

**Monday 1 March 2010**

**Newsletter 05/10**

Dear parents

**Parent Interviews**

Our first round of parent interviews is fast approaching. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 17 March and Thursday 18 March. A separate parent interview request form is coming home today.

Please return this by **Thursday**. Thank you.

*PTA Meeting Tonight  
7.30pm  
Staff Room  
All Welcome*

**House Leaders**

Congratulations to the following senior children, who have been selected as our **House Leaders** for 2010:

**Blake House**

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Captain	<i>Vicki Mosheim</i>	<i>Ben Smith</i>
Vice captain	<i>Amelia Paton</i>	<i>Vincent Liu</i>

**Sheppard House**

Captain	<i>Siobhan Bishop</i>	<i>Nathan Brown</i>
Vice captain	<i>Hayley Anderson</i>	<i>Travis Conway</i>

**Hillary House**

Captain	<i>Fang Fei Tham</i>	<i>Niraant Trilokekar</i>
Vice captain	<i>Gabrielle Weon</i>	<i>Samuel Watt</i>

**Batten House**

Captain	<i>Ashleigh Jones</i>	<i>Jacob Bunn</i>
Vice captain	<i>Sally Park</i>	<i>Sebastian Monroe</i>

**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, as always, you are very welcome. This week's assembly is being organised and run by Room 21: *Mitchell Borchard, Yuan Chen, Anish Edekar, Matthew Edmonds, Liam Harrison, Brooke McGregor, Aisha McKay, Beth Osborne, Scott Rarity, Cameron Signal, Miyako Hutton, Anna Simpson* and *Michael Spring*.

**School Wiki**

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>

## Year 4-6 Swimming Sports

Our Year 4-6 swimming sports are now on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The sports will commence at 9.30 with the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events. We hope to complete these events by 12.30 with morning tea at the usual time of 10.40.

After lunch we will run a programme of fun events, which will be aimed at those who did not take part in the mornings programme. This programme has been planned by our new house leaders with input from the teaching staff.

You are welcome to attend and see how much our swimming has improved as a result of our work with Goggles swimming coaching team. We will need the help of some parents to help run this event. Please see me prior to the commencement of the programme.

*Grant Kibblewhite*

## 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: ***Maddison Osborne, Henry Duckworth, Daniel Huang, Dmitry Nesterenko, Joshua Kao, Brooke McGregor, Simon Payne, Amber Harrison, Corey Thorpe, Jared Wee, Quinn Malone, Hanako Hutton, Kara Elia, Tom Osborne and Radhika Patel.***

## 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 school's 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Coming Up Soon

<i>Tonight</i>	PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 2 March</i>	Religious Education starts
<i>Wednesday 3 March</i>	Year 4-6 Swimming Sports
<i>Tuesday 9 March</i>	Skylab at school for Y1-2
	Kawau Island Camp Meeting 7.00pm
<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
	Dental van at school (until Friday)
<i>Thursday 18 March</i>	Parent Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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