

Monday 23 November 2009

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Dear parents

TWILIGHT FAIR A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!

Our Twilight Fair on Friday was a fantastic occasion. I would like to thank everyone who played a part in making it so successful-the parents, staff, sponsors, children, friends of our school.

Thanks to all of you.

A very special mention of the organising team, led by **Maree Biland** and **Kath Bason**. Your enthusiasm, organisational skills, dedication and sheer hard work were simply amazing, and are **greatly appreciated by all of us**.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at this Wednesday afternoon's assembly, starting at 2.15pm. Parents, it would be great to have your company: **Nathan Brown, Tanna Clegg, Samantha Cooper, Ashleigh Jones, Chloe Leung, Seif Malla, Holly Marshall, Lauren Price, Samuel White, Brody Clarke, Simon Payne, Gary Toleafoa and Lotu Lata.**

Bought Lunches

At one stage bought lunches were offered every day here at school. Demand has dropped to the extent that even our current two days now seem difficult to sustain, and our providers (Deejays) are thinking of offering bought lunches on Fridays only.

Do parents want to give me feedback on the reasons demand has dropped so significantly? Is it the menu (we switched to healthier options last year), the cost-or are there other reasons? If you would like to give feedback, email Mr T on principal@botanydowns.school.nz

Kids for Kids Concert

Congratulations to our school choir, which performed wonderfully well at last week's World Vision "Kids for Kids" concert with Suzanne Prentice, held at the Telstra Centre.

Our Children are Superstars!

Several Botany Downs Primary School pupils have been selected to represent the Counties Manukau touch teams in a nationwide tournament to be held in February 2010.

Under 9 mixed team : **Elise Conway** and **Bradley Robinson**

Under 11 Boys team : **Jayden Kean** and **Mitchell Douglas.**

Values

The following children have been selected by their teachers because they are demonstrating our current "Value" – **Tolerance**: accepting things that you can't change or things that you wish were different. They will be congratulated at this week's assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor: **Jordan Dheda, Celeste Lane, Victoria Hardey** and **Jake Clements**

Scholastic Book Orders

Issue No 8. Final day for ordering is this Thursday 26th November.

Class Organisation for 2010

We are currently working on our class organisation for next year.

- If you are leaving us at the end of this year, please let Trish in the office know as soon as possible.
- Another reminder to also let us know as soon as possible if you have a five year old starting school at Botany Downs next year.

Coming Attractions at Botany Downs School

Monday 23 November	Interschool Athletic Sports
Friday 27 November	Middle team picnic
Wednesday 2 December	Ice blocks and mufti day
Monday 7 December	Dental van here until Wednesday
	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Monday 14 December	Y6 Graduation at 1.40pm
Wednesday 16 December	Student reports home
	BOT meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 17 December	Prize giving Day (Y1-3 at 9.30am; Y4-6 at 1.00pm)
Friday 18 December	School year ends at 12.00pm
Tuesday 2 February 2010	New school year begins

From the PTA

Raffle winners from our Twilight Fair were:

Grocery Raffle:

- 1st – Nicki Adams
- 2nd – Leigh Moggach
- 3rd – Nicki Adams

Big Night Out Raffle:

Winner – Amanda Robinson

Lolly Guess:

Winner – Emily Beach

Have a good week everyone

Mr T

Helping Your Child to Read

Did you know that reading experts tell us that 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!