

Monday 30 June 2008

Newsletter 20/08

Dear parents

The last week of term is upon us already, and it certainly feels as if winter is as well. We finish at our usual time on Friday, and term 3 begins on **Monday 21 July**.

Term Certificates

At this week's assembly, we will be presenting our very special *term certificates*. Awarded to one child from each class, they are given to children who have made especially pleasing progress, or who have been working particularly hard, over the whole term.

Receiving certificates this term are: *Cassie Vickers, Miyako Hutton, Caela Adams, Sally Park, Victor Li, Kaleb Hands, Riley Brotherton, Duncan Lane, Yang Gao, Jessica Lamour, Rory Moore, Sean Moli, Jack Bason, Hanako Hutton, Larry Lim, Kieran Govender, Jeff Gan, Thomas Speed* and *Aaron Raj*.

Our assembly will be held in the hall at 2.15pm on Wednesday. *All parents welcome.*

School Disco

We had a *fantastic* turnout at Friday night's disco, especially considering the weather was awful. A big thank you to the PTA for putting on another great evening. The decorations were fantastic!

Piano Competition Results

On 21 June, our piano teacher, Jinny Jo, accompanied a group of her pupils to their music competitions, where they did really well.

Congratulations to:

Trophy:	<i>Christine Chen (Rm 12)</i> <i>Ish Kadakia (Rm 16)</i>
Gold Medal:	<i>Christine Chen, Ish Kadakia</i>
Silver Medal:	<i>Michael Li (Rm 16)</i>
Bronze Medal:	<i>Alysha Hardey (Rm 12)</i>
Very Highly Commended:	<i>Yasmine Mustafa (Rm 13)</i>
Highly Commended:	<i>Jessica Lamour (Rm 13)</i>
4 th :	<i>Maria Kim (Rm 13)</i>
5 th :	<i>Shirley Le (Rm 6)</i>

Best Wishes

Our School Choir is performing on two evenings this week at the Music Festival. Best wishes to you, and a huge **thank you** to choir teachers *Jenny Blake* and *Lynne Anderson* for their amazing work with the children over recent months.

Louise Pyne

This week we farewell our ESOL teacher Louise Pyne. Louise has played a big part in our school life, releasing teachers, working as a reading recovery teacher, teaching in Room 10, and of course providing skilled and specialist additional teaching to many of our children for whom English is a second language. Best wishes in your new venture Louise. We're going to miss you!

Road Patrol

A big thank you to all those parents who help with road patrol in the mornings: *Mrs Swears, Mrs Haywood, Mrs Barber, Mrs Zaveri, Mrs Hardey and Mrs Rousseau.*

New Pupils

Welcome to the following new pupils to our school: *Lucas Boniface, Tomas Johnston-Oldham and Bryan Mosheim*

Lost Property

Please check your child is wearing his or her correct school jacket. One was lost last week in room 19.

Parent Interviews

These are being held in the third week of next term, on *Wednesday 6 August* and *Thursday 7 August*. All parents should by now have received a form asking you to indicate when you would prefer to have your interviews.

If you have not returned your form, please send it to school tomorrow. Confirmed times will come home at the start of next term.

Student School Reports

These are coming home on Friday, in envelopes addressed to parents. Please look out for them.

Education Review Office Visit

ERO have completed their review of our school, and we should receive our written report early in term 3. I'm delighted to let you know that the oral feedback we have received to date indicates we are going to receive a very positive report indeed. ERO are especially impressed by the quality of teaching and learning going on at all levels in our school. Great news! *Way to go Botany Downs!*

Somerville Music Festival

A reminder that our school choir is singing at Point View Primary School on Wednesday July 2 and Thursday July 3 at 7.30pm. Some tickets are still available at the school office at a cost of \$5 each. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at one of the performances. The choir children need to be dropped off each night at **7pm** to the classroom that they will be shown at tomorrow's final rehearsal, and collected from the same room after the performance.
(Jenny Blake, choir trainer)

From the PTA

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The PTA would like to thank all the wonderful **PARENTS & STAFF** who helped out at our Sausage Sizzle last Tuesday and Disco on Friday night – your efforts ensured the success of both events, we really appreciated your assistance!!

We would also like to thank **BAKERS DELIGHT BOTANY** who donated bread, **NATIONAL BANK BOTANY** who donated sausages and Grandparent **IRENE HALLOWS** who donated sauce for our Sausage Sizzle. Their donations meant this fundraiser was even more profitable than normal, we sincerely appreciate their generosity!

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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