

**Monday 27 July 2009**

**Newsletter 22/09**

Dear parents

### **Parent Conferences**

Parent interviews are being held *this week* on Wednesday (3.20pm-5.00pm) and Thursday (3.20pm-8.00pm).

On both days, school will finish at 3.00pm as usual.

We need to keep to the ten minute time limit please, as if we get behind in one room it has repercussions for other classrooms and parents. If you feel there is more to discuss at the end of the interview, please make another appointment time to meet with your child's teacher.

We look forward to meeting with you.

### **Cross Country**

Our School Cross Country Day is set down for **Tuesday 1st September**, and all classes are training, in readiness for the big day.

Cross Country running is part of our curriculum, and an integral part of our fitness programme, and as such all children are expected to take part unless they have a note from their parents excusing them.

Given the fact that the training runs are not too onerous, we ask parents to assist us in encouraging your children to take part.

### **Special Terrific Persons Awards**

*Congratulations* to all the following little superstars, who will receive their special certificates at this **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly. Parents, assembly starts at **2.15pm**, and we'd *love* to see you: **Connor Sharp, Archie Manning, Victoria Bassett, Michael Tohovaka, Ronin Tainui, Jessica Corrigan, Clayton McCullagh, Sam Coles, Braden Du Plessis, Logan Kean, Shaun Kirk, Munirah Mahadi, Rachel Prow, Dharminy Selvakumar, and Taine Wearing.**

### **New Pupils**

Welcome to the following new pupils: **Justin Wolmarans, Alexander Buys, Amy Xiong, Seth Prince, Rahil Patel, Natalie Beach, Holly Marshall, Selby Bennett, Matchelotu Lata, Johny Son, Liam Khamal, Abdalla and Mohammed El Hennawi and Lushe Singh.**

### **Values**

The following children will be acknowledged at this week's assembly for demonstrating consideration for others (our current "Value"):

**Josh Pearce, Aaron Li, Lara Sadek, Mathew Edmonds, Michael Tohevaka, Charlotte Larmour, Victoria Hardey, Senuda Dharmadasa, Sian Singh, Renee Page, Paige Osborne.**

### **Photocopiers**

Two photocopiers Ex School, FREE OF CHARGE  
Collect and take away at own expense.

Minolta DI 550  
Minolta 7045

Both in working order. The DI 550 is the newer of the two, contact Trish in office for more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Congratulations* to Nicolette and Pierre van Heerden on the birth of Cameron!

### Scholastic Book Orders

Issue 5. Last day for orders Friday 31 July.

### This Week's Assembly

At this week's assembly, both our orchestra and our dance group will be performing.

### School Wiki

*Remember:* If you are looking for safe websites for your child to use at home on maths, English, topics and internet search engines, go to: <http://botanydowns.wikispaces.com>

### Coming Attractions

<i>Wednesday 29 July</i>	Parent Interviews
<i>Thursday 30 July</i>	Parent Interviews
<i>Monday 3 August</i>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 4 August</i>	ICAS English
<i>Wednesday 5 August</i>	Dance group dress rehearsal Dance Festival (1 <sup>st</sup> performance)
<i>Thursday 6 August</i>	Dance Festival (2 <sup>nd</sup> performance)
<i>Monday 10 August</i>	Maths Week starts
<i>Wednesday 12 August</i>	Middle School Dance Evening
<i>Friday 14 August</i>	Senior School speech finals
<i>Wednesday 19 August</i>	ICAS Maths
<i>Tuesday 1 September</i>	Cross Country Day
<i>Wednesday 2 September</i>	Gymnastics

### **MATHS TIP: Make mathematics part of your children's daily life.**

Ask your child what they are doing in maths at school and try to use it in everyday life. If they are learning about fractions, ask them about fractions "What fraction of people in our family are children?" "What fraction of the milk is left?" This will not only give them practice, but also show them that maths relates to the 'real' world.

## *Helping Your Child to Read*

*Did you know that reading experts tell us that children's reading improves significantly the more they **read** for recreation at **home**?*

*Get your children into the "reading habit". Encourage them to read in bed for 20 minutes or more **every** night before lights out.*

*Read to your child every day.*

*Buy **books** as presents!*

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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