

Monday 25 August 2008

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Dear parents

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW BUILDINGS

Our administration block will be officially opened at **9.30am** this **Friday 29 August** by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Helen Clark.

If fine, the ceremony will take place outside. If the weather continues to be as dismal as it has been for the last many weeks, we'll move to the hall!!

The whole school will take part in the official opening, and parents are of course most welcome to come along and watch. Our choir will be performing.

After the ceremony finishes, official guests and staff members will have morning tea with Helen Clark in our new staff room. To enable staff to meet with the Prime Minister, it would be fantastic if we could have some parent volunteers to look after the children in their classrooms. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to assist (for about 30 minutes). Alternatively, you could ring the school office, or email me at principal@botanydowns.school.nz

Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day is also this coming Friday!

We are once again supporting Daffodil Day this year and all proceeds will go to the Auckland Cancer Society.

You can support the Auckland Cancer Society by purchasing a tattoo transfer or a fabric daffodil for \$1 each or a Daffodil Day arm band for \$4 each. We will be selling these items outside the hall before school on Friday.

Because of the Official Opening of our new buildings, we will finish selling these items at 9.00am, so children should aim to come over to the hall before school in plenty of time.

Thank you for your support.

(Amy Muir; Organiser)

Dental Services

A reminder that we no longer have a dental clinic here at school. Please contact **Howick Intermediate School** if you wish to make an appointment for your child.

Values

For the remainder of this term, we will be talking about the "Value" of **Cooperation** in our class rooms.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly.

It's been great to see lots of parents coming along to our school assemblies. They start at **2.15pm.**, and we really appreciate it if parents can come along: **Ryan Barber, Gurjot Bhullar, Jaden Carr, Harry Fritsch, Victoria Hardey, Alexi Lambly, Jemma Lewis, Edward Mei, Eden O'Shannessey, Simon Payne, Balpreet Singh, Renee Sutherland, Vivienne Tan, Raychel Tapsell, Troy Tapsell, Alyssia Valentine** and **Yasaman Zolghadri**.

Senior Speech Finals

This year we had 13 children in the speech finals. We were very pleased with their effort and high standard achieved. The class finalists were: Vicki Fan, Rhea Patel, Brigitte Coles, Pashva Parikh, Aditya Edekar, Samuel Kinley, Meheer Zaveri, Christine Chen, Harry Fritsch, Thomas Paton, Sterling Bartlett, Salma Sanad, and Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan.

The winner was Rhea Patel whose speech was about "How technology has harmed us." Aditya Edekar was second with "Is New Zealand too small to matter?" Rhea will be representing the school in the zone finals on Tuesday at Owairoa. Congratulations to all those other children who took part in the finals.

Many thanks to Mrs Lois Gross for doing such a great job in judging the competition.

(Sandra Johnston)

Road Patrol

Is there some wonderful parent out there who would offer to do Road Patrol on Tuesday morning? Looking forward to hearing from you.

(Sandra Johnston)

Senior Dance Evening

A reminder that the Senior Dance Evening is this Wednesday night starting at 6.30pm sharp. The children need to be in the hall by 6.15. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

From Your PTA

CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

We are hoping that your chocolate sales are going very well! Remember if you get your money back early you have a very good chance of winning a bike at assembly this week. We will be drawing a bike at each Wednesday afternoon assembly for the next 4 weeks. So get your money back and be in the draw!!

We are processing money and requests for more chocolate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR EMPTY CARRY BOXES TO SCHOOL SO WE CAN REUSE THEM.

Many thanks for your support of our major fundraiser this year.

If you have any queries or you are able to help please contact Gerry Boniface – 534 6149 or gerry.boniface@clear.net.nz

PARENTS, YOU ARE INVITED ...

Mimios are portable devices that turn a whiteboard into an 'interactive whiteboard'. When used in conjunction with a PC and projector, desktop applications and documents can be controlled directly from the whiteboard. This technology is perfect for front-of-class teaching and opens up a huge number of different teaching options and interactive learning opportunities for children.

The PTA is pleased to be able to commit the profits from this year's Chocolate Fundraiser to equip more classrooms with this 'Mimio & Data Projector' technology.

If you would like to understand more about how this exciting technology works and the benefits to your children, we **invite you to join us for a demonstration** at our upcoming PTA meeting being held next **Monday 1st September (7.30pm)** in the staffroom.

Have a good week everyone.

Regards

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