

Monday 30 November 2009

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Dear parents

Swimming Pool

Pool keys

The school pool will be open during the school holidays. Families of the school are able to purchase a key for \$60 for the season from the school office. This includes a \$20 refundable deposit for the key.

The pool opening hours are from 9am to 7pm daily (excluding Xmas day) during school holidays and 3pm to 7pm during the school term.

We do need some volunteers to open and close the pool daily throughout the season. These duties involve opening/closing the pool gate and changing rooms, removing/replacing the cover and cleaning up of the change rooms for a week. We also require a volunteer to mow the lawns in the pool area as necessary. Volunteers will receive a \$20 discount. If you have any queries, or would like to assist, please contact Birgit Rahm on 535 3552 or 021 104 0951, birgit@orcon.net.nz

Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to *Elizabeth Manson* (Room 19), who has sat her Ballet exams with The Royal School of Ballet and passed with Merit. Well done Elizabeth.

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, we would love to see you:

Matthew Barker, Rebecca Barlow, Jake Clements, Jack Cowan, Taryn Douglas, Hannah Duckworth, Ryan Fletcher, Melisa Fung, Codee Hollick-O'Connor, Luke Holmes, Llewellyn Jonker, Jordan Joyce, Liam Khamal, Rogan Long, Shaheer Rabbani, Caitlin Rarity, Mason Stanners, Rhea Taylor and Tia Warwick.

Bought Lunches

As there are only two weeks left for lunch orders stock will be run down so please check revised menu in lunch room *before* ordering.

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 Thank you to those who have already sent me their thoughts.

Values

The following children have been selected by their teachers because they are demonstrating our current "Value" – **Tolerance**. They will be congratulated at this week's assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor: *Ashley Fenning, Amber Harrison, Jessie Edmonds, Cameron Signal, Kyle Jonson, Daena Govender, Connor Jones, Lucas Boniface, Byron Behm, Jade Kirkham, Corey Thorpe and Caitlin Rarity*

New Pupils

Welcome to the following new pupils: *Kathleen Shi, Pauline Pechorin, Reece Jackson, Milly* and *Amy Chase*.

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

<i>Monday 7 December</i>	Dental van here until Wednesday PTA meeting at 7.30pm
<i>Monday 14 December</i>	Y6 Graduation at 1.40pm
<i>Wednesday 16 December</i>	Student reports home BOT meeting 7.00pm
<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

From the PTA

Christmas Hams

Delicious, top quality **half legs of ham on the bone** from Colonial Bacon & Ham Company are available as a fundraiser through the PTA again this year. Hams are between **4.8 – 5.2kg** in weight and are selling for **\$43.50**. The PTA receives **\$5** from every ham sold. Personal and corporate orders are most welcome! Please complete the order form sent home last week, and send to school with your payment as soon as possible. The last day for orders is Wednesday 9th December. **Delivery will be Wednesday 16th December**, and you must be available to collect your ham from the school hall at **3pm** on this day. Any queries please contact Gerry Boniface – 5346149.

Chipmunks ‘Kids Night Out’

Thursday 10th December (6pm – 8.30pm). Drop your kids off at Chipmunks (Ti Rakau Drive, Pakuranga) and take some time to do a spot of Christmas shopping, have dinner out (or just put your feet up and enjoy some quiet time at home!). Cost per child is \$10 (the PTA will make \$5 per child) and you must register and pay in advance, so please complete the slip at the bottom of the notice sent home last week and return to school with payment by Tuesday 8th December. Friends from outside the school are welcome too, so feel free to invite them. Please note **tickets will not be issued**, you should just show up on the night and we will tick your name off our registration list. Any queries please contact Marg Parker – 5344214.

Have a good week everyone

Mr T