

Botany Downs Primary Junior School Newsletter

15th October, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4. A very warm welcome to all new students and parents beginning your journey with Botany Downs School. We look forward to getting to know you and welcoming you into our family.

Room 5, New Entrant Room

This week we open another new entrant room in a shared space in the library, with Mrs Morgan as the teacher. A very warm welcome to our new families who start in Room 5.

Summer Uniform

All children are now expected to be in summer uniform. Please name all items of clothing with your child's name. If you are using a second-hand uniform make sure that all previous owners' names are covered up, to ensure that they are returned to you if misplaced.

Black sandals are the correct footwear for summer uniform.

Hats must be worn after Labour Weekend or students will need to sit in the shade.

Please remember that nail polish, jewellery and temporary tattoos are not part of our school uniform. Hair accessories for girls need to be in our school colours also.

Kluwell Home Readers

Please keep encouraging children to read their books every night. Children usually bring home a book they have read in the classroom during a guided reading session. These books are a valuable and expensive resource so it is essential for them to be returned to school, as they are part of a set. At other times, your child may choose to bring a favourite of familiar book home more than once. In the reading log, we ask that you record library books and poems that your child has read.

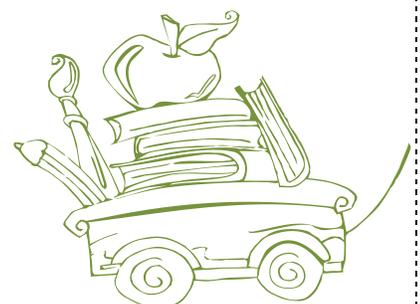
Physical Education Rotation

This term we will continue our P.E. rotation on Monday afternoons (from week 3), with a focus on athletics. Children need to bring their P.E. t-shirt and shorts to school in a bag. We will be changing before each lesson begins. *Remember to name all items.*

Drinks and Lunches at School

We ask that you send only water to school for drinks. Please check that your child can open the containers you are sending to school, as well as open the snack packets by themselves. For easy access, cut one end of the packet before putting it in the lunch box.

Please ensure you pack a nutritious lunch for your child as this directly contributes to their learning in a positive way. We do not have lollies/chocolate at school so please avoid giving these as part of their lunch.



Early Arrivals

School begins promptly at 8:55 am each day. After 8:30, children are allowed into their classrooms. Before this time, teachers are busy with preparing resources for the day and need this time undisturbed. If your child needs to be at school early, they need to either be part of the Kiwi Kids before school programme or they will need to wait on the deck outside the hall until the bell goes at 8.30. Thank you.

School Website

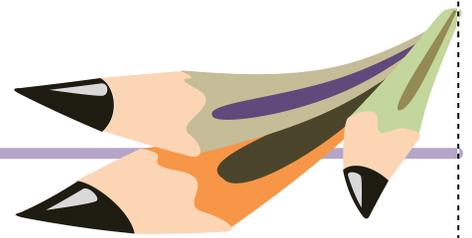
Just a reminder to keep visiting our school website www.botanydowns.school.nz for information and school related activities to work on at home with your children. Our Certificate and Values recipients are photographed each week and also posted. Individual classrooms also post information about events and learning so it is good to visit it regularly. The school app is a great way to stay in touch also.

Values

Our focus values this term will be *determination* and *tolerance*. Please discuss these values with your children and encourage them to model these values at home and at school. Teachers are looking for children who display and model these values to be congratulated at our whole school assembly on a Friday morning.

Homework

Junior school children bring home activities to be completed throughout the week. In Year 0 children bring home a reader and a Jolly Phonics activity. There are Rocket Words to learn in the back of their Homework books. Year 1 children bring home a reader and either the Rocket Reading Words or Rocket Spelling Words programme. Year 2 children bring home spelling words to learn every week and a basic facts Maths activity. The expectation is that these activities should not take longer than 15mins a night as it important for children to have time to play and socialise.



Inquiry Learning Contexts for this term

This term our Inquiry topic is Shake Out/How To Survive A Natural Disaster and Life Education, where we will be learning about making friends and looking after ourselves.

We are looking forward to an action-packed term.

Kind regards,

Kimberley Rivett, Rita Lala, Vanessa Short, Sam Caceres, Jacqui O'Driscoll, Melissa Parkins, Diane Nicholls, Barbara Murray, Rochelle Carr, Paula Hodgson, Helen Pfister, Paula Leafberg, Kylee Holmes, Anna Bradley, Viona Schulz and Wendy Morgan.

