

Monday 26 April 2010

Newsletter 11/10

Dear parents

Teachers' Union Meeting

A reminder that there is a teachers' union meeting planned for next **Tuesday 4 May** at **2.30pm**. Many teachers from other schools will be attending a meeting in our hall.

Parents are asked to collect their children if at all possible at **2.00pm** on the 4th May. Staff members will be on hand to supervise children who remain at school, but it will not be possible to provide normal programmes for the last hour that day.

Please see the separate notice coming home today.

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 very welcome. This week's assembly is being organised and run by **Room 6**, and the **Hillary House** leaders: *Lusche Singh, Caitlin Perkins, Sophie Sumner, Iris Wu, Nathan Poole, James Long, Keegan Carragher, Jessie Du Preez, Rui Lin Zhang, Yvette Redondo, Jordan Kanon, Nicole Whitehead, Paige Foster, Rebecca Barlow, Gabriel Weon.*

Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to **Jordan Dheda**. At prize giving last week, he received Most Improved Player of the season from Howick Pakuranga Cricket Club

Winter Uniform

We are moving into winter uniforms. Please note that:

- White sneakers are **not** part of either our winter or summer uniforms. The correct footwear in winter is **plain black shoes** please.
- The uniform shop is situated in the hall, and opens every Thursday morning at 8.30am.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 children arrived back safe and sound-and very tired-just before 5.00pm on Friday. During the week the children tramped, abseiled, learnt about orienteering, sailed and kayaked.

I'd like to thank the parents who gave up a week to accompany the children, and make special mention of the four teachers who organised and ran the camp so well, *Lyndal Lowans, Amanda Foot, Grant Kibblewhite* and *Su Price*.

Road Safety

As many parents will know, when leaving the "drop off" zone in the morning drivers can only turn left. This was brought in late last year on the recommendation of the police in order to improve traffic flow and safety.

Unfortunately, old habits die hard for some, who are turning left, driving a short distance and then attempting u turns!

This holds up the traffic and creates a hazard further down the street.

A reminder that, rather than do this, we prefer you to continue on, turn left into Kurnell, and left again onto Botany Rd. In fact, locals say it is easier to access Botany Rd from Kurnell than it is from Mirrabooka. Thanks for your assistance with this one.

Values Programme

Our new Value is "Responsibility". The following children have been selected by their teachers for demonstrating this quality. They will be congratulated at this week's assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor: **Billy Ryoo, Kylie Franckass, Jayden Fillet, Jenna De Wild, Farah Soltani, Jack Cowan, Luke McKay.**

Scholastic Book Orders

Final day for ordering is Monday 3 May.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday 28 April	Choir rehearsal
Monday 3 May	Soccer Field Day
	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Tuesday 4 May	Teachers' Meeting at 2.30pm
Wednesday 5 May	Sausage Sizzle and Mufti

From Your PTA

Balloon Day Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day NEXT WEDNESDAY

'Balloon Day' is the Asthma Foundation's annual asthma awareness and fundraising campaign. Asthma Awareness Week, including Balloon Day, runs from 3 to 9 May inclusive. We are holding a special 'Balloon Day Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day' next Wednesday 5th May, to show our continued support for the Hartnoll Family and the Asthma Foundation. A separate notice has been sent home today, with more details. We look forward to your support on this day. If you are able to help with blowing up balloons on Tuesday 4th and/or with cooking sausages on Wednesday 5th, please fill in relevant section on the order form. Any queries, please contact **Maree Biland** phone 537-6037.

Entertainment Book Fundraising (26th April – 10th May)

The 20010/11 Entertainment Book is available now and it is the best book ever, with hundreds of 25-50% off and 2-for-1 offers at popular restaurants, attractions, accommodation, events etc! Again, **Botany Downs Primary School** will be raising funds by selling the Entertainment Book. Selling for \$65, we receive \$13 from every book sold! You also benefit, because the **savings you make** from using a **couple of vouchers** is all that is needed to re-coup the cost of the book, and you will go on to enjoy **significant savings** from there!

One book has been sent home to each family today. We would like every family to make the effort to sell one book, most families are keen to purchase one for themselves, or have a friend or family member who would like the book. Of course, if you would **like additional copies, we can organize this** – please complete the re-order form enclosed and return to school asap. Any queries, please contact **Aroha Bishop** by email bishops5@xtra.co.nz or phone **537-4799**.



PS: Why not give Mum the **Mothers Day Card** she will use all year - buy her the **brand new 20010/2011 Entertainment Book** and she will receive valuable offers on everything she loves ... dining, movies, travel and much more! Remember, extra copies can be ordered for 'all the Mums in your family' and will be sent home well in advance of Mothers Day on 9th May.

Have a great week everyone

Regards

Mr T