

Monday 8 March 2010

Newsletter 06/10

Dear parents

Problems with the Phones

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, since shortly after the beginning of the term we have been experiencing problems with our phone system. Internal phones haven't worked, we've had no answer phone service, and have had only one line into the school.

I realise this has caused difficulties at times when it has come to parents contacting us. Thank you for your patience.

We have been assured that our phone network will be restored to its former glory in the very near future, as soon as the "vital part" arrives from Australia. (I'm guessing this must be coming by raft).

Busy Times at Botany Downs!

This is shaping as a very busy week:

Tomorrow:

- the "Skylab" will be set up in our hall for Y1-2 children to visit. Parents, feel welcome to call in and have a look!
- our ICT lead teachers, Bridget Smith, Lyndal Lowans and Marie Highley will be away at training all day
- there is a **camp meeting** at 7.00pm in the library for all parents whose children are going on the Y6 Kawai Island camp

On Wednesday:

- the Y3 & Y4 classes will be visiting Stardome
- Elim School will be using the pool for their swimming sports
- our Health & Safety team is receiving catch-up training

On Thursday:

- your interview times should come home

On Friday:

- the Y5 & Y6 classes will be visiting Stardome
- Y1-Y3 are having their Aqua Fun Day, weather permitting

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 2: Oliver Caldwell, Jaden Carr, Jessica Drummond, Josh Ellwood, Kaitlyn Jacob, Maddison Osborne, Ivan Redondo, Christine Redondo, Amy Savory, Sarah Swears, Joshua Zhu, Joshua Wang McCarthy, Jack Brown, Alexia Brown, Jackson Hiku, Nicholas Barker and Huda Sahib**

Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to **Erika Whiteley** (Room 19) and **Rubin Whiteley** (Room 4), who both won Gold Medals at the Northland Shitokai Open (Karate) yesterday. A fantastic effort! WELL DONE both of you!

Scholastic Books

Issue 2: the last day for ordering is this Thursday 11 March.

Parent Interviews

Interviews will be held next week on **Wednesday 17 March** and **Thursday 18 March**. Your interview times will come home later this week.

Values

Our new Value is “Respect”- respect for ourselves, and for others.

The following children have been selected by their teachers because they have been “caught” demonstrating our school values. They will be congratulated at this week’s assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor:

For showing courtesy and good manners: *Alexi Lambly, Dallas Harvey, Sophie Sumner, Alysha Keegan, Samantha Cooper, Ethan Saptoe, Mikaela Keegan, Alexander Buys.*

For showing respect: *Marnus Loots, Emily Speed, Kaitlyn Grinder.*

Board of Trustees Elections

We encourage everyone to consider whether being part of the school’s governing group is something you would like to do.

Nomination forms are being posted out late this week. 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.

Coming Attractions

<i>Tomorrow</i>	Skylab at school for Y1-2 Kawau Island Camp Meeting 7.00pm (library). All parents of Y6 children are invited.
<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
<i>Tuesday 23- Thursday 25 March</i>	Year 5s at Sonshine Ranch

Have a good week everyone

Regards

Mr T

Helping Your Child to Read

*Did you know that reading experts tell us that children’s reading improves significantly the more they **read** for recreation at **home**?*

*Get your children into the “reading habit”. Encourage them to read in bed for 20 minutes or more **every** night before lights out.*

Read to your child every day.

*Buy **books** as presents!*