



Tuesday 13 November 2018

"OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents

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 in the hall: *Louie Yu, Sonny Clements-Goh, Karen Taing, Harmony Hemi, Cameron Burgess, Trystan Herholdt, Jeremiah Valentine, Jason Wang, Max Yang, Reece Parkin, Magda Snyman, Eileen Zhuang, Bhavya Maanvi, Blake Elliott, Kate Sherlock, Jhian Inojales, Theo Parreira, Alexandra Williams, Lucas Liu, Kaiwen Rui, Alexis Jasmin, Meleane Lomu and Yousif Alkhafagi.*

Y3/4 Poetry Recitals

The Middle Syndicate held their annual poetry recital last week.

This year's contestants were outstanding and each a deserved participant.

Our judges this year were Mrs Rivett, Mrs Lamb and Mrs Hatley-Owen and they were all unanimous in their top three.

Third place went to *Blake Lundgren* from room 23

Second place went to *Matthew Palmer* from room 22

FIRST PLACE went to *Alpha Shi* from room 21.

Congratulations to all our winners and participants alike.

Our School Values Programme

Congratulations to the following children who will be acknowledged at our assembly on Friday for showing the value of DETERMINATION: *Joshua Dale, Belle Carson, Kayne Aukett, Naya Abou Hassan, April Clements-Goh, Lachlan Quinn, Olivia Sun, Mollie Zhang, Jade Lundgren, Nokutenda Munyikwa, Ashlan Bratton, Grace Rameka, Jade Gowan, Spike Li, Minnie Yuan, Maanvi Patel, Latu Teu, Maria Uribe, Samuel Kitchen, Kyan Ah Chee-Poole, Kimi Pan and Immani Stubbs.*

Life Education Visit

Over the next 3 weeks all classes will visit Harold the Giraffe and Pamela our Life Education Teacher, in the Life Education Bus for 2 sessions. Our theme this year is mental health and well being and being a kind and caring person. A reminder that the cost is covered by the activity fee. Thank you to all parents who have paid the fee for this year. Kindly pay the fee if you have not done so yet. Please check with the office if in doubt.

Peer Mediators

These Peer Mediators will be receiving their badges at assembly this week:

Silver Badge:

Iris Oliveria, Dora Ni, Kate Sherlock, Jude Clayton, Lachlan MacDonald, Helena Wright, Lara Donaldson

Gold Badge:

Taylin Clegg, Isabelle Cross, Mikayla Wilson, Ashlee Stubenitsky, Elise Perkins, Shanae Watts

Year 6 Farewell Party

Year 6's, remember to start returning your permission slips and money for the Farewell Party on Friday 30th November. Final day for payment and slip return is next Wednesday 21st November. Spare forms located at the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr T

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"A Say from Your PTA"

Fruju Fridays & more!

Each Friday after school you can buy a refreshing ice block, paddle pop or mini pop to cool down in the summer heat. Mini pops are \$1 each and all other iceblocks are \$2 each.

End of Year Raffle

The PTA will be doing an end of year raffle with lots of goodies for a great summer break! If you would like to donate any new items to make this raffle even more amazing, please get in touch with us: friendsofptabds@gmail.com. If the donation comes from your business, we will include your business card or logo on our flyers and in the hamper basket to promote our sponsors. Raffle tickets will go on sale later this term so watch this space for details!

Save the date: Mufti Day - Wednesday 28th November

On Wednesday 28th November, we will be having a mufti day but this time around we are getting into the spirit of the season by donating cans of food and dry goods to the food bank. Mufti means you can wear your own clothes, no school uniform! The cost of the mufti day is a food item (or two if you are feeling generous!) Please can you bring unopened, new items that have more than 3 months left before expiry. There will be no bake sale this term, just the food can drive. The food bank has a list of suggested items including flour, tinned tuna, soap, long-life milk and baked beans. More details will be sent home on a flyer closer to the time but we are providing plenty of notice so that your shopping list can be updated!

New PTA members needed- join us!

We have some long-serving members leaving at the end of the year and are desperate for more PTA members to join us. To be a PTA member, you need to attend at least 4 meetings per year (that is just one a term!) and if you can help to arrange one event per year that would be fantastic. We know how busy everyone is, however many hands make light work! All the funds we raise go directly back to improving the school and resources for our children. If you are able to lend a hand every now and then, please contact friendsofptabds@gmail.com or message us on facebook: Botany Downs Primary PTA.