

**Monday 3 August 2009**

**Newsletter 23/09**

Dear parents

### **PTA Meeting**

Your PTA is meeting *tonight* in the school library at 7.30pm. **ALL WELCOME**

### **Maths Week**

The week of the 10<sup>th</sup> August is Maths Week. To celebrate this, the World of Maths Limited is coming to our school to present an assortment of exciting interactive maths activities for our pupils. General session times are as follows –

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Years 1 – 4

Monday will have two session times and Thursday and Friday three session times each day.

Parents are very welcome to come along and join in the session times with their children and more detailed information about class times will come home later this week.

*Elizabeth Thomas*

### **Special Terrific Persons Awards**

*Congratulations* to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at **Wednesday** afternoon's assembly. Parents, assembly starts at **2.15pm**, and we'd *love* to see you: **Hannah Barlow, Lachlan Bartlett, Natalie Beach, Gurtaj Bhullar, Kristy Bonnington, Selina Gee, Dallas Harvey, Mikaela Keegan, Liam Khamal, Elizabeth Manson, Kyla Matthews, Amelia Paton, Thomas Paton, Conner Rae, Aaryan Raj, Abhishek Sharma, Ruth Taylor, Chloe Wardle-Ramage, Isabella White, Ella Woodford** and **Allan Yu**.

### **ICT**

A new server is being installed this week, and a major overhaul of computers is taking place. This means we are likely to be off-line for several days.

### **Touch Rugby**

Every year Botany Downs Primary School has a number of touch teams entered in the Eastern Junior Touch Competition. This competition is held in the 4<sup>th</sup> term, on a Sunday afternoon at Lloyd Elsmore Park. Last year we had 2 Under 7 teams (mixed boys and girls), 3 Under 9 boys, 1 Under 9 girls, 2 Under 11 boys and 1 under 11 girls team. This was only possibly due to a number of dedicated parents who helped as coaches and managers.

This year we would like to enter as many teams as possible again into this competition, including the Under 13 age group. For this we need a number of **COACHES** and **MANAGERS**!

Unfortunately, our previous call for coaches and managers did not result in a satisfactory number of volunteers and if we do not find enough coaches it will mean that some children will miss out on playing this year. We cannot enter a team if we do not have the commitment of a coach for that team. If you are interested in either coaching or managing a team this year, please can you contact **Birgit Rahm** ([birgit@orcon.net.nz](mailto:birgit@orcon.net.nz), Tel: 535 3552 or 021 104 0951) asap. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in their children's sport. No experience necessary!

Please note that this is NOT a call to enrol children at this stage. Enrolments will take place soon.

### **New Staging**

Yes, our new staging has arrived! Grateful thanks to the **Perry Foundation** for their wonderful grant of \$20,000 to the school, and to our PTA for its fantastic contribution.

## **Our Children are Superstars!**

Congratulations to *Erika Whiteley* (Room 4) and *Rubin Whiteley* (Room 7), who went up to Whangarei yesterday to compete in the Northland development Karate Championships. Erika placed 1st in the 6/7 year old girls' Kata division and 2nd in the 6/7 year old Kumite (fighting) division. Rubin placed 1st for the 6/7 year old boys' Kata division and 1st in the 6/7 year old Kumite (fighting) division. *Well done both of you.*

## **Values**

The following children will be acknowledged at this week's assembly for demonstrating consideration for others (our current "Value"): *Tia Warwick, Jessie Edmonds, Ethan Fenning, Kelly Liang, Emily Chan, Rebecca Payne, Jade Kirkham, Ish Kadakia, Christine Redondo, Nathan Leggatt, Tomas Johnston - Oldham, Aaron Su, Emily Driver, Marc Holzer, Joshua McGowan, Celeste Lane, Kaitlyn Grinder.*

## *From the PTA*

**PTA Meeting Tonight:** If you are interested in knowing more about the PTA, how it works and what our plans are for the rest of the year, or if you have any ideas you would like to contribute, you are most welcome to join us for our meeting tonight, 7.30 - 9pm in the staffroom. We promise not to send you home after your first meeting with a 'job' (unless you want one of course!)

## **GBS Restaurant '\$\$\$\$ For Schools' Promotion – one month to go!**

For the months of May, June, July & August, if you dine in the **GBS Restaurant** (78 Picton St, Howick) the total amount you spend will be turned into points and credited towards our school. Points are fairly distributed by pro-rata according to the size of local schools. Mondays and Tuesdays earn double points and the promotion finishes on Sunday 30 August. Winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively. The PTA chose GBS for their recent mid-winter dinner and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Remember, they also feature in the Entertainment Book, so you can enjoy one free meal and earn points for our school for the meal you pay for and whatever extra you spend.

## **Family Night at Paradise Ice Skating**

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August (6.30pm – 8.00pm)** we are holding another family skating night, with exclusive use of the rink with over 100 skaters. Last year this event was hugely popular, so don't miss out this time. A separate notice was sent home on Friday with more details, please **book and pay as soon as possible**. Any queries, please phone Maree Biland – 5376037.

## **Sweets Please!**

Between now and our Twilight Fair (Friday 20 November) we will be asking for families to kindly donate several items. The first of these items is a **BAG OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SWEETS**, which we are asking each child to donate over the next 2 weeks, for us to use for making lolly necklaces. This year, **HOUSE POINTS** will be allocated for all donations!! Children should leave their donation in the "donations box" inside each classroom, but see your teacher first so you can get your House Points!! Thank you in advance for your generosity, which will help to ensure the success of our 2009 Fair!

## **Coming Attractions**

<i>Tonight</i>	PTA Meeting at 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

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