

Monday 8 February 2010

Newsletter 02/10

Dear parents

Bought Lunches

These are available from this Thursday 11th February. We offer bought lunches on Thursday and Friday only.

Parent Interviews

Our interviews are set down for *Wednesday 17 March (3.20pm-5.00pm)* and *Thursday 18 March (3.20pm-8.00pm)*. A separate notice will come home giving further information about parent interviews in a couple of weeks, but in the meantime you might like to make a note of the dates.

School Donations

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Board of Trustees has set our school donation at **\$190 per child for the year**.

This is reduced to **\$170** if paid before the end of the first term. The money raised from donations is spent for the benefit of all children.

Donations may be paid by instalment if you wish, or by automatic deductions (speak to Tania in the office about this). We have Eftpos and credit card facilities at school for those who wish to pay in this manner.

Thank you to all who have already made a contribution.

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 (Friday 9.10am) and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor: *Samuel Vincent, Milly Chase, Demika Sookanathan, Joanne Gee, Jessica Robinson, Pauline Pechorin, Rogan Long, Jessica Gan.*

Stationery

Most children now have their stationery packs, although we know some packs were short of a couple of items. We're working on this!

I'd like to say a big "THANK YOU" to the staff and parents who so kindly helped staff issue packs last week. We really appreciate your efforts.

School Road Patrol Crossing/Car Parking

Now that we are back into the swing of things a reminder about the school crossing.

The crossing is for **everyone** to use, including parents, so *please use the crossing!*

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. Parking officers from the Manukau Council are now patrolling all schools in the area, and issuing on the spot tickets to cars parked illegally near schools.

Property Developments

Several projects will be underway in the coming weeks:

1. The first of these is the building of two new classrooms (Numbers 22 and 23) adjacent to Room 21. Work will hopefully begin shortly.
2. We are constructing a shade sail over the sandpit next to the Junior playground
3. Plans are also well underway for a new caretakers shed, incorporating a PTA storage area.

Our School Timetable

8.55am	Classes begin (everyone needs to be at school no later than 8.55am please)
10.40am	Interval
11.00am	Classes resume
12.30pm	Lunch break
1.30pm	Afternoon classes begin
2.45pm	Reflection time
3.00pm	Classes finish for the day

From the PTA

The first PTA meeting of the year is tonight, 7.30pm in the staffroom.

ALL WELCOME!

We'd love to see you.

Important Dates This Term

<i>Tonight</i>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Friday 12 February</i>	First school assembly at 9.10am
<i>Wednesday 17 February</i>	Meet the Teacher Afternoon BOT 7.00pm
<i>Thursday 18 February</i>	Meet the Teacher Afternoon
<i>Monday 1 March</i>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 2 March</i>	Year 4-6 Swimming Sports Religious Education starts
<i>Friday 12 March</i>	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

Community Notices

HOWICK PLUNKET BABY FAIR

Saturday 6th March

10am - 12 noon

Howick Recreation Centre

(further details: www.howickplunket.org.nz)