



Monday 6 August 2018

"OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents

PTA Meeting Tonight

The PTA is meeting tonight, 7.30pm in the staffroom.

ALL WELCOME AS ALWAYS!

Parents, we would love to see you.

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 in the hall: Averie Chin, Annie Li, Jayden Ngo, Elena Huang, Joy Turner, Matthew Lourens, Kayla De Lange, Franklyn Pretorius, Karissa McKenzie, Bailey Hobson-Mellor, Jacob Robertson, Katherine Stubbs, Harshveer Duley, Jordan Nenkov-Van Heerden, Kaiis Blokland, Benji Russell-Sharp, Kate McKeen, Mikayla Wilson, Lydia Qiu, Elodie Julian, Matthew Barry, Rebecca Wang and Aaron Zhang.

SCHOOL CLOSED

Teacher Industrial Action on Wednesday 15 August

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS

As you have already been notified, the school will be closed on Wednesday 15 August, for the whole day.

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

Thank you for your understanding.

Teachers are particularly concerned about several major issues, including:

- Inadequate support and funding for children who have special learning needs.
- The nationwide shortage of teachers in New Zealand, particularly in Auckland.
- The 40% decline in the number of applicants wishing to train to be teachers, as the attractiveness of teaching as a career option reduces.
- The large numbers of new teachers are now leaving the profession within their first five years.
- Poor remuneration

This will be the first time in 24 years that teachers have taken such action, underlining the seriousness of the current situation.

If there are any changes to the strike action that affect the school closure, you will be informed as soon as possible.

Kiwikids Open on 15 August ALL DAY

Parents needing care for their child on the 15th August, please note that Kiwikidz will be open that day.

Apart from the usual before and after care services, KiwiKidz will also be open from 8:30am to 3.00pm

Kiwikidz will accept block bookings from 8:30am to 3pm or 9:00am to 3pm for those parents not wanting morning and afternoon care. The cost will be \$5 per hour. (Phone 272 9961 or Mobile 021 1123 749).

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club is now out and orders close on **Thursday 9th August**.

Botany Downs School Values Programme

Congratulations to the following children who will be acknowledged at our assembly on Friday for showing *Consideration* towards others: *Aiden Cha, Sophia Macbeth, Sean Hwang, Levi Xue, Ian Lopez Woo, Kevin Wu, Leo Bennett-Walton, Vanisha Singh, Reece Parkin, Arya Lawn, Tristan Nenkov-Van Heerden, Ryan Henry, Anyane De Lange, Heath Donaldson, Zoe Chen, Katelyn Tame, Taylah Carter, Andy Liao, Jayden Wee, Eason Wang, Spencer Richardson, Zoë Wilson and Tracy Tang.*

Dance Festival

Best wishes to our dance group, who have been practising for many weeks now under the expert guidance of Natasya Barber. The children are performing this week at Elim, on Wednesday and Thursday.

"WHAT NOW" TV SHOW HERE AT BOTANY DOWNS SCHOOL

We are looking forward to broadcasting live from Botany Downs Primary School on 26th August. We have seating space available for BDS families, but it is limited and open to the public (it's a first in best dressed approach).

Families (including Mum & Dad) are all invited to be part of our awesome live audience...& it's FREE!!

Botany Downs families, please go to the following link to register on-line, and be in quick!

www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

Coming Attractions at Botany Downs School!

TONIGHT
Tuesday 7 August

PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Y4-6 Cross Country (weather permitting)

Wednesday 8 August	Dance Festival
Thursday 9 August	Dance Festival
Monday 13 August	MATHS WEEK BEGINS
Tuesday 14 August	Inter school Cross Country
Wednesday 15 August	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 22 August	Inter school gymnastics
	BOT meeting, starting at 6.00pm
Monday 27 August	Marae visits all week
Friday 31 August	Senior School Speech Finals
	Daffodil Day

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. Tell all your friends and family so we can drum up as many points as possible!

Calendar Art

Personalised artwork calendars, cards and diaries are back this year!

Your child's artwork, which they will make in class this term, can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries and note pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Look out for further details and order forms later in the term.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA will be held tonight- Monday 6th August in the staffroom at 7.30pm- all are welcome so come along and see what we are all about!

If joining the PTA isn't for you but you would still like to help out with events when you can, become a friend of the PTA. For any extra information, please email us on friendsofptabds@gmail.com.

All the money we raise goes back into providing better resources and equipment for your children and we need all the help we can get!