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BOTANY

FOR THE YOUNGER STUDENT

Botany Downs Primary School
Mirrabooka Avenue, Howick
Monday & Thursday 6.30-7.30

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Hi to you all!
What a year and still not finished yet!
In the New Year I will arrange for Mr Steve Morris to come along and run a sparring lesson at one of our Monday training sessions. I also hope to get some TKD students from other clubs, who are experienced in sparring, to help out on the same evening. This will be a good night and an opportunity to pick up some very useful sparring drills from a black belt who is very accomplished at sparring.

Our grading will be on the 7th of December at Mr Tolly's club at Howick Intermediate School. This is a Tuesday evening so there will be no interruptions to training. This time around there will only be one or two students from our club who are grading. I am pleased that everyone is continuing to train very hard and that you are all improving over time – it will not be long before the April 2005 grading so - stay focussed. If you are not grading please come and support those who are.

Our last training session for this year is **Thursday the 16th December**. Come in mufti and we will have some fun, food and drinks – Mums, Dads and caregivers are all welcome.
Our first training session for 2005 will be **Monday the 17th of January. Remember your patterns over the holidays!**

In the New Year I am going to make some small changes to the club. The first is that we will train until 7.45pm and this will work as follows:
at 7.30pm we will stop and any students that need to leave can bow out and go; anyone who wants to stay for extra training can stay till 7.45pm.

The other change is to the fees:
At present the fees for one person are $35.00 per month x 11 months plus the yearly ITFNZ membership fee of $20.00.

I am going to offer the alternative of automatic payments to the club account at a reduced rate as follows:
Automatic payment for one person of $30.00 per month x 12 months which **includes the yearly $20.00 ITFNZ** membership.
The cost of family fees will also be reduced by $5.00 per option if fees are paid by automatic payment. The reasons I have chosen to introduce automatic payments are that it will save me time and reduce administration therefore I intend to offer this from February 2005. I would encourage you all to switch to this system of payment, as it will save you money over the year. Anyone who still wants to pay by cheque or cash each month is welcome to do so but the reduced rates will not apply. I have included the new fee details on the back of this newsletter, but if anyone has any questions please ask me.

I have recently ordered some new air shields for the club and I am awaiting their delivery eagerly as they have to come from the USA via Martial Arts Apparel. At last we will have some pads that we can kick and punch hard, without hurting the holders.

Dave Butchers