

Monday 22 February 2010

Newsletter 04/10

Dear parents

Upcoming Board of Trustees Elections

In the next few weeks an opportunity to stand for election on to the School Board of Trustees will be advertised.

We encourage everyone to consider whether being part of the Schools Governing group is something you would like to do.

This is a great opportunity to take an active and positive part in the life of the school. Nominations will be called for around the 15th of March. Once nominations close there will be the opportunity to vote for those standing for election with the final count taking place on the 7th of May. In order to ensure some continuity Botany Downs School holds elections every year and a half with half of the positions being made available each time. This means that at this year's election there will be 3 positions available for election.

If you have a passion for seeing Botany Downs School continue to thrive you need to consider standing for the Board.

Richard Swears on behalf of the BOT.

School Road Patrol Crossing/Car Parking

A reminder that **everyone** must stand behind the line until the children holding the signs have checked that the road is safe and have called "Cross Now". Please do **not** attempt to cross the road at any time when the children have their arms up. This either means they have opened the signs and are checking the way is safe or they are about to close the signs. The road patrol is there for your safety, and all are expected to use the official crossing.

A reminder that there is no car parking on any yellow lines.

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special certificates at this Friday morning's assembly, starting at 9.10am. Parents, we would love to see you! This week's assembly is being organised and run by Room 18: **Grace Adams, Matthew Barker, Riley Brotherton, Jacob Bunn, Jake Clements, Elise Conway, William Holland, Kyle Jonson, Nathan Leggatt, Aaron Li, Vincent Liu, Kevashan Moodley, Ben Parker, Lauren Price, Seth Prince, Ella Woodford, Leroy Tito, Jemma Vickers.**

Condolences

Staff would like to extend our condolences to the Hartnoll family on the tragic loss of Logan over the weekend.

Our thoughts are with you.

Values

At present we are emphasizing the value of "Courtesy". The following children have been selected by their teachers because they are demonstrating our current Value. They will be congratulated at this week's assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor:

Victor Li, Cory Melville, Tiffany Human, Kye Wood, Sally Park, Bryan Mosheim, Jack Brown, Holly Marshall, Leroy Tito, Josh Tillson, Ellery Martin, Ethan Prince, Daniel Muir and Ben Parker.

Ice blocks and Mufti Day

Don't forget that tomorrow the PTA is running an Iceblocks and Mufti Day.

Building Programme

Work has begun on the building of Rooms 22 and 23.

Yummy Stickers

Botany Downs School collects Yummy fruit stickers every year to redeem in September for sports equipment. Yummy Stickers can be found on apples and stone fruit. Every class has a sheet to put the stickers on and there is a competition each term to see which class can collect the most. Good Luck!

Margaret Cotman

Happy Hour

We are having "Happy Hour" this week on Friday.

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.

Important Dates This Term

<i>Wednesday 24-26 Feb</i>	Eight staff away at ICT Conference (ICT = Information & Communication Technology)
<i>Friday 26 February</i>	Happy Hour
<i>Monday 1 March</i>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 2 March</i>	Year 4-6 Swimming Sports Religious Education starts
<i>Tuesday 9 March</i>	Skylab at school for Y1-2
<i>Wednesday 10 March</i>	Y3-4 classes going to Stardome
<i>Friday 12 March</i>	Y5-6 classes going to Stardome Year 1-3 Aqua Fun afternoon
<i>Tuesday 16 March</i>	Inter School Swimming Sports
<i>Wednesday 17 March</i>	Parent Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm
<i>Thursday 18 March</i>	Parent Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm
<i>Thursday 1 April</i>	Last Day of Term 1

Have a good week everyone

Regards

Mr T



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.