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Dear parents

Commonwealth Games Baton was here!



The school welcoming the Howick Primary School's baton runners.
Siobhan Bishop and Nathan Brown passing the baton to Our LadyStar of the Sea School.

Our school was one of only six Auckland schools to have been invited to take part in a very special relay run on the morning of Tuesday 18 May. Runners ran in pairs from our school to Our Lady Star of the Sea School.



The children carried the baton containing a message from the Queen inviting countries to take part in this year's Commonwealth Games. We entered a team of 12 runners. Each pair ran approximately 500-600 metres.

Congratulations to our baton relay team: *Ellery Martin, Elise Conway, Mollie Salt, Corinna Rahm, Tayla Rae, Denzil O'Shannessey, Nicole Meyer, Hayley Anderson, Siobhan Bishop, Jessica Drummond, Nathan Brown, Akash Lingham-Dalzell, Jordan Dheda, Chynna Davie.*

The Commonwealth Baton.

Namaste

Today the Queen's baton from England came to our school Botany Downs Primary. I was one of the runners that held the baton. The baton came to our school because of the Commonwealth games. The Commonwealth games are held every 4 years. A gold medal holder for the Olympic and Commonwealth games is Danyon Loader. Danyon Loader spoke to us about the baton. He also told us to **BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE!**

Everyone was singing our school song as we walked out to do our run. The run that I did was 500 to 600 km's long. The baton was about 3 Kg's. I was running along the bridge across from Elim. My mum was taking lots of pictures as I ran past her, then I felt sad because I had to hand over the baton to somebody else. I said 'Bye' and drove off.

Written by Elise Conway Baton Runner 2010 (Room 12)

Special Terrific Persons Awards

Congratulations to all the following children who will receive their special certificates at this Friday morning's assembly, starting at 9.10. Parents very welcome. *Alex Parker, Mia Peters, Samuel Chen, Denzil O'Shannessey, Connor Jones, Courtney Behm, Simon Payne, Erika Whiteley, YiWen Lin, Baneet Kaur, Jamie Rollason, and Katherine Fung.*

Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids:

Place your Kan Tab, squashed aluminium wine bottle lid or other aluminium beverage top into the specially marked can in reception, and make a difference to our Kidney Kids.

Netball Team

Our A-Grade netball team played Pigeon Mountain last week and won 19-2! Well done Botany Downs! Our Player of the day was Tiffany Human for excellent shooting skills. (Sharlet Naidoo, netball coordinator)

Values Programme

The new value for the second half of the term is “Honesty”. 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 *Nicole Meyer, Aaron Su, Steven Matthews, Jennifer Kong, Kurt Ibalia, Jason Perng, Joshua Ealam, Helen Duckworth, Kaitlyn Jacob, Abhimanyu Khanna, Cameron Bryson, Kathleen Shi, Mila Du, Steven Matthews.*

YUMMY STICKERS

Botany Downs School collects the Yummy Stickers off fruit to redeem for free sports gear in October. Every class has a chart to fill with stickers and at the end of each term these are collected in to determine the winning classes. If you don’t want to bring your stickers in one at a time, then stick them on a margarine or ice cream lid! (Miss Cotman Room 9)

Heart Jam Reminder

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.

A notice will be going home today.

Coming Attractions

Tuesday 25 May	ICAS Computers
Wednesday 26 May	Choir rehearsal BOT Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 27 May	Y1-3 to Telstra Centre
Friday 28 May	Heart Jam

Reminder

Auckland SPCA has run out of towels. They require dozens of towels each day to support the work their 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 the office.

From The PTA

Entertainment Books

This fundraiser has now finished and we would like to thank everyone for their support – we will let you know within the next couple of weeks how much has been raised. Meanwhile, please could we have **all outstanding money and/or books sent back to school urgently**, as we are required to finalise our account with The Entertainment Book company at the end of the week. Any queries, please contact Aroha Bishop ph: 537-4799 or email bishops5@xtra.co.nz

\$\$\$ for Schools Promotion

GBS Bar & Restaurant (The Prospect of Howick) is running it’s annual ‘\$\$\$ for Schools’ promotion. The promotion runs for 16 weeks from Monday 10 May until Monday 29 August. Dine in the restaurant and ask for your **points** to be **allocated to ‘Botany Downs Primary’**. At the end of the promotion, the school with the most points wins \$3000, \$2000 for 2nd place and \$500 for 3rd place. All participating schools also receive some complimentary dining vouchers. Earn double points on Mondays & Tuesdays!

Donut & Mufti Day

Wear mufti and enjoy a donut and drink for morning tea next **Wednesday 2nd June**. A separate notice and order form has been sent home today (or download from the ‘events’ page on the school website). Please note that **donuts need to be ordered in advance** so it is **essential that all orders are sent to school by the end of this week** – we cannot guarantee supply of late orders.

Coming soon .. DISCO!

Friday 25 June, we are planning a **SCHOOL DISCO** from 6.30 – 9pm! The theme will be ‘SPACE’ so start planning your outfits now. More details to follow soon, meanwhile mark this date on your calendar and plan to come along - we look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great week.

Mrs J