

Tuesday 3 June 2008

Newsletter 16/08

Dear parents

Food and Nutrition: Lunch Menu Changes

As notified in a newsletter last year, the staff and Board have been working with our lunch provider, "DeeJays", revising our bought lunch menu to ensure all items on offer meet the new Ministry of Education requirements regarding the selling of more healthy food options at school. We began this process in term 3 last year, and have been phasing in changes since then. At the same time last year we also decided to reduce the number of days we made bought lunches available (not on Tuesdays).

Coming home this week to all families is the **new lunch menu**.

A couple of items have changed, and we have introduced wedges (oven baked, not fried). As required under the new Food and Beverage Classification system coming into effect this week, all items on our menus are fully compliant with MOE expectations, which are that food items offered shall meet the official "everyday" and "sometimes" standards.

Please note that the codes for some items have **changed**, effective from 9 June. It is really important that children and parents **check the new codes before placing their order**.

From 9 June the slightly revised menu, with altered codes, will be offered. Bought lunches will continue to be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Schools are still permitted to offer foods classified as "occasional" (such as sausages), but not too frequently, so having the odd sausage sizzle is still okay.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly (starts at 2.15pm): ***Mitchell Allen, Hannah Barlow, Sterling Bartlett, Oliver Beaument, Kalib Hands, Codee Hollick-O'Connor, Tiffany Human, Nathan Leggatt, Lara Li, Benjamin Manning, Kim Morris, Denzil O'Shannessey, Tayla Rae, Demika Sookanathan, Catlin Stewart, Rohan Van Der Merwe, Zoe Hack.***

Welcome to the school ***Kurt Ibalio, Johnathan Leung, Hannah Pearce and Ryan Sargent.***

Netball Tournament

Our best wishes to Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams who today are competing in the Eastern Primary School's Netball Tournament at Howick & Pakuranga Netball courts Lloyd Elmore Park. Thank you to Mrs Van Heerden and Mrs Woolsey who have trained these teams. Also thanks to the parents who provide support and transport.

Juniors Telstra Trip

The junior school as part of our Maori Legends unit are off to the puppet show Kiwi Moon at the Telstar events centre Manukau City, between morning tea and lunch time Wednesday 5th June.

PTA News

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

This year we are raising funds to purchase **A SET OF SILENT READING BOOKS FOR EVERY CLASSROOM** by selling the 2008/2009 Entertainment Book. Selling for \$65, **\$13 from every book sold** is kept by our school. **DO YOU REALISE** that at just \$65, you only have to ***use the Entertainment Book a couple of times*** and ***it's paid for itself*** – and from there you will go on to enjoy significant savings.

Remember to **ask friends, family, neighbours, co-workers** etc if they have seen the “great new Entertainment Book” – a huge number of people purchase the Entertainment book now, so we would like them to purchase their books through us! Let them look through your copy and remember to tell them what we are raising money for, people like to know they are supporting a worthwhile cause! You have just 2 weeks to sell as many books as you can, and remember we have some great rewards for our 3 top sellers, plus a ‘lucky draw’ for everyone who sells a book!

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser, which is helping us to provide **extra valuable resources for our children's classrooms**. If you require any further details on this fundraiser, contact Aroha Bishop on 537 4799 or Maree Biland on 537 6037.

Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting is being held next Monday 9th June – 7.30pm, in the library. We welcome new faces, and fresh ideas – please join us!

Have a great week everyone

Regards
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