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Dear parents

Commonwealth Games Baton here tomorrow!

Our school is one of only six Auckland schools to have been invited to take part in a very special relay run tomorrow morning.

A baton containing a message from the Queen inviting countries to take part in this year's Commonwealth Games arrived from India at the weekend, and will be delivered to our school tomorrow by children from Howick Primary sometime around 10.45am. It will be accompanied by various dignitaries, including New Zealand double Olympic Swimming gold medallist Danyon Loader. There will be a police escort.

At our school there will be a brief assembly of welcome, and I'm told Danyon Loader will address the children.

A team of our senior children, running in pairs, will then set off to deliver the baton to the next school.

Parents are very welcome to come along and have a look. 10.45am onwards tomorrow.

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. **Parents very welcome:** *Meilin He, Nattalie Panossian, Marcus Tuiasosopo, Kaley Rawlinson, Jack Cowan, Danielle Blackwell, Angteshwer Garcha, Oliver Simpson, Matthew Loh, Celeste Lane, Emily Beach, Emily Driver, Bhavna Mandri, Ethan Valentine, Lori Wolfson, Braden du Plessis.*

Our Children are Superstars!

In the recent prize giving for Mountain Raiders BMX Club, the following children did very well. Congratulations to all of you:

Lucas Boniface 2nd - 6 year olds

Conner Rae 4th - 7 year olds

Cameron Jago 1st, *Brad Elliot* 5th- 9 year olds

Soccer Team

Congratulations to the following children who have made it into the school representative soccer team to play against other schools in the Interschool Soccer Competition.

Jayden Holmes, Cameron Jago, Quinn Miller, Dylan Van Staden, Jordan Dudley-Smith, Colt Salmond, Denzil O'Shannessey, Akash Lingham-Dalzell, Jacob Bunn, Logan Carr, Corrina Rahm, and Chynna Davie.

(Gareth Hayward, soccer coordinator)

Our School Song

Hopefully all parents are aware that we are only too happy to have you come along to our school assemblies-usually held on Friday mornings at 9.10am-to join in the fun and help us celebrate your children's achievements.

Assemblies are run by individual classes, with assistance from the leaders of our four school "Houses".

At our assemblies, many of you will have heard us sing *Ma te Mahi Ka Ora*, which we have adopted as our school song.

*“Rise and shine, it’s a brand new day
Ma te mahi ka ora
We’ve set our goals and we’re on our way
Ma te mahi ka ora”*

We chose this song for several reasons. Not only does it have a catchy tune, and strong chorus line, but the Maori phrase “ma te mahi ka ora” means “through hard work comes fulfilment”. This of course ties in really well with our school motto “**Our Best Always**” (see logo above), and also with our school “Values”.

Values Programme

Our current Value is “Responsibility”. The following children have been selected by their teachers for demonstrating this quality. They will be congratulated at this week’s assembly and their names will be added to our Botany Downs Values Tree in the corridor: *Emily Speed, Sophie Hurley, Paige Foster, Siobhan Bishop, Billy Ryoo, Swehea Raj, Caitlin Rarity, Connor Sharp, Jemma Vickers, Jaden Carr.*

Heart Jam

Our school is holding its very own Heart Jam! At 10am on Friday the 28th of May students from our school will have the opportunity to take part in New Zealand’s largest aerobics class. What we ask is that your child brings a gold coin donation on the day to raise money for Heart Children New Zealand. More information will follow shortly.

Coming Attractions

<i>Tuesday 18 May</i>	Rugby Field Day Commonwealth Games Baton coming to Botany Downs
<i>Friday 21 May</i>	Assembly 9.10am Happy Hour 2.00pm
<i>Tuesday 25 May</i>	ICAS Computers
<i>Wednesday 26 May</i>	Choir rehearsal BOT Meeting 7.00pm
<i>Thursday 27 May</i>	Y1-3 to Telstra Centre
<i>Friday 28 May</i>	Heart Jam

Building Self Esteem through Literacy

Spend quality time together
Encourage your child to read for fun
Listen carefully to your child’s ideas
Find ways to praise your child
Enjoy family activities and projects
Share favourite books and stories
Talk to your child often
Establish a daily read-aloud time
Engage your child in natural reading activities
Model the act of reading for your child.

AUCKLAND SPCA HAS RUN OUT OF TOWELS

THEY REQUIRE DOZENS OF OLD TOWELS EACH DAY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS DO IN LOOKING AFTER THE ANIMALS, UNFORTUNATELY THE CUPBOARD IS BARE AND THEY’RE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF MORE. PLEASE LEAVE AT OFFICE.

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