

**Monday 14 June 2010**

**Newsletter 18/10**

Dear parents

**End of Term**

A reminder that the last day of this term is **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. This is because on the Friday we are having a teacher only day to look at our new school curriculum, and continue working on implementing the National Standards.

**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), which is being organised by Room 1 and the leaders of Batten House. Parents very welcome: *Taryn Douglas, Gerry Gan, Mitchell Douglas, Dallas Harvey, Justin Wolmarans, Mark Moselen, Cadence Jowers-Wilding, Tomas Johnston-Oldham, Radhika Patel, Henry Duckworth, Stephen Vercoe, Ruth Taylor, Kali Dent, Kristy Bonnington, Tanvi Naik, Samantha Morton, Alysha Keegan, Michael Tohovaka and Ashley Fenning.*

**Our School Goals and Beliefs**

As part of developing our school curriculum to align it with the new NZ Curriculum, staff and Board members have over recent months been looking at our school's goals and beliefs. In draft form, these are:

**Our School Goals**

- 1. To provide a safe, challenging environment to meet the needs of all children*
- 2. To strive for excellence, placing special emphasis upon literacy and numeracy, and catering for individual needs*
- 3. To encourage confidence and self esteem within a caring environment*
- 4. To promote a strong partnership between the school and our community*
- 5. To encourage our children to take increasing responsibility for their own learning*
- 6. To provide opportunities to experience activities outside the classroom*
- 7. To foster a sense of pride in belonging to Botany Downs School*
- 8. To model our school's personal values (as espoused through our "Values" programme)*

**Our School Beliefs**

- 1. We will respect individuality and cultural diversity*
- 2. We will foster independence and encourage lifelong learning.*
- 3. We will support each other.*
- 4. We will value family and social involvement*
- 5. We will respect ourselves, others, property and the environment*

If you would like to comment upon any of the above, or have suggestions to make, please write to Mr T or email [principal@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:principal@botanydowns.school.nz)

**Music Festival**

The performance evenings are Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at Point View School, Kilkenny Drive starting at 7:30pm.

Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket – these are limited and usually sell out quickly.

## Sports News

The Netball field day was held last Thursday at Lloyd Elsmore with the Y6 A Team and Y5 Team participating. The girls had an enjoyable day with the A Team winning 5 out of 7 games and the Y5 team winning 6 out of 7 games. They all displayed good sportsmanship and we were very proud of them all.

*Sharlet Naidoo*

## Kiwikidz

As parents probably know, Kiwikidz runs before and after school care every school day, and it is very popular. It would be appreciated if children not involved in Kiwikidz could scoot home straight after school rather than hanging around playing in the junior and senior playgrounds. This will make managing the large numbers of children staying on for the after school programme much easier. Thank you.

## Pub Charity

Grateful thanks to Pub Charity for the donation of \$7,000 towards the shade sail over the Junior School's sandpit.

## Values Programme

Our current Value is "Honesty". 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: *Kalib Hands, Rafe Clark, Kevashan Moodley, Jaxon Perkins, Allan Yu, Seth Prince, Rebecca Payne, Olivia Rhodes, Georgia Tane.*

## *From Your PTA*

### Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day

Wear mufti (ie: non-uniform clothes) and enjoy a sausage and drink for lunch next **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. A separate notice has been sent home today. Orders to be returned by the end of the week and we appreciate you sending the correct change. Our thanks to Dave Slessor (Total Focus Property Ltd) for, once again, sponsoring this sausage sizzle.

### 'Amazing Space' DISCO!

We are having a school disco next week on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June (6.30pm – 9pm)**, being held in the school hall. Come along dressed in your creative **'space' outfits!** Entry is \$4 per child or \$6 per family. Drinks, iceblocks, chips and some confectionery will be available for sale on the night, along with lucky dips, glow sticks and face painting. The hall will be supervised, but parents are most welcome to stay – complimentary tea/coffee will be provided. Children must be collected by a parent at the door by 9pm (please don't be late). We encourage parents of younger children to pick them up earlier. If you can help with face painting or with decorating the hall from 1pm on Friday afternoon, please contact Aroha Bishop – phone 5374799 or email [bishops5@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bishops5@xtra.co.nz). Our thanks to Dave Slessor (Total Focus Property Ltd) and Tony & Marg Parker (FAS Fine Art Supplies) for their generous support in sponsoring our disco.

### Entertainment Book Fundraising

This fundraiser has now finished, and we thank those families who showed their support by buying books for themselves and/or selling to others. Over 154 books were sold this year, an increase on last year's figure, which resulted in over \$2000 raised! An extra special thanks to Teagan Hack and family who were our best selling family this year, with 7 books sold!

### Ready, Steady, Cook ... Botany Downs School!

The PTA has decided to create a Recipe Book as a fundraiser for the school. We are planning a fabulous book, complete with the best of recipes from your own kitchen, combined with some wonderful artwork from your children! The book will be put together over the coming months, and will be ready for sale at the beginning of Term 4. Watch for a more detailed notice coming home later this week. In the meantime, start thinking of your favourite 'tried and true' recipes which you can submit. We are excited about this project and hope for some great support from our school community. Any queries, please contact Sally Sumner – phone 5344463 or email [sally.paul@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sally.paul@xtra.co.nz)

### PTA Meeting tonight

The PTA is meeting **tonight** in the staffroom at 7.30pm – all welcome.

Mr T