

**Monday 6 April 2009**

**Newsletter 10/09**

Dear parents

**Last week of term!** We finish this Thursday (9<sup>th</sup>), and the second term begins on **Monday 27 April**.

Again we have had a particularly busy term, and I would like to thank everyone-parents, staff and children-for your efforts.

**Assembly this Week**

Please note that this week our assembly will be on Thursday at 11.20am.

### *Term Certificates*

Congratulations to the following children, recipients of our very special "Term Certificates". These are awarded one per class, and will be given out at Thursday's 11.20am assembly. Parents, you are invited to attend. We would love to see you: *Hannah Duckworth, Ashlin Naidu, Jordan Tane, Ellery Martin, Joshua Tillson, Abhimanyu Khanna, Victor Li, Connor Jones, Gurjot Bhullar, Corey Thorpe, Yena Kim, Joshua Kao, Tamara Malone, Swehea Raj, Mloni Mlangeni, Nathan Brown, Rashaad Abdulla, Mason Stanners*

*Congratulations to all of you!!*

**PTA Meeting**

The PTA is meeting tonight, at 7.30pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

**School Office Hours**

During the holidays, the office will be open during the second week, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

**Uniform Shop News**

- The uniform shop will be open during the holiday, 10.00am-11.00am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- Next term children will be wearing their winter uniforms.
- Price increases. Unfortunately, our suppliers have indicated there will be significant price increases within the next few months, relating to the state of the NZ dollar. Our uniform prices will be held at current levels for as long as possible, but parents need to be aware that price increases will need to be passed on eventually.

**Activity Fees**

Our "activity fee" covers the cost of school trips and performers, and this year has been set at \$40. While it is perfectly acceptable to pay for such occasions as they come up, most parents choose to pay the one-off fee at the start of the year.

Recently the whole school spent a fantastic day at the zoo, as part of our current studies on animal habitats, and this week, as part of Book Week, we have internationally renowned story teller Bringwonder in our school entertaining the children.

It would be appreciated if **all outstanding zoo trip money** (\$14 per child) and Bringwonder money (\$3 per child) could be paid by tomorrow please.

## **Anzac Day Poppies**

We have some in the office, available for a gold coin donation. See Trish.

## **Scholastic Books**

Final day for ordering Scholastic Easter Sale issue is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Values Programme**

Congratulations to *Slade Coxen, Marnus Loots, Emily Speed, Cameron Jago, Blake Podmore, Ciara Smith, Jessica Moat, Callum Li, Quinn Malone, Lori Wolfson, Chase Taylor*. All will be acknowledged at Thursday morning's assembly.

## **Reminder Notice to Parents going on the Year Six Camp.**

A reminder that there is a meeting at 7pm in the library on Tuesday night for those parents coming on camp. This is to explain in more detail what is happening on camp, and safety on camp.

(Miss Lowans and Mrs Foot)

## **Our Children are Superstars!**

Five boys from Botany Downs school have been selected to play in an Under 8 rugby team to play in the curtain raiser to the Blues vs Lions Super 14 game at Eden Park this Friday night. The boys are *Josh Tillson, Marc Holzer, Lachlan Bartlett, Bradley Robinson* and *Quinn Malone*. **Good luck boys.**

## **PTA News**

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS MAKE A GREAT MOTHERS DAY GIFT!**

Looking for a **Mother's Day gift** for Mum to last the whole year through? Buy Mum the **2009/10 Entertainment Book** and she will receive valuable offers on everything she loves ... dining, movies, travel and much more! With all the incredible offers for fine restaurants and hotels, family dining to sports events, theatres to special attractions, the Entertainment Book is a gift she will use again and again!

A reminder that we would appreciate **payment this week** for as many of the books issued as possible (if you are able to sell your book during the school holidays, that's fine, please return payment the first week of the new term).

If you are unable or do not intend to sell your book, please could you **return it to school ASAP**. Any queries, please contact Aroha Bishop (Ph: 537-4799, Email: [bishops5@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bishops5@xtra.co.nz))

## **Coming Attractions**

Tonight	PTA at 7.30pm
Thursday 9 April	Dress up parade shortly after 9.00am; sharing assembly at 11.20am Last day of term.
Monday 27 April	Term 2 begins Year 6 off to camp
Wednesday 13 May	Maths information evening

## **Notice**

SLAM Hockey Club has enough players to introduce a 2<sup>nd</sup> minis team in the 2009 season and would welcome enquiries from Year 1-2 children who want to learn good skills and have a great run around in winter. We need 2 or 3 more children so please contact the Junior Club Coordinator, Steve Holley, (09) 575-6933 or email [steve.holley@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:steve.holley@slingshot.co.nz).

**Have a great holiday break everyone**

**Regards**

**Mr T**