

Monday 21 July 2008

Newsletter 21/08

Dear parents

Welcome back to school everyone. This term promises to be another busy one. Among the highlights are parent interviews, further ICAS competitions, the annual Dance Festival, class trips to various venues, gymnastics, and of course cross country.

This term is ten weeks long and finishes on *Friday 26 September*.

Reporting to Parents: Parent Interviews

On the last day of term you should have received a *mid year report* on your child's progress. If there is anything you wish to discuss regarding this report jot down your thoughts and bring them along to the parent interviews coming up in Week 3.

Confirmed interview times are coming home next Monday. If you do not receive an interview time next week and would like one, please get in touch with the school office.

Year 4, 5 and 6 children are also invited to take part in their interviews.

Children's Absences

If your child is away, please remember to ring the school office and let us know. The office is open from 8.00am, but prior to that you can leave a message on the answer phone service.

Contact Details

From time to time we need to speak to a child's parents urgently, and occasionally we find that phone numbers have changed, and we can't make contact. Please make sure that the school office has your latest contact details in case of an emergency.

School Donations

A reminder that we encourage all families to pay a donation of \$180 per child for the year. The donation we request from every family continues to be one of the lowest in the Howick Pakuranga district, and very modest for a decile 10 school.

Donations may be paid by instalment if you wish, or by automatic deductions (speak to Tania in the office about this). We have Eftpos and credit card facilities at school for those who wish to pay in this manner. As the money raised from donations is spent for the benefit of all children, we do encourage all parents to contribute. Because they are a donation, they are not refundable.

Cross Country Day

Cross country races are coming up in Week 7 (Tuesday 2nd September). Wise children wanting to perform well need to start doing some training from now on!

Photos

Individual and family photos are being held this Wednesday. Families first, starting at 9.00am.

Well Done Choir!!

Our school choir, under the expert tuition of *Jenny Blake* and *Lynne Anderson*, performed with great credit in the Music Festival in the last week of term. Congratulations to all of you.

When You Have Concerns...Some Guidelines for Parents

From time to time you may have concerns about how your children are progressing at school. Perhaps you are worried about their academic progress, or how they are getting along with their classmates. It could be that your child is reluctant to go to school. If you have concerns, what should you do? What steps should you take?

An excellent starting point is to *get to know your child's teacher*. Establishment of a rapport with the teacher often makes resolving the odd little problem that may arise easier for you both. Pop in and say hello before school (although be aware that teachers can be very busy at this time – don't be offended if they can't chat to you for too long!)

If you are unhappy...

1. Stay calm!
2. Talk to the class teacher. Discuss your concerns. **Write down** what was agreed during your conversation.
3. If you are still unhappy, make an appointment to see the principal. It's a good idea to make an appointment first, through Trish in the school office.
4. Still no progress? It's time to put your complaint or concerns in writing, addressing your letter to the principal. (If your problem concerns the principal, write to the Board chairman).
5. If the problem still persists, a formal written complaint should be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Some handy hints:

- Act early. Don't let things drift along. If there is a problem, **we need to know**.
- Write things down.
- Remember that the principal is just a phone call away, or you can email me on principal@botanydowns.school.nz You can also contact me through the school website. (Mr T)

Regards

Mr T

中文班: 我们学校打算在课后开设中文课, 聘请有中文学士学位及纽西兰教育学院中文教育文凭的翁奇囍 (Sue Weng) 任教。2008年第三学期, 7月 22号开学

时间: ,每周二下午3:30-4:30, 60分钟;

学费: \$70/学期, 8人开班。

详情请电: 532-9274 或021-232-7033 翁老师。

Mandarin Classes: If you interested in attending Mandarin classes at school, on Tuesdays, after school 3:30~4:30 pm, in 60 minute sessions. \$70 per term. Minimum 8 people one class. Please sign the slip below. Starting term 3 on 22nd of July.

Ph: 532-9274 or 021-232733 Sue

I would like to attend Mandarin classes.

Name:

Signed:

姓名: _____ 签字: _____

Phone:

电话: _____