



Monday 23 July 2018

## "OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents

Welcome back to the start of another school term, with a special welcome to the more than 20 new children joining us today.

A busy few weeks are coming up, with various sporting events, including our cross country races and gymnastics, ICAS competitions, the dance festival in week 3, trips to the Marae (Y3-Y6), and a major cultural focus culminating in a Celebration of Arts Evening.

### School Uniform

A reminder that our school uniforms are sold by John Russell Schoolwear, 9 Moore St, Howick.

It is essential that all children wear our official winter school uniform please, including **black, flat shoes**. Sneakers are **not** permitted. Please name all clothing.

**A reminder that children are required to wear their shoes to and from school.**

### Contact Details

If parents have moved over the holidays or changed your contact details please let the office know either by telephone or email [arohab@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:arohab@botanydowns.school.nz).

A reminder that our weekly school newsletter is emailed unless you have requested a hard copy. It will continue to appear on the school website.

### Swimming Pool

With the assistance of the Board of Trustees and PTA, we have a new swimming pool cover and our pool is now solar heated, which we hope will be of great benefit to our swimming programmes.

### School Assemblies

Our assemblies are a time for the whole school to get together to celebrate our achievements. Parents are *very welcome* to attend. Assemblies are on **Friday mornings**, starting at 9.10am.

Our first official assembly this term is on **Friday 3 August** at 9.10am.

### Bought Lunches

Bought lunches resume this week on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Year 4, 5 and 6 Bike and/or Scooter Licence**

All Year 4, 5 and 6 students who would like to ride their bike and/or scooter to school need to fill out a "Bike and Scooter Licence". These can be collected from the office and returned to the office once completed. Thank you.

*Mrs Parkins*

## **Botany Downs School Values Programme**

Our Values for this term are *Consideration and Co-operation*.

Most afternoons, usually around 2.45pm, teachers will have a "reflection time" with their classes, discussing our school values, our learning goals, and the day's successes and achievements.

## ***Coming Attractions at Botany Downs School!***

Monday 23 July	Welcome back!
Tuesday 24 July	Netball Festival Fun Day
Wednesday 25 July	BOT meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 31 July	ICAS English
Wednesday 1 August	World of Maths (Senior classes)
Thursday 2 August	World of Maths (Middle team classes)
Monday 6 August	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Tuesday 7 August	Y4-6 cross country
Wednesday 8 August	Dance Festival
Thursday 9 August	Dance Festival

*Have a great week everyone*

Kind regards,  
Mr T

***"A Say from Your PTA"***

## ***Dollars for Schools***

The Good Home Gastropub in Howick is running their Dollars for Schools Programme from 25th June until 4th November.

How does it work? Simply head into The Good Home during this period, enjoy some drinks or a yummy meal and tell staff to allocate your points to Botany Downs Primary School. Enjoy a night out and you can earn our school a cash prize!

## ***PTA Meeting***

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 6th August in the staffroom at 7.30pm- all are welcome!