

Monday 26 July 2010

Newsletter 22/10

Dear parents

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews are being held *this week* on Wednesday (3.20pm-5.00pm) and Thursday (3.20pm-8.00pm).

On both days, school will finish at 3.00pm as usual.

We need to keep to the ten minute time limit please, as if we get behind in one room it has repercussions for other classrooms and parents. If you feel there is more to discuss at the end of the interview, please make another appointment time to meet with your child's teacher.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Calling all Five Year Olds!

If you have a child turning five either this year or next, please let Trish in the office know. Thank you.

Values

Our new Value is showing consideration. The following children will be acknowledged at our assembly on Friday: *Mia Peters, Abbie Godkin-Wilson, Devarnya Govender, Stephen Vercoe, Bhavna Mandri, Jemma Lewis, Lucas Cook.*

McCAIN School Veggie Patches Promotion

BDS is now registered for the McCAIN School Veggie Patches promotion. This is a promotion that works in a similar way to our Yummy Sticker collection. If we collect barcodes from McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato packs then we can post them in and gain points that can be redeemed for garden equipment for the school (seeds, soil etc.).

The vegetable barcodes that are valid are from:

- All McCAIN frozen vegetable 1kg, 1.2kg and 2kg packs (worth 10 points)
- All McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g and 800g packs (worth 5 points)

We will collect barcodes in TERM 3 only. Barcodes can be put into a labelled container by the house point boxes before school. (*Margaret Cotman*)

Scholastic Books: Orders close on Thursday this week.

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 9 and the leaders of Blake House. Parents very welcome: *Quinn Miller, Seth Gibson, Joanne Gee, Huda Mahadi, Daniel du Preez, Rafe Clark, Olivia Ellis, Zoe Arthur, Jenna de Wild, Nathan Brown, Rose Zheng, Olivia Rhodes, Cassie Vickers and Kendyl Anderson*

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>

Cross Country Practices

Our School Cross Country Day is set down for **Tuesday 31 August**.

All classes have begun training (when the weather permits! There is a fair bit of dodging of raindrops going on!). The expectations of each syndicate regarding cross country training, and practice times, are:

Years 0 - 3

We would like every child to participate in every training session as this gives children the best opportunity to improve their fitness.

Years 0 – 2 will practise every day at 1:30pm. If the field is too wet to use, we will be taking a brisk walk around the block to begin to build fitness. The children will be closely supervised and no roads are crossed on this circuit. When we are able to run on the field, the children will need to bring old shoes to run in please.

Year 3 will practise on Tuesday from 1.35-2.05pm and Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.05-9.35 am. We would like all Year 3 children to bring running shoes, shorts and a t-shirt (school sports uniform - green shorts and t-shirt) to every practice.
(Elizabeth Thomas, syndicate leader)

Year 4 Tuesday 1.35 - 2.05pm (during syndicate sport)
 Wednesday and Thursday 9.05 - 9.35am

Year 5 & 6 Monday and Wednesday 10.10 - 10.40am
 Friday 1.45 – 2.15pm (during syndicate sport)

All Year 4-6 students **must** bring a change of clothes to run in (PE gear with shorts, a T shirt and proper running shoes) as they may get wet or muddy.

Any students not able to take part require a letter from parents. Thank you.

Touch

Registration forms for touch are coming home today. Please note that registration is not guaranteed unless we have sufficient adult helpers and coaches. We are still looking for coaches for Under 7 teams (mixed), Under 9 girls, Under 11 & 13 (Boys and Girls). If you have any questions regarding registration, coaching or managing a team, please contact: Birgit Rahm: birgit@orcon.net.nz, Tel: 535 3552, or Mob: 021 104 0951.

From Your PTA

LAST WEEK TO SEND YOUR RECIPES!!

Reminding you that **this week is your last chance to submit recipes** for our fundraising recipe book. We want to have recipes from as many of our school community as possible, so please make time to send us your recipe by this **Friday 30th July**. If you are not able to submit your recipe electronically via our PTA wikispace (www.botanydowns.wikispaces.com/pta), contact Sally (534 4463) to discuss an alternative way of getting your recipe to us.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Was due to start next week, but Cadbury are experiencing problems with stock availability, so our start date may be delayed a week or two. We will update you when we have confirmed details.

Have a good week everyone

Regards

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