

Monday 19 July 2010

Newsletter 21/10

Dear parents

Welcome back to school everyone. This term promises to be another busy one.

Among the highlights are our trips to the museum starting on Wednesday, parent interviews next week, ICAS competitions, the annual Dance Festival, our dance evenings, a "Dads' Breakfast", and of course our cross country day in Week 7.

This term is ten weeks long and finishes on *Friday 24 September*.

Reporting to Parents: Parent Interviews

On the last day of term you should have received a *midyear report* on your child's progress. If there is anything you wish to discuss regarding this report jot down your thoughts and bring them along to the parent interviews next week.

Your confirmed interview times are coming home tomorrow. If you do not receive an interview time and would like one, please get in touch with the school office tomorrow morning.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children are invited to take part in their interviews.

Contact Details

From time to time we need to speak to a child's parents urgently, and occasionally we find that phone numbers have changed, and we can't make contact. Please make sure that the school office has your latest contact details in case of an emergency.

TOUCH at Botany Downs Primary School

Every year Botany Downs Primary School has a number of touch teams entered in the Eastern Junior Touch Competition. This competition is held in the 4th term, on a Sunday afternoon at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Last year we had 2 U7 teams (mixed boys and girls), 3 U9 boys, 1 U9 girls, 2 U11 boys, 1 U11 girls, 1 U13 Boys and 1 U13 Girls teams. This was only possibly due to a number of dedicated parents who helped as coaches and managers.

This year we would again like to enter as many teams as possible in this competition. For this we need a number of COACHES and MANAGERS! If you are interested in either coaching or managing a team this year, please can you contact Birgit Rahm (birgit@orcon.net.nz, Tel: 535 3552 or 021 104 0951), before 26th July 2010. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in their children's sport. No experience necessary!

Next week an enrolment form for players will go home on Monday 26th July 2010. Enrolment can only be guaranteed if there are enough coaches and managers.

Children's Absences

If your child is away, please remember to ring the school office and let us know. The office is open from 8.00am, but prior to that you can leave a message on the answer phone service.

A reminder that children must stay at home if they are unwell.

Class Shift: Mrs Fernandes and her Y4 group have shifted into Room 21 from Room 18.

No Assembly

No school assembly this week.

Museum Trips

A separate notice went home to all families about these trips last term.

Could all children on the day of their museum trip bring their lunch in a plastic bag (rather than in a lunch box) and a drink bottle as we have limited storage space to store bags at the museum.

The dates on which classes are going to the museum are as follows:

<i>Wednesday 21 July</i>	<i>Rooms 4, 7, 8 and 11</i>
<i>Thursday 22 July</i>	<i>Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 9</i>
<i>Friday 23 July</i>	<i>Rooms 16, 17, 19 and 20</i>
<i>Monday 26 July</i>	<i>Rooms 21, 22, 23 and 13</i>
<i>Tuesday 27 July</i>	<i>Rooms 12, 14 and 15</i>

Road Patrol

A parent is required for Wednesday morning Road patrol. If you are able to offer your services please contact Caroline Henderson at BDS (Road Patrol Coordinator)

School Wiki

Remember: If you are looking for safe websites for your child to use at home on maths, English, topics and internet search engines, go to: <http://botanydowns.wikispaces.com>

From Your PTA

SCHOOL RECIPE BOOK ... MORE RECIPES NEEDED by next Friday!!

We are making steady progress, but the secret ingredient for success with this project is YOU and while we have had quite a number of recipes submitted to date, **WE STILL NEED MANY MORE!**

Our deadline for the collecting of recipes is next **FRIDAY 30th JULY**, so please read the separate notice sent home today with details on how to submit your recipe and ensure you get these to us by next Friday. If you do not have internet access please phone Sally (534 4463) to discuss an alternative way of submitting your recipe. Remember, we would like **ALL FAMILIES to submit a recipe or two**, you don't have to be a budding 'Master Chef' to provide a recipe, just make sure it is a proven favourite – even if it's your only one! This is going to be a fabulous book, with great recipes from your own kitchen combined with some wonderful artwork from your children – you're going to love it!

WHAT ELSE IS ON THIS TERM?

Chocolate Fundraising – beginning Wednesday 4th August

Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day – Wednesday 11th August

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 3rd September

Donut & Mufti Day – Wednesday 22nd September

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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