

5th September 2008

BAJS Notice #1/Michaelmas '08

Dear Parents,

Welcome to an exciting new academic year at Bishop Anstey Junior School. Our calendar of events for **Michaelmas Term 2008** is listed below, with other important dates for your attention. *We trust that you will keep it in a visible and safe place in order to refer to it during the course of the term.*

CLASS MEETINGS WITH PARENTS – Dates and Times

- Forms 5N & 5S Saturday 13th September 2008 – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Forms 4D & 4H Saturday 13th September 2008 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Forms 2J & 2K Monday 15th September 2008 – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Preps 2A, 2D & 2G Tuesday 16th September 2008 – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Forms 1J & 1W Wednesday 17th September 2008 – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Forms 3C & 3M Thursday 18th September 2008 – 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

These meetings are conducted at the start of each new school year to give us the opportunity to meet all parents, hear your views and discuss a number of items that will be important to your child's year in this class. We urge you to make every effort to attend.

Please be advised that parking for these meetings is limited and therefore early arrivals will be allowed to park on the school compound. Kindly be considerate and adhere to the security guards' directions.

NEW STAFF

We welcome Ms. T. Auguste (Prep 2A), Mrs. M. Hee Chung (Form 4H), Ms. N. Joefield and Ms. K. Laurence (Associate Teachers) to the B.A.J.S. family. Ms. C. Rees-Watkins will be substituting for Mrs. A. Oliver during her maternity leave.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 23rd Curriculum Day (half day school). Students should be collected at 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday 24th Republic Day (public holiday) – no school

Saturday 27th P.T.A. Parent social mix and mingle – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. BAJS Hall. Parents are invited to meet other parents from your class in an informal setting. Please feel free to drop by for a while. Details of what you should bring will be given at class meetings.

BAZAAR FUND RAISING WEEK

- ✓ Monday 6th October: Bottle Day
- ✓ Tuesday 7th October: Can Day
- ✓ Wednesday 8th October: Box Day
- ✓ Thursday 9th October: Bran Tub Day (Small Gifts – New)
- ✓ Friday 10th October: Green Day (Money Donations)
- ✓ Friday 10th October: Book Day (Used Books)

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st Nature Service **at school** for Forms 3 to 5. Children are asked to bring offerings of fruit and vegetables.

Thursday 2nd Eid ul Fitr (tentative)

Friday 3rd Nature Service at Christ Church, Cascade at 8:00 a.m. for Preps 1 to Forms 2. Children should be at the church by 7:45 a.m. and parents are invited to attend. Children are asked to bring offerings of fruit and vegetables. These items are later distributed to institutions in the area. This is a regular school day.

Saturday 25th Annual School Bazaar at Lion's Civic Centre, Wrightson Road Extension. Please contact Ms. Jacqueline Hyacenth in the school office to let us know in which area you are willing to assist. We look forward to any and all fresh, vibrant ideas to make this event a fun-filled success.
Barbecue lunch tickets will be available shortly.

Monday 27th Bazaar Holiday – no school

Tuesday 28th Divali (tentative)

NOVEMBER

Saturday 15th B.A.J.S. Alumni Association Parang Fest at B.A.J.S. from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Cost of tickets - \$250.00 each all-inclusive from Ms L. Caracciolo

Thursday 20th
Friday 21st Book Fair in the School Hall

Wednesday 26th Examinations Begin

DECEMBER

Thursday 4th Examinations End

Thursday 11th School closes at 11:15 a.m. Children must be collected promptly. Prep 1 and Prep 2 Reports will be distributed to students.

Tuesday 16th Form 1 to Form 5 Reports to be collected between 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monday 5th January 2009 School re-opens. Full Day School.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
\$200.00 per term
Mr. Earl Stephens (797-2457/350-7761)

CRICKET Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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FOOTBALL Friday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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| CUB SCOUTS | Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. No Charge |
| DANCE | Wednesday 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. starting on 10 th September 2008 \$350.00 per term Mrs. Joanne Declé (637-7649) |
| FOOTBALL | Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$200.00 per term Mr. Brian Smith (633-0484) |
| GYMNASTICS | Monday 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. \$200.00 per term Ms. Yansin Simon (752-4552) |
| KARATE | Monday/Friday 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$200.00 per term Mr. Levi Bruce (777-6448/359-5875) |
| PIANO | Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting on 23 rd September 2008 \$165.00 per term Ms. Ava Hutchinson (632-3238) |
| PIANO | Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Michael White (625-6218) |
| SCHOOL CHOIR SCHOOL ORCHESTRA | Friday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Michael White (625-6218) |
| SWIMMING | Thursday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Beginners Friday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Advanced \$300.00 (includes transportation) <u>to be paid in advance</u> Mrs. Lorraine van Druten (625-6218) |
| CREATIVE WRITING (Forms 1 – 5) | Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. starting on 11th September 2008 \$250.00 per term Ms. Jill Wharton (754-5069) |
| MATHS LESSONS (Forms 4 & 5) | Mondays & Tuesdays 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Melissa Williams (625-6218) |
| HOMEWORK SUPERVISION | Monday to Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mrs. G. Walters, Ms. L. Marks or Mrs. P. Camejo-Jagbir (625-6218) |

DENGUE

We have received some information from Dr. Candace Gomez (parent) regarding dengue. Please note the following pointers which can help reduce concerns:

- ✓ Dengue is a virus spread by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito
- ✓ There are 4 serotypes 1, 2, 3 4
- ✓ The most serious complication is Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (though rare) is due to destruction of blood components that normally prevent bleeding.
- ✓ Please allow your child to stay at home and seek a medical opinion for:
 - Persistent fever >100.4F, >37.5C
 - Constant headache
 - Eye pain
 - Body aches
- ✓ Consider using DEET/OFF on child's clothing as part of preventative mechanism.

SCHOOL FEES

SCHOOL FEES ARE PAYABLE WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF EACH TERM. For security reasons, **payment must be made by Linx, Cheque or Bank Draft, NOT BY CASH.** We urge you to make your payments promptly. Please pay all school fees directly to the Bursar's office.

OTHER REMINDERS

We remind you that while communication between parents and teachers and/or administration is important to us, you are urged to make an appointment where possible. This allows sufficient and appropriate scheduling so as not to take away from valuable teaching time with the children.

Also, please remember that teacher supervision is limited to between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Your co-operation in this regard helps to ensure the safety of your children.

We take this opportunity to thank all parents and well-wishers who have supported our school in 2007 – 2008. We value your feedback, time, expertise and all other areas in which you help us achieve our vision.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership with you this year.

Sincerely,

Tina Schuler (Ms.)
Principal