment to playing a positive role in the community, **Botany Life Community Church** donates an entire weekend of time to a local organisation to help with renovation projects that they cannot attempt themselves. This year **BOTANY DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL** is incredibly fortunate to have been offered this **amazing opportunity** and in order to ensure a successful weekend, **WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!**

The PTA would like to urge **ALL FAMILIES** to come along. If you are able to help out for a day (or even both) that would be fantastic, but if you can only assist for an hour or two, we would still love to see you. So far we have received 25 registrations and **WE NEED MANY MORE PEOPLE TO HELP OUT!!!**

If you haven't already done so, please register your intention to help by registering online by visiting the Botany Life website (www.botanylife.org.nz) - click on the 'Community Project' tab. Alternatively, complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow.

YOUR SUPPORT for this project WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE and will demonstrate how grateful we are to have been given this opportunity. If you are only able to assist at ONE school occasion throughout the year, **THIS IS THE PROJECT** we urge you to support.

Remember, free childcare and food are on offer for all volunteers. It's going to be an exciting and rewarding weekend. **We look forward to seeing YOU there!** Thank you to all those who have already signed up.

Community Weekend at Botany Downs School

Sign up at www.botanylife.org.nz or complete this form and send it back to school tomorrow.