



BOTANY DOWNS SCHOOL

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Dear parents

Bought Lunches

A reminder that, because very few lunches are being sold on Mondays and Wednesdays, from now on bought lunches will only be available on Thursdays and Fridays.

Uniform Shop

- As notified in a previous newsletter, the price of some uniform items is increasing. This is unavoidable, and we are still endeavouring to keep costs to parents as low as we possibly can. Price increases will be indicated on the website in a week or two.
- Second hand uniforms needed, either donated or to sell on behalf, especially winter pinafores and track pants. Stocks are getting low.
- A reminder that the uniform shop opens at 8.30am every Thursday.

Hall Repairs

Repairs are being carried out to our hall ceiling this week. With any luck they should be completed in time for us to use the hall on Wednesday for assembly.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly. It's been **great** to see so many parents coming along to our school assemblies. They start at **2.15pm**, and we really appreciate it if parents can attend: *Hayley Anderson, Clive Clark, Mitchell Douglas, Helen Duckworth, Louise Franks, Caleb Groenestein, MacKenzie Lattimore, Shulamite Lin, Quinn Malone, Denzil O'Shannessey, Alexander Parker, Christine Redondo, Cameron Smith, Ciara Smith, Troy Tapsell, Aimee Cook, Logan Cardoza, Jesscynta Lamb, Ngawaea Te Moananui and Samuel Warren.*

Sports

Last week tracksuits arrived for children to wear when representing the school at sport, and they look very smart indeed. The children *love* them. In fact, we've had so much positive feedback consideration is being given to making them available as an optional part of our school uniform. Check out the tracksuit hanging in the foyer next time you are in, and let us know what you think.

Maths Evening

Despite the inclement weather, we had a good parent turnout at our Maths evening last Wednesday evening. Thank you to all who were able to come along, and special thanks to *Sandra Johnston* and the Numeracy Team for organising the evening.

New Pupils

Welcome to *Jemma Quigan* and *Shirley Gao*.

Sonshine Ranch

Please note a change to the dates of the Year 5 Sonshine Ranch camps. The camps will be taking place from 11th to 13th November.

Music

- As you may know, we have introduced recorder lessons through Jinny Jo in the middle and senior classrooms. These are going very well, with children also learning some rudimentary music sight reading skills. Please note that we have two full sets of recorders, enabling thorough disinfecting of all recorders before they are used by the next group. Many children are now bringing their own recorders from home-a good idea. Recorders are only about \$14 and can be purchased from most music shops. Please note that we have a small number of recorders for sale here at school in very good condition (\$10 each, to the first lucky customers).
- The choir is practising very hard under the guidance of *Lynne Anderson* and *Jenny Blake* in reparation for the Music Festival at the end of term.

Board of Trustees

The Board is meeting on Wednesday this week, at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Coming Attractions

<i>Wednesday 20 May</i>	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Wednesday 27 May</i>	ICAS Computer Skills
<i>Monday 1 June</i>	Queen's Birthday NO SCHOOL
<i>Monday 8 June</i>	Choir at combined practice PTA 7.30pm
<i>Wednesday 10 June</i>	ICAS Science
<i>Thursday 11 June</i>	Junior Dance Evening
<i>Wednesday 17 June</i>	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Tuesday 23 June</i>	ICAS Writing/Spelling Sausage & Mufti Day
<i>Thursday 25 June</i>	Senior Dance Evening
<i>Tuesday 30 June</i>	Choir Dress Rehearsal
<i>Wednesday 1 July</i>	Music Festival
<i>Thursday 2 July</i>	Music Festival
<i>Friday 3 July</i>	Student reports coming home Term 2 finishes

From the PTA

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Please keep the money coming in and continue making a **BIG EFFORT** with this major fundraiser for the term. Remember we will be issuing more chocolate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for those of you who can sell extra chocolate. Thanks for your support so far – remember **workplaces, sports fields** and friendly **neighbours** are all great places to get selling your chocolate. We have also heard of people having lots of success **door knocking** around their neighbourhood.

Once you have returned payment, your name is entered into the weekly draw for **\$150 Botany Vouchers** – of course **the more you sell the more entries you get** and once you are in the draw you **stay in the draw** for all the remaining weeks, so get your money back **early** to maximise your chances of winning! Our **first lucky winner** was drawn at assembly last week – congratulations to the **Muir family** – one draw down, another 3 to go!

If you have any queries regarding this fundraiser please call Gerry on 5346149.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thanks for your support with this fundraiser. Over **\$1700** was raised, and the profits are being put towards the purchase of Data Projectors and Mimios for those classrooms yet to receive them.

A big **THANKYOU** to the **Hack family** who sold the most books this year, and **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Harrison family** who won the lucky draw. Prizes were presented to these families at last Wednesday's assembly.

Regards

Mr T