

Monday 28 June 2010

Newsletter 20/10

Dear parents

End of Term

Remember that we finish on **Thursday this week.**

Term Certificates

Congratulations to all the following children, who will receive their special term certificates at this Thursday morning's assembly (starting at 9.10am), which is being organised by Room 15 and the leaders of Sheppard House. Parents very welcome: *Daniel Kanon, Mikaela Keegan, Emily Speed, Stevie Wood, Emily Taylor, Pauline Pechorin, Ruby Willetts, William Holland, Holly Marshall, Gloria Oh, Rosie Salt, Kiana Hania, Alexia Brown, Olivia Park, Joshua Ealam, Logan Cardoza, Cassie Vickers, Caitlyn Lochore* and *Quinn Malone*.

School Choir

Congratulations to our School Choir! Last week the choir performed brilliantly at the Music Festival on Wednesday and Thursday nights. WELL DONE! Special thanks go to our choir trainers Lynne Anderson, Jenny Blake and Elizabeth Thomas.

Maths Books and School Reports

Your child's Maths book should come home today, as part of the process of keeping you in touch with how things are going.

Every child will bring home a mid year "Progress Report" on **Thursday**. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the format has changed as we are modifying what we do to try to come into line with the government's new National Standards and Reporting to Parents expectations.

An explanation sheet will be enclosed with the reports to help parents gain a better understanding of what they mean.

Parent Interviews

Our parent interviews are in Week 2 next term (Wednesday 28 July and Thursday 29 July). A form came home last Monday on which you could indicate your preferred interview times. Please return this tomorrow, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Dance Group

We have a dance group performing at **Cirque de la Dance** (Elim Christian College on Botany Road) on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th August. You can purchase Dance tickets from the Botany Downs school office now. Adults \$8 and children \$5. Children need to have tickets as there are allocated seats and safety requirements.

Thank you, *Bridget Smith*

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: *Vyharie Sriravindrarajah, Archie Manning, Sheldon Seaman, Jessy-Leigh Harvett, Nathan Sprague*.

Our Children are Superstars!

Congratulations to the following children:

- **Ish Kadakia** (Room 22, Year 5). Ish has received 1 Silver Medal and 1 Bronze Medal in this year's New Zealand Modern School of Music Competition, a fantastic effort.
- **Nicole Meyer** (Year 6) competed in the ZM 91.0 Aerobic Classic Series 2 (2010) on Saturday and did exceptionally well. She got two first places, one for her individual performance and one for her trio performance. This is a four series competition with the grand final in August. The first series was held in May and she achieved a second place for her individual effort. Way to go Nicole!

School Disco

Thank you to our PTA for organising another amazingly successful school disco on Friday night. It was great to see so many children and parents there. Well done all involved.

From Your PTA

SCHOOL RECIPE BOOK

The PTA is planning a fabulous book, complete with the best of recipes from your own kitchen, combined with some wonderful artwork from your children. A notice with more details went home two weeks ago, asking for recipe donations via our PTA wiki space – please visit www.botanydowns.wikispaces.com/pta to download a template in MS Word format, which you can type onto and send back by email.

Recipes should be sent by email (no handwritten recipes please) to Sally Sumner – sally.paul@xtra.co.nz – or if you have any further queries, contact Sally by email or phone 534 4463.

Office hours in the holidays

The office will be closed from Friday 2nd July up to and including Tuesday 13 July.

The office will be *open* on Wednesday 14 July, Thursday 15 July and Friday 16 July, from 9.00am until 1.00pm, and will reopen on Monday 19 July.

The uniform shop will be open Thursday 15 July 10.30-11.30am, Monday 19 July 8.30am – 9.30am and then Thursday 22 July 8.30am -9.30am.

NOTICES

Family Film Evening: Moses and the Ten Commandments

When- *Saturday 17th July, 7-9pm*

Where- *Pakuranga Baptist Church
Freemantle Place off Ti Rakau Drive
Free entry, popcorn provided*

Have a great holiday everyone

Mr T

REMEMBER THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY

NEXT TERM BEGINS ON MONDAY 19 JULY