

Monday 4 August 2008

Newsletter 23/08

Dear parents

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Amy Muir, Bridget Smith*, and the children in our school dance group, who performed so well at both of their performances last week. Well done all of you.

PTA Meeting and News

Your PTA is meeting *tonight* in the school library at 7.30pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING ON FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER?** Mark this date on your calendar and **BOOK THE BABYSITTER!** The PTA invite you to a **BLACK & WHITE BOOGIE NIGHT** (adults only) being held in the school hall. Tickets will be on sale early August. Stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime plan to get a group of family and friends together to **JOIN THE FUN!!!**
- Our major fund raiser for the term will be starting next week with the sale of chocolates. Each family will be issued with two boxes of chocolates. More information coming home soon!

Our Major Building Project

I'm *delighted* to let you know that our new staff room and administration complex are now both finished! We will start moving in within the next few days, and the BOT is looking at a date in 3-4 weeks for an official opening ceremony.

The staff room is a much larger, modern area with ample room to fit both staff members and visitors. No more sitting on knees just to squeeze everybody in! The administration area includes foyer, school office, sickbay, disabled toilet and shower, pupils' foyer, interview room, resource storage room, and offices for principal, deputy and assistant principals.

Please note that until further notice we are still operating from our temporary school office in Room 1.

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews are being held *this week* on Wednesday (3.20pm-5.00pm) and Thursday (3.20pm-8.00pm).

On both days, school will finish at 3.00pm as usual.

We need to keep to the ten minute time limit please, as if we get behind in one room it has repercussions for other classrooms and parents. If you feel there is more to discuss at the end of the interview, please make another appointment time to meet with your child's teacher.

We look forward to meeting with you, and hope you will find the parent conferences helpful.

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 we'd *love* to see you: *Logan Carr, Aimee Cook, Michael Craggs, Jessica Drummond, Kara Elia, Paige Fenning, Matthew Frost, Brandon McCorkindale, Larissa Melville, Daniel Muir, Olivia Park, Ethan Prince, Anika Rahm, Ivan Redondo, Marcus Tuiasosopo* and *Morgana West*.

New Pupils

Welcome to the following new pupils to our school: *Conroy Andrews, Sheldon Seaman, Katherina Chhour*. We hope you enjoy your time at Botany Downs.

Upcoming Mid Term Board of Trustees Elections

Every year and a half there is the opportunity for parents to consider whether they would like to be involved in the governance of the school by being members of the School Board of Trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the life of the school and in helping the school as it continues to move forward. In the recent past this has included being involved in the almost completed building project you will have seen developing over the last six months. There is a whole lot more that we get involved in from policy review to discussion of the academic achievements of the children. In the next week or two nomination forms for interested people to stand for election will be coming home, so please seriously consider whether this is a way that you could contribute to the life of the school. If you would like to know more please feel free to contact either Mr T at school or the current BOT Chairperson; Richard Swears on 2735439. You may also like to consider coming along to our next Board of Trustees Meeting on **20th August at 7:30 pm** at the school (at this stage in the library but keep an eye on the school notices as this venue may change) to see what meetings are like.

(Richard Swears; Chairperson BOT)

Coming Attractions

<i>Tonight</i>	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm
<i>Wednesday 6 August</i>	Assembly at 2.15pm Parent Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm
<i>Thursday 7 August</i>	Parent Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm
<i>Tuesday 12 August</i>	ICAS English
<i>Wednesday 13 August</i>	Middle School Cultural Evening
<i>Wednesday 20 August</i>	Gymnastics competitions BOT 7.30pm
<i>Friday 22 August</i>	Senior Speech Finals
<i>Wednesday 27 August</i>	ICAS Computer Senior School (Y5 & Y6) dance evening
<i>Friday 29 August</i>	Daffodil Day
<i>Monday 1 September</i>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 2 September</i>	School Cross Country day
<i>Friday 12 September</i>	BOT elections
<i>Friday 19 September</i>	DANCE EVENING

Helping Your Child to Read

*Children's reading improves significantly the more they **read** for recreation at **home**
Get your children into the "reading habit". Encourage them to
read in bed for 20 minutes or more **every** night before lights out.
Read to your child every day.
Buy **books** as presents!*

Have a good week everyone

Regards

Mr T

Community Notice

All women are welcome to BotanyLife Church's next Chickzone women's event. On **Friday 29th August** renowned stylist Stacey Beatson will show simple ways to become a woman of style. This will be a fun and relaxed evening. Tickets are \$5. Call Sandy ph 2733852