

Monday 23 February 2009

Newsletter 04/09

Dear parents

Parent Interviews

Our first round of parent interviews is fast approaching.

A separate parent interview request form is coming home today. Please return this by **Thursday**. Thank you.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to the following hard working students, who will receive their special certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly (2.15pm start, all parents welcome): *Haseena Abdulla, Ryan Barber, Courtney Behm, Samantha Berkeley, Callum Clark, Abigail Fritsch, Jeff Gan, Asha Glynan, Hanako Hutton, Tomas Johnston-Oldham, Carol Lee, Munirah Mahadi, Brooke McGregor, Quinn Miller, Beth Osborne, Sally Park, Anichem Prema Maninilavan and Thomas Speed.*

Cyber Safety Evening

On Wednesday 4 March, at 7.00pm, our ICT lead teachers and syndicate leaders are running a "cyber safety" information evening for parents to update you on how we protect our students, and discuss the Web 2.0 tools we are using to assist with our teaching and learning programmes.

A notice is coming home today, and we would appreciate the tear off portion being returned as an indication of attendance.
(Lyndal Lowans ICT Leader)

Calling All Five Year Olds!

Please let the office know *as soon as you can* if you have a child who is turning five and will be starting school at Botany Downs this year. It is really helpful for our planning if we have a good idea of how many to expect, and when.

School Banking

School banking with the National Bank has started. Thursday mornings in the library starting at 8.30.

Our Children are Superstars

Troy Tapsell, playing for our cricket team against Shelly Park, took 6 wickets for 1 run including a hat trick. He clean bowled all his victims, and followed this up by scoring 15 not out with the bat. Well done Troy. Next step the Black Caps?!

House Leaders

Congratulations to the following children, selected as our **House Leaders** for 2009:

Batten	<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>Courtney Jonson</i>	<i>Rashaad Abdullah</i>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<i>Maria Kim</i>	<i>Mitchell Graham</i>
Blake	<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>Mackenzie Lattimore</i>	<i>Thomas Patten</i>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<i>Eden O'Shannessey</i>	<i>Cameron Mosheim</i>
Sheppard	<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>Daena Govender</i>	<i>Harry Fritsch</i>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<i>Victoria Bassett</i>	<i>Connor Brown</i>
Hillary	<i>Leaders:</i>	<i>Briana Sharp</i>	<i>Mason Stanners</i>
	<i>Deputy Leaders:</i>	<i>Rachael Swears</i>	<i>Harrison Carr</i>

Swimming Sports

Senior swimming sports are to take place next Tuesday 3rd March. They are starting at 9.30 and will conclude by lunch time. We will run the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events and then will run a programme for those children who do not take part in the championship section of the swimming sports.

Our event leads into the inter-school event on the 17th March and as a result of this 8 year children who are good freestyle swimmers will be swimming in our event.

(Grant Kibblewhite Sports Co-ordinator)

This Friday 27th of February, the junior school will hold it's annual Aqua Fun afternoon – weather permitting. It will involve a round robin of “wet” activities. A separate notice detailing the things your child needs to bring on Friday will be sent home today also. This afternoon can only be held if the weather is fine, windless and warm as otherwise the children get cold quickly. As teachers are all busy on activities, we appreciate parent help with looking after the children as they go round in their mixed teams. If you are able to help, please let your child's teacher know. Preschoolers are more than welcome to join in the fun. Should the weather not be suitable, “dry” activities will be held as an alternative.

(Elizabeth Thomas – Assistant Principal)

School Values

At present we are emphasizing the value of “Courtesy”. The following children have been selected by their teachers because they are demonstrating our current Value. They will be congratulated at this week's assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor: **India Yarrow, Jordan Kanon, Luke Holmes, Sayali Samant, Jacob Sprague, Elise Conway, Emma Savory, Nicole Meyer, Hamish Singleton, Kye Wood, Yiweh Lin, Amelle Rodney, Jaxon Perkins, Morgana West.**

Coming Attractions

<i>Friday 27 February</i>	Junior School Aqua Fun Day
<i>Monday 2 March</i>	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME!
<i>Tuesday 3 March</i>	Senior School Swimming Sports Religious Instruction starts
<i>Wednesday 4 March</i>	Cyber Safety Evening for parents 7.00pm
<i>Friday 6 March</i>	Middle School Swimming Carnival

Regards

Mr T

News from your PTA

GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY 21 MARCH (from 7.30am)

A few reminders regarding our 'giant garage sale' fundraiser next month:

DONATED GOODS

Give your house a good spring clean and set aside all your **unwanted household and other second-hand goods** – we want clothing, books, toys, CD's, DVD's, kitchen utensils, appliances, electronics, sports equipment, furniture, furnishings, and we will turn your **TRASH INTO CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL!** Tell friends and family too, we are happy to accept goods from whoever is willing to donate!

Goods can be brought to school **from Monday 9th March** until the day before the sale. Bring them to **Room 1** (the currently empty classroom at the front of the school, adjacent to the admin entrance), between the hours of **8.30-9.30am** or **2.30-3.30pm**. If you anticipate problems with getting your goods to school, particularly larger items, please contact Greg Clark to discuss (5335646).

HELPERS NEEDED

We still **need more helpers**. If you can help any morning or afternoon from Monday 9th with receiving and sorting goods (between the hours listed above), on Friday 20th with setting up, or at the sale on Saturday 21st please **complete the slip** at the bottom of last weeks notice and **return to school this week**. Spare notices are available at the office, or simply send a note with name, contact details, hours available.

CAKE STALL

We are also incorporating a cake stall on the day and will be asking each family to donate an item of baking (homemade or bought). A notice and plate to send your baking back to school on will be sent home the week prior.

