

**Monday 2 March 2009**

**Newsletter 05/09**

Dear parents

### **PTA Meeting**

We have a PTA meeting tonight, starting at 7.30pm in the staff room. The more the merrier. Being on the PTA is a great way to make friends, and to find out more about how the school runs. If you would like to come, we'd love to see you.

### **Religious Education**

This starts tomorrow, first thing in the morning from Year 2 up. Parents who do not want their child to attend need to send a note to me to this effect please, unless you have already done so previously.

Children who are excused R.E. are supervised in the library by a staff member.

### **Middle School Swimming Carnival**

On *Friday the 6th of March* the Middle School is holding their Swimming Carnival. This is a fun event where children get together in house teams to compete in water activities. The Year Three swimming event will start at 11.30am and will finish around 12.15pm. The Year Four swimming event will start at 1.45pm and end around 2.30pm.

Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to come and watch.

*Liz Sudfeldt, team leader*

### **Cyber Safety Evening**

This 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 to discuss the Web 2.0 tools we are using to assist with our teaching and learning programmes.

We will be meeting in the library.

### **Parent Interviews Next Week!**

Parent interview times are coming home this Thursday. If you do not receive a time, and wish to come to an interview with your child's teacher, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### **Parent Helpers**

The Middle team is looking for parents, grandparents or any adult to help in our classrooms. If you can, you would be helping us (probably listening to children read) for about twenty minutes a day, twice a week. If this sounds like you, and you are able to give a hand, please let your child's teacher know.

*Thank you, Liz Sudfeldt*

### **Special Terrific Persons Awards**

Congratulations to the following little champions, recipients of this week's awards. Certificates will be given out at our assembly on Wednesday (2.15pm start): *Ben Parker, Yuan Chen, Bailey Phipps, Jack Brown, Leandre Crowther, Josh Ellwood, Harry Fritsch, Caitlin Harrison, Jordan Kanon, Aaron Li, Kevashan Moodley, Tanvi Naik, Serine Panossian, Briana Price, Mariam Sacranie, Rosie Salt, James Slessor, Georgia Tane, Dylan Taylor and Marcus Tuiasosopo*

**School Banking:** A reminder that we offer a school banking facility in conjunction with the National Bank. Banking takes place in the Library on Thursday mornings starting at 8.30 a.m.

## Senior Swimming Carnival

Weather permitting, the Senior Swimming Carnival will now be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** from 9.30 – 12.40. If cancelled due to poor weather, it will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## 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: **Codee Hollick O’Connor, Georgia Spring, Ethan Saptoe, Dharminy Selvakumar, Chelsea Prince, Daniel Muir, Llewellyn Jonker, Jamie Rollason, Sophie Bell, Nurhuda Mahadi, Jacob Bunn, Aisha McKay, Katherine Fung, Luann Pretorius, Jake Clements, Rogan Long, Gary Toleafoa, Troy Tapsell, Helen Duckworth, Wing-Kei Tang.**

From next week, classes will be focusing on the value of showing respect (for self and others).

## Term Dates 2009

<i>Term 1</i>	Wednesday 4 February-Thursday 9 April
<i>Term 2</i>	Monday 27 April-Friday 3 July
<i>Term 3</i>	Monday 20 July-Friday 25 September
<i>Term 4</i>	Monday 12 October-Friday 18 December

## Coming Attractions

<b>TONIGHT!</b>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 3 March</i>	Religious Education starts
<i>Wednesday 4 March</i>	Senior School Swimming Sports Juniors Animal Theme Day 7.00pm Cyber Safety Evening
<i>Thursday 5 March</i>	Parent interview times coming home
<i>Friday 6 March</i>	Middle School Swimming Carnival
<i>Wednesday 11 March</i>	Parent Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm
<i>Thursday 12 March</i>	Parent Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm
<i>Tuesday 17 March</i>	Inter School Swimming Sports
<i>Wednesday 18 March</i>	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
<i>Friday 20 March</i>	The Great Zoo Adventure! WATCH THIS SPACE!
<i>Monday 6 April</i>	Literacy Week begins Children’s writing books come home
<i>Thursday 9 April</i>	Last Day of Term 1
<i>Monday 27 April</i>	Term 2 begins

## *Helping Your Child to Read*

*Read to your child every day  
Vary the type of books read  
When reading to your child, stop sometimes and ask  
“What do you think might happen next?”  
Talk to your child about books read by them, or to them, at school  
Visit the excellent local public library  
Yes! Books still make excellent presents!*

## Hockey Notice

SLAM Hockey Club has the opportunity to introduce new junior teams in the 2009 season. If you would like your child to be involved in a great winter sport that never gets cancelled because of rain, come to **Junior Muster, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am-11.00am at the Hockey Stadium, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga.** (For more information, contact Steve Holley on 573 6933, or visit our website [www.slamhockey.org](http://www.slamhockey.org))

Have a good week everyone

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