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Newsletter 6/08

Family Fun Day

There was a good turnout of family and friends of our school at yesterday afternoon's Family Fun Day. Wasn't the weather fabulous? A huge **THANK YOU** to *Maree Biland, Kath Bason and all the PTA team* for your amazing organisational skills, drive and enthusiasm. I'm sure that everyone who came along really appreciates your efforts. **WELL DONE!** Thank you also to the staff members who came along to join in the fun.

The PTA would like to thank everyone who assisted on the day. You really contributed to the success of the occasion.

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews are being held this week, on **Wednesday** (3.20-5.00pm) and **Thursday** (3.20-8.00pm). This year children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 are invited to take part in the interviews.

All parents wanting an interview with their child's teacher should have received a confirmed interview time last Thursday. If you have *not* received your interview time(s), please ring the office tomorrow morning after 8.00am. A bell will ring to indicate the end of each ten minute session. Please be on time as once we get behind the problem compounds.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who will receive their certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly (2.15pm start): *Natalie Corrigan, Nathan Covacich, Emily Driver, Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan, Amber Harrison, Caitlin Harrison, Lucas Lee, Bhavna Mandri, Swehea Raj, Quinn Malone, Joshua Ogston, Ethan Saptoe, Sobijan Selvachandran, Vyharie Sriravindrarajah and Fang Fei Tham.*

Middle Team Trip

Best wishes to the middle syndicate classes-Rooms 6, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20-who are off to the Howick Historical Village on Wednesday and Thursday this week, as part of their current topic studies. *Have fun!*

Professional Dance Performance

On Wednesday the 19th of March at 2pm the professional dance group 'Victoria Connolly-Moore and Company' are coming to perform for our students. There is a **cost of \$2.80 per child**. They will perform for us a 50 minute show of hip hop, contemporary, cabaret and modern jazz dances. If you have not paid your activity fee please send \$2.80 to school in a named envelope. Thank you. *Amy Muir (Organiser)*

Did You Know?

Did you know that, thanks to the generosity of our PTA, this week all of the class rooms that currently have old blackboards will have them replaced by whiteboards? *Thank you PTA.*

Middle School Swimming Carnival

The Middle School thoroughly enjoyed their Swimming Carnival on Friday. The weather was beautiful and we appreciated the support we had from parents who came and cheered us along. Children enjoyed participating in a variety of fun relays, from the sun smart relay where children wore sun glasses and carried some 'sun screen' across the pool, to the biggest splash competition! *Liz Sudfeldt (Team Leader)*

Juniors Aqua Fun Day

The Junior team will hold its annual Fun Day this Friday afternoon from 1.30pm-3.00pm, weather permitting. We always welcome parents helping us. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to assist with a team or an activity. A separate notice will come home with Y1 and Y2 children today.

Elizabeth Thomas (Team Leader)

School Banking

A reminder that school banking is on **Thursday** mornings, from 8.30am in the school library. Because there has been lots of interest shown, please note that National Bank staff members will be available *every* school day morning for the next week or two, from 8.15am, to open accounts. Just come to the library.

Care Giver Needed

Ten year old girl requires home to go to after school until 7.20pm (will range from 1-3 afternoons per week). Must either pick up from school or be within safe walking distance. \$50 each week. Please call Nicole on 2711101 or 021 179 9761 if interested.

Botany Downs School Community Weekend

5th and 6th April

In the last two newsletters mention has been made of the Community Project here at Botany Downs School on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April**, organised by *Mark van Wijk*, pastor at **Botany Life Community Church**.

We hope to have a huge turnout of both church members and 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

We are anticipating that many of our school parents, friends and relations will join us on this weekend to help effect what will be tremendous improvements to our school.

Work will be carried out in shifts-four on the Saturday, and three on the Sunday-so parents you are able to choose which block of time(s) you can assist us in. Childcare 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 a wonderful community event.

For those of you keen to take part, but not so keen on tasks that are too physical, there *will* be things for you to assist us with, such as mural painting, child care, planting, feeding the masses...

Please seriously consider giving up even an hour of that weekend to help our school.

HOW TO SIGN UP

To **register** your intention to take part in this very special school occasion, go to www.botanylife.org.nz and click on the **Community Projects** link.

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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