

Monday 22 September 2008

Newsletter 30/08

Dear parents

This is the last week of term. We finish at our usual time on Friday, and term 4 begins on **Monday 13 October**.

Term Certificates

At this week's assembly (2.15pm on Wednesday, parents very welcome), we will be presenting our special *term certificates*. Awarded to one child from each class, they are given to children who have made especially pleasing progress, or who have been working particularly hard, over the whole term.

Receiving certificates this term are: *Joshua Zhu, Leo Kim, Connor Sharp, Olivia Hansen, Luann Pretorius, Gurjot Bhullar, Logan Cardoza, Yvette Redondo, Morgana West, Jessica Zhao, Mason Stanners, Jayden Pomeranetz, Vicki Fan, Jessica Gan, Amy Savory, Jacob Bunn, Katherine Fung, Jordan Dudley-Smith and Jessica Lane.*

Our Children are Superstars!

- Congratulations to *Jacob Bunn* (Room 18), who was awarded Sportsperson of the Year by Fencibles United AFC for 2008. What a fantastic effort!
- Congratulations also to *Ben Parker* and *Fraser Woods*. Their soccer team, The Golden Whales, has won the Bucklands Beach Football Club 7th grade Championship, playing exceptionally well all season. A great achievement! Well done.
- Well done to *Cameron Jago* (Room 19), who received "Player of the Year" for his team "Seals" in 8th Grade football at BBAFC prize giving on Saturday. Good for you Cameron!
- *Vicki Mosheim* (Room 20) attends the Rose McRae Dance Academy and in a competition over the weekend was placed 1st and 3rd in the intermediate section, and gained two 1sts in the junior section. Vicki also won a trophy for "Most potential under 12 years". Congratulations Vicki.
- Another star is *Colt Salmond*, who won Best Sportsman of the Year for his Rugby League Club (The Howick Hornets) for Under 7/8 Gold Restricted.

Teacher Only Day

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are having a Teacher Only Day on **Tuesday 28 October**. On this day our school will be closed. All teachers will be involved in a professional development course off-site.

Please take note that **Kiwi Kidz** will be open as usual for before and after school care on 28 October **and the programme will be extended to include the hours from 8:30am –3:00pm as well**. All bookings must be finalised by 20 October so that adequate arrangements can be made with caregivers. Parents wishing to enrol their children can contact Winnie directly on : 09 2729961 or 021 1123 749. Email: kiwikids@xtra.co.nz

Some Friendly Reminders

- Black shoes (or black sandals in term 4) are the only accepted footwear at our school. No white sneakers at school *please*.
- Finger nail polish, jewellery and dangly earrings are not appropriate for school.
- Cell phones are not allowed at school, unless we have a note from a parent. The school takes no responsibility for any loss of or damage to cell phones, or other items children bring to school which may be tempting to others.

New Pupils

A big welcome to the following new pupils: *Nattalie Panossian, Georgia Tane, Jaxon Crowther, James Slessor, Yazon Al Hamdan, Ayden and Nathan Little.*

Board of Trustees Election Results (3 vacancies)

Birgit Rahm - 89
Debbie Muir - 87
Edward Kanon - 80
Lance Tam - 64
Jacques Du Plessis - 49

Summer Uniform Next Term

All children are officially required to be in their summer uniform after Labour Weekend. However we do phase this in, so we are happy for children to start wearing their summer uniform (including sunhat) from the beginning of next term. The *uniform shop* will be open on the first day back after the holidays (Monday 13 October) from 8.30am, and again on the Thursday that week as usual.

Touch Uniforms: The touch season is almost upon us. There are five incomplete touch uniform sets at school, so could parents please check at home for any tops and shorts and return them to school as soon as possible.

Our Values Programme

For the last two years we have been following a Values programme throughout the school, where we discuss and explore eight different values we believe are important to foster at Botany Downs Primary. Each term we focus on just two. Now we have a **Values Tree**, which is located at the end of the corridor outside Room 2. Starting next term, children that are 'caught' displaying the focus value will have their name written on a leaf and it will be attached to our very special Values Tree. Every week these children will be congratulated at assembly. (Louise Macro)

School Security

If you see things of concern happening at school, especially over the weekend or during the holidays, please ring **First Security (ph 0800 347 787)**.

PTA News

SAUSAGE SIZZLE TOMORROW!

Remember we have a Sausage Sizzle tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd – come dressed in mufti and enjoy your sausages and drinks for lunch! A **big THANK YOU** to **Bakers Delight Botany** for again supplying us with free bread.

Chocolates: Congratulations to **Rohan Van der Merwe** (Room 10) who won the 4th bicycle at last week's assembly. Please forward all outstanding money by the end of this week. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Have fun at Snowplanet these September/October school holidays.

Snowplanet, offering a winter wonderland experience just 20 minutes north of the Bridge, is proud to support our school and offers great deals for families and kids during the September/October school holidays. The all new exciting 5-day kids school holiday programme comes with a 2 hour fun group lesson each day including rental equipment and a kids meal voucher ... a great way to learn new snow sport skills in a fun and active environment. To book in your child, call Snowplanet on 09 427 0044 (x 725), email schools@snowplanet.co.nz or visit Snowplanet's website www.snowplanet.co.nz

NOTICES

Kiwi Kidz Holiday Programme: As usual we are running a holiday programme here at school, at a cost of \$3 per hour, plus extra activities costs. Get in touch with Winnie ([contact details above](#)) if you are interested. Details of the programme, which includes movies, a visit to Kelly Tarltons, face painting and ice skating, can be obtained from the school office.

Pakuranga Athletics Club is holding its 2008/2009 Athletics season registration evening on Wednesday 24 September, from 5 – 7 pm at the Pakuranga Athletics Club rooms – Cascades Road, Pakuranga. Club nights for juniors (7-14 years) are held on a Wednesday evenings each week, from 5.45 – 7.30 pm, with the season commencing on the 15 October. For further information please contact Graham Vincent (Junior Club Chairman) at graham.vincent@xtra.co.nz or Stacey Knowles (Junior Club Secretary) at stacey@bbi.school.nz for more information.

Have a great holiday break everyone. See you on Monday 13th October, the first day of term 4.

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