

Monday 16 November 2009

Newsletter 36/09

Dear parents

COME AND HAVE FUN AT THE

# BOTANY DOWNS SCHOOL TWILIGHT FAIR!!

**This Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 8pm**

The big day is almost here. This FRIDAY between 5pm – 8pm we hope to see many of our families coming along to enjoy what promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled event! Friends, relatives, neighbours – all are welcome – invite them to come and enjoy the evening with us.

***Attention All Volunteers!***

A HUGE thank you to those who have offered to assist on the day. Information has been sent home today to ALL volunteers – please **check your child's bag** for an envelope and if you have any queries (or if you had offered to help but didn't receive any information) please contact Maree (5376037 or 021 0435675).

***More Help Required!***

We could still do with several more helpers on the night, and also with helping immediately after the event to bring equipment back into the hall. If you can spare an hour, we are keen to hear from you as soon as possible – ring Maree.

***Bottles & Groceries URGENTLY NEEDED***

At the end of last week we still did **not have enough bottles** for our Tombola Stall or **groceries** for our Giant Grocery Raffle. It is **not too late** to send these items, there are only a few days left to get these to us, so please support the school by sending in your bottle (soft drink, shampoo, wine, sauce etc) and grocery item.

***Plate of Baking***

A plate was sent home to all families on Friday. Please return your item of baking (cake, muffins, loaves, homemade sweets etc) to **Room 9 on Friday morning**. Please ensure that all baking is carefully and securely wrapped and labelled with name/type of baking. Baking will be available for sale from our Cake Stall from 5pm.

***Plants***

If you have plants for our Plant Stall, please could you bring them to school on **Friday morning**. It would be helpful if you were able to take them directly to the Plant Stall (under the yellow school marquee, immediately on your left as you head onto the field, against the back of Room 12).

***Spending Money***

Remember to set aside your coins this week! While we will have change, smaller coins as opposed to larger notes will make the job of stall holders so much easier.

***Second Hand Books, Puzzles, DVD's & CD's***

You only have a couple of days left to sort through your cupboards, bookcases etc. These need to be sent to school **by Thursday** when volunteers will begin sorting and organising.

**All that is left now is for you to come along on Friday night and have a fantastic time with friends and family.  
We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!!!**

## Special Terrific Persons Awards

*Congratulations* to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at this Wednesday afternoon's assembly, starting at 2.10pm. Parents, it would be great to have your company: **Haseena Abdulla, Emily Driver, Helen Duckworth, Jayden Fillet, Aryaman Kailani, Jennifer Kong, Yuki Lee, Steven Matthews, Cameron Mosheim, Aaron Nguyen, Jemma Quigan, Ruth Taylor, Morgana West and Fraser Wood.**

## Year 5 Camps

Although at times the weather was a bit marginal, all the Year 5s seem to have had a great time on their one night camp last week at Sonshine Ranch. **Thank you** to the parents who helped us out, and to the teachers who ran the camps. Special thanks to the Senior Syndicate leader, **Su Price**, who put many hours into organising the camps.

## Values

Congratulations to all the following children, who will be acknowledged at this week's assembly for showing determination: **Sophie Hurley, Michael Li, Paige Fenning, Quinn Miller, Ronin Tainui, Denzil O'Shannessey, Joshua Dheda, Elise Conway, Joel Biland.**

## Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to **Jessica Lane** (Room 12), **Siobhan Bishop** (Room 15) and **Madison Marshall** (Room 6), who all received trophies for their outstanding dance performances throughout the year at the Annual NWDA prize giving. *Excellent effort girls!*

## Scholastic Book Orders

Issue No 8. Final day for ordering is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## Junior Athletic Sports

As the weather is looking very unsettled and an unpleasant wind is blowing across the field, the Junior team has made the decision to complete the athletics rotation whenever the weather permits. The sprint finals will be held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 12 noon.

Children will not need to bring athletics gear to school, as we will be able to complete the remaining activities in their uniforms. Sprint finalists will receive a notice advising them to bring their gear for the Monday sprint finals.

*Looking forward to seeing you there  
Regards, Junior Teachers*

## Coming Attractions at Botany Downs School

<i>Wednesday 18 November</i>	BOT meeting 7.00pm
<i>Friday 20 November</i>	<b>TWILIGHT FAIR</b>
<i>Monday 23 November</i>	Interschool Athletic Sports
<i>Friday 27 November</i>	Middle team picnic
<i>Wednesday 2 December</i>	Ice blocks and mufti day
<i>Monday 14 December</i>	Y6 Graduation at 1.40pm
<i>Wednesday 16 December</i>	Student reports home
<i>Thursday 17 December</i>	Prize giving Day (Y1-3 at 9.30am; Y4-6 at 1.00pm)
<i>Friday 18 December</i>	School year ends at 12.00pm
<i>Tuesday 2 February 2010</i>	New school year begins

*Have a good week everyone*

*Mr T*

*“Rise and shine, it's a brand new day  
Ma te mahi ka ora  
We've set our goals and we're on our way  
Ma te mahi ka ora”*