

Monday 19 October 2009

Newsletter 32/09

Dear parents

Teacher Only Day on Friday

A reminder that we are having a **Teacher Only Day** this coming **Friday 23 October**. This day will be spent further developing our school curriculum. There will be **no school** this Friday.

There will also be **no school on Monday 26 October**, as it is a public holiday.

Traffic Safety

Please:

- Drive as far as you can into the drop off zone before depositing children.
- Remember you can now only turn **left** when exiting
- No parking and leaving vehicles in the drop off zone for any reason, as doing so blocks other cars.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly, starting at 2.10pm. Parents, as always we'd love to see you there: **Jessica Berkeley, Nathan Clark, Senuda Dharmadasa, Marc Holzer, Randy Jiang, Juane Jonker, Alysha Keegan, Shirley Gao, Anish Patel, Swehea Raj, Sheldon Seaman, Francois Smith, Wing Kei Tang** and **Reuben Whitely**.

Summer Uniform

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 now on.

Values

Our new "value" being focused upon in classes at present is "determination". Congratulations to all the following children, who will be acknowledged at this week's assembly: **Aryaman Kailani, Kye Wood, Mloni Mlangeni, Rohan Van der Merwe, Tayla Rae, Lachlan Bartlett, Mila Du, Corinna Rahm, Yulia Pechorina, Shaheer Rabbani, Hannah Barlow, Aidan Francis, Emily Speed, Amy Bonnington, Alysha Keegan, Meilin He, Baneet Kaur**.

Year 5 and 6 Tournament

A group of 40 Y5 & Y6 children went to Howick College on Friday with Mrs Price and took part in a fun tournament with other primary schools. The children had an excellent time and a fun day. Thank you to all parent helpers.

Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to **Tayla Rae** (Room 20), whose "The Cat in the hat" Aerobic Troupe came first in the Champion of Champions Palmerston North 10-11th October. What a fantastic effort.

Scholastic Books-Issue 7: Final day for ordering is this Thursday (22 October).

Calendar Orders

Your children have been busy creating beautiful pieces of artwork which can be printed on the 2010 calendars. These make great Christmas presents and have the public holidays printed on them. Coming home today is a separate order form. Please fill in and return to school with payment by 2nd November 2009. The calendars will be ready by early December, at a price of \$10 each.

Touch

Touch started yesterday at Lloyd Elsmore Park. Thanks to everyone, players, coaches and parents for an amazing effort this Sunday. A really good turn out and some great games! **Some results:**

Both U7 teams won their first game convincingly.

Botany Broncos 0: Sqwinchers 6

Botany Bullets 4: Ten men and one Ben 2

Botany Magic 3: Sunshine Bears 2

Botany Crew 1: Smiley Mileys 0

Botany Lighting Bolts 6: Panda Bears 0

Botany Babes: won their game by default

Botany Knights 4: Polar Bears 4

Young Guns 6: Speedy Bears 3

The Botany Broncos are still short a couple of players. This is an Under 9 Boys team, so if there any boys born in 2001 or 2002, who would like to play, please contact Birgit on 5353552 or 021 104 0951.

From the PTA

TWILIGHT FAIR – Friday 20th November (5pm – 8pm)

DONATIONS... Have you remembered your Fair donations? If you haven't already done so please send to school as soon as possible ...

- Bag of wrapped sweets
- Gift Basket Item
- Bottle

VOLUNTEERS – Thank you to those who have already returned their slips with offers of help on the day. This is a major fundraising event undertaken by the PTA and funds raised will be put towards another worthwhile project within the school for the benefit of all families. We have 20 volunteers for working an hour on a stall or activity, but **we need in excess of 100** so please offer an hour (or more!) of your time to help on a stall or activity. **Fill in the green slip** (attached to the separate Fair notice sent home last week, or download from the 'events' page on school website – www.botanydowns.school.nz) and send to school **as soon as possible**.

ICECREAM CONTAINERS NEEDED – Please deliver to the school office.

MINI QUAD BIKE – We are in need of ONE more mini quad, if you have one which you would be happy to loan for the Fair please contact Kath 533-8097 or Maree 537-6037.

POTS & POTTING MIX – Donations of plastic pots and potting mix would be gratefully appreciated. If you can assist please contact Maree 537-6037.

BOOKS, PUZZLES, DVD'S, CD'S – This is a great opportunity to have a clear out of your own books, while helping support the Fair at the same time. Please send these to school as soon as possible. Boxes can be dropped at the office rather than sent with children, if too many for them to carry.

PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE & MUFTI DAY

Our last sausage sizzle for the year will be held next Wednesday 28th October. A separate order form has been sent home today, or can be downloaded from the 'events' page on our school website. Please return with payment as soon as possible please. A reminder that with having to process orders from almost 500 children, the PTA appreciates it when you send the correct money!

REMINDER:

**No school on Friday (Teacher Only Day)
No school on Monday (Public Holiday)**

Have a good week everyone

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