

Monday 11 August 2008

Newsletter 24/08

Dear parents

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly. Parents, assembly starts at **2.15pm**, and, as always, we'd *love* to see you: **Olivia Blackwell, Logan Cardoza, Sam Coles, Natalie Corrigan, Shane Covacich, Mitchell Graham, Baneet Kaur, Caitlyn Lochore, Beth Osborne, Amelia Paton, Luann Pretorius, Caitlin Rarity, Andy Ryoo, Tiffany Salmond** and **Abhishek Sharma**.

News from your PTA

Adult Dance

The 'Black & White Boogie Dance Night' being organised for parents by the PTA, will no longer be going ahead. Based on feedback received, it was felt that a different type of social event, such as a quiz night, was a preferred option so the PTA will consider this as a possibility for next year's calendar of events. If you have any feedback, or would like to suggest fundraising and/or social events which you would like to see at school in the future, please feel free to attend monthly PTA meetings or contact Maree Biland with your ideas (ph: 5376037 or email: biland@xtra.co.nz).

Ice Skating Fundraiser at Paradise...Coming Soon!

Due to popular request the PTA are pleased to be able to organise a fundraising evening at **Paradise Ice Skating**, Ti Rakau Drive, Botany Downs on **Thursday 11th September (6.30pm – 8pm)**. Mark this date in your diary and spread the word to family and friends – Mums & Dads we hope you will join us too - **the more, the merrier!** With over 100 skaters, we will have exclusive use of the rink. Watch for a more detailed notice coming home next week! We look forward to seeing you there and having a fun night!

WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST (10am – 3pm)

We need your help to **weed mat, plant and bark the 3 gardens** at the front of the new administration block, in time for the official opening in a few weeks time. If you can help, please **RSVP** by Wednesday 13th to **Mark Bason on 021 944700** or email markb@citycontractors.co.nz, or complete the slip at the bottom of the notice sent home last week and return to the office.

Staff v Children Netball Match

Last Wednesday lunchtime a group of senior girls played a netball test match against an invitational team of international All-Stars from yesteryear.

Staff members approached the game brimming with enormous (but misplaced) confidence, based upon our superior height, strength, dress sense and sheer animal cunning. Our lack of knowledge of the *rules* was not going to hinder us, and within minutes the score had raced to 5-0. Talk about *easy*.

Hmmm...After this fast start, however, it became apparent to the huge crowd that in the staff team fitness levels were in some cases not all that they could be, and gradually the children's greater stamina, speed and netball skills began to show out. In a very exciting finish, the staff just managed to hold on for a 10-10 draw.

Well done everyone. Now, *next* year.....

Work from the Children

*I look around on Samoa,
The sun is shining down on me.
I jump in the lagoon with a great big SPLASH...
And come out all clear and refreshed
White creamy coconut milk dribbling down my chin,
My body is covered with warmth,
I look at the sunset so beautiful and bright,
I give out a great big happy sigh,
My day is over in Samoa, but I'll come back again.
See you later!*

Gabriel Weon, Room 6, 2008

Bob Johnson's 25 Years

Our caretaker, Mr **Bob Johnson**, started at Botany Downs School on 5th August 1983. We held a little function this week to celebrate the occasion, and at our school assembly the children presented Bob with a folder containing their appreciate thoughts, including the following poem:

*Students and teachers
Come and go
But there's one man here
Who you just have to know*

*Twenty five years
He's been at our school
He takes Ripper Rugby
We think he's so cool!*

*He can bake you
The best muffins in town
We are very proud
To have him around*

*Looking after our grounds
And in summer, the pool
Mr J's always there
With a ladder and tool*

*He keeps our classroom warm
On cold winter days
When we show him our work
He is so full of praise*

*Mr J reads to us
Really neat books
And when we do silly things
He gives funny looks*

*Mr J, we couldn't imagine
Our school without you
To us, you're so special
A big part of us too!*

ICAS Competitions

The ICAS English competition will be held tomorrow.

Have a good week everyone

Regards

Mr T