

**Monday 14 September 2009**

**Newsletter 29/09**

Dear parents

### **Teacher Only Day**

A reminder that we are having a **Teacher Only Day** next term on **Friday 23 October**. This day will be spent further developing our school curriculum.

### **Special Terrific Persons Awards**

*Congratulations* to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at Wednesday afternoon's assembly, starting at 2.10pm. Parents, as always we'd love to see you there: **Rebecca Barlow, Emily Beach, Alexander Buys, Michael Chudleigh, Chelsea Coleman-Te Hiko, Cade Davie, Jessica Drummond, Liam Hennessy, Kurt Ibalio, Mason Jury, Baneet Kaur, Georgia Manning, Larissa Melville, Wahid Moorad, Yasmine Mustafa, Regan O'Neill** and **Farah Soltani**.

### **Our Children are Superstars!**

*Congratulations to:*

**Marc Holzer** (Room 17) who won "Best Forward" player for his team Corvettes this year

**Daniel Muir**, who is Player of the Year for his team Gold Otters (B.B.A.F.C)

**Jordan Kanon**, (Room 2) who won the Under 6 (team award) - Most Valuable Player for 2009 (Pakuranga United Rugby Club)

### **Peer Mediation**

Parents with new children attending Botany Downs might hear about senior children walking around the playground wearing blue vests and carrying a clipboard. These students are our Peer Mediators. Their role is to help keep our school a peaceful one. They do this by helping children sort out their problems in the playground. These problems could be friendship issues or sharing problems. Please let your junior know that the Peer Mediators are there to help.

*(Amanda Foot, Coordinator)*

### **Values**

The following children will be acknowledged at this week's assembly for demonstrating co-operation (our current "Value"): **Toni Gibson, Jacob Bunn, Yuan Chen, Kevin Zhang, Bryan Mosheim, Ngawaea Te Moananui, Sebastian Judd, Alexia Brown, Sophie Hurley**.

### **Gymnastics**

Special thanks to the parents and staff who did hair and drove gymnasts to the competition.

### **Chess Sets**

We have a Chess Club at school. If anyone has complete chess sets at home that are no longer being used and which you would be prepared to donate to us, please let the office know.

### **New Pupils**

Welcome to **Kaitlyn Jacob, Daniel Yang, Kees** and **Levi McKay**.

## Head Lice

Yes, those pesky little critters are still with us! Due to the highly contagious nature of head lice, we recommend you check your child's hair. Itchiness and signs of silvery white specs close to the scalp are the tell-tale signs.

See your local chemist, who will be able to recommend the most suitable treatment, which should work quickly and efficiently.

At the same time you treat this condition, it would pay to also check other family members, wash all articles that may harbour lice or nits (i.e clothes, towels, bed linen and brushes) in hot water and detergent, or have them drycleaned.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

This Wednesday in the staff room, starting at 7.00pm. All welcome.

## Happy Hour

"Happy Hour" is being held this Friday afternoon.

For Happy Hour the children are invited to bring non-valuable toys and games from home, excluding electronic or battery powered ones. Skate boards, scooters and roller blades are not allowed. Games must stay in the classroom until Happy Hour.

Everything brought to school is the child's responsibility. While we will do our best to ensure games and toys brought to school for Happy Hour are looked after safely, the school will not be accountable for damage or loss.

*From the PTA*

## TWILIGHT FAIR – GIFT BASKET ITEM

As part of our Twilight Fair, Miss Wright and Miss Smith are organising our Gift Basket Stall. Between now and the end of the term we are asking families to send to school some **NEW ITEMS** that you have stored at home, in your bathroom, bedroom or pantry, which are unwanted by you. Some suggestions are **new** but unwanted toiletries, beauty products, gardening products, baby articles, children's stocking fillers etc. Items will be wrapped in baskets for the stall. Please could you bring your items to school in a plastic bag marked 'gift basket items' and leave in your classroom 'donations box', remembering to show your teacher first so that you receive house points for your donation.

## DONUT & MUFTI DAY

Enjoy a Donut & Drink for morning tea next Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup> September). A separate notice and order form has been sent home today - please note that as we need to confirm our donut order in advance we need your order **by the end of this week**, so thanks for attending to this straight away.

## DISCO

Wow, what a fun night everyone had on Friday, with what appeared to be 'record numbers' attending our 'Focus On Colour' Disco – we hope you enjoyed yourselves! Our thanks once again to our **generous sponsors – Dave Slessor (Total Focus Property Ltd) and Marg & Tony Parker (FAS Ltd)**.

Have a good week everyone

Regards

Mr T

East City BMX Club  
Howard Hunter Ave, St Johns  
Sunday 20 September 10am - 12pm  
[www.eastcitybmx.com](http://www.eastcitybmx.com)

Riders 4 - 60+ welcome to come and have a look and see what the sport is all about. We would love to see you there or contact Sarah Clinch on 576 1433 or Paul Te Hiko on 537 1454 for more information.