

Monday 3 May 2010

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Dear parents

Teachers' Union Meeting

The teachers' union meeting is **tomorrow afternoon**. Most teachers will be attending.

Only those children whose parents have sent back the return slip indicating they will be leaving school at 2.00pm will be going home at that time.

Children whose parents returned a slip saying they wanted their child to stay at school will be supervised by staff not attending the meeting.

In cases where we have not received a return slip, the children will stay at school until 3.00pm.

- The KiwiKidz after school programme will run as usual
- The school bus will operate at the normal time (3.20pm)

Please note that children will not be permitted to leave the school grounds at 2.00pm, and will be expected to stay in class, unless we have heard otherwise from you.

Board of Trustees Elections

At the close of nominations for the recent Board of Trustees elections we had received three nominations.

As the number of vacancies requiring to be filled was also three I am happy to declare the following duly elected to the Board of Trustees for the next three years: ***Tony Parker, Richard Swears and Alan Topham.***

Graeme Brown
Returning Officer

PTA Meeting

There is a PTA meeting tonight. Staff room at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME!

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 13**, and the **Sheppard House** leaders: ***Jacob Sprague, Wyatt Clark, Marshall Topham, Mia Ivill, Talia Rumbold, Jessy Leigh Harvett, Kody Jelavich-Taumata, Mina Celik-Alvis, Samuel White, Jason Perng, Joshua Tillson, Amy Chase, Ryan Fletcher, Abigail Fritsch, Fang Fei Tham, Jacinta Hanscamp, Nathan Clark, Georgia Manning and Louise Franks.****

Mathletics

Our school is trialling the Mathletics Programme for two weeks from Monday 5th May until Monday 19th May. This is an interactive e-Learning resource that helps students enjoy Mathematics and improve their results.

Look out for the letter in your child's bag today which gives them a user name and password. We encourage you to spend time looking at the programme with your child to gain the greatest benefit for your child.

(Sandra Johnston, Maths Leader)

Our Children are Superstars!

On Easter weekend *Chelsea Coleman-Te Hiko* and *Cameron Jago* both completed in the BMX Nationals at Pukekohe. Chelsea is now ranked NZ4 from 14 for the 10 year girls and Cameron is ranked NZ23 from 47 in the 10 year boys. Congratulations to both of you!

Values Programme

Our current 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: *Kees McKay, Courtney Behm, Beth Osborne, Nicholas Barker, Madison McBreen, Oliver Simpson, Mia Ivill, Scott Rarity, Celeste Lane, Denzil O'Shannessy, Ethan Valentine.*

Kapa Haka group

Kia ora tatou. Botany Downs School is keen to start a Kapa haka Group. It will be offered to all children from Year 2 and above, with the opportunity to be part of a kohunga festival with other local schools later in the year. If you have any suggestions, would like to help, or can provide us with any assistance we would love to hear from you. Contact Kylee Holmes 535 0590 kyleeandstephen@slingshot.co.nz

Coming Attractions

<i>Today</i>	Soccer Field Day PTA 7.30pm
<i>Tuesday 4 May</i>	Teachers' Meeting in afternoon. Normal classes finish at 2.00pm.
<i>Wednesday 5 May</i>	Sausage sizzle and mufti day. Wear Red!

From Your PTA

BALLOON DAY 'SAUSAGE SIZZLE & MUFTI' this Wednesday!

Our special 'sausage sizzle and mufti day' fundraiser this week is in support of the **Asthma Foundation** and the **Hartnoll Family**. **Wear something RED** on this day and enjoy a sausage and drink for lunch. **Balloons** will be given out at the end of the day for children to bring home. **Colouring competition sheets** should be sent back to school and we will display them on the day, then post in one bulk lot to the Asthma Foundation. A BIG thank you to all the large number of people who have offered to help with blowing up balloons on Tuesday and on the actual day – we appreciate it! Any queries, please phone Maree 537-6037.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

A book was sent home to each family last week. Well done to the large number of you who have already sold your book and returned payment. Selling for \$65, **\$13 from every book sold** is kept by our school. **DO YOU REALISE** that at just \$65, you only have to use the Entertainment Book a couple of times and it's paid for itself – and from there you will go on to enjoy significant savings. Remember to ask friends, family, neighbours, co-workers etc if they have seen the "great new Entertainment Book" – a huge number of people purchase the Entertainment book now, so we would like them to purchase their books through us! Let them look through your copy. If you have any further queries, or would like to order extra books, please contact Aroha Bishop on 537-4799 or speak with Trish in the office.

Have a great week everyone

Regards

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