



Monday 19 November 2018

## "OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents

### 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: *Zoey Wong, Sandy Huang, Jayden Ngo, Summer Heenan, Tonnia Xiang, Rhayne Fabro, Ryan Kilgour, Leo Bennett-Walton, Peri Petelo-Vili, Liam Manson, Ayden Speck, Harper McGregor, Tiffany Yun, Ila Cropp, Kayleigh Thistlethwaite, Vernon Xiao, Sacha Alexander, Ryleigh Liversage, Nick Chiang, Ota Lin, Ali Sadek, Joel Fumbilwa, Rebecca Wang, Esti La Grange and Kirstin Ontong.*

### Year 6 Farewell Party

All permission slips and money must be in by Wednesday this week please. Additional permission slips are available at the school office. Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist us. We will contact you next week with details. For queries contact Kirsten Hartnoll 021336191 or Rhona Hoffman 021335205.

## Our School Values Programme



### The Value of Tolerance

At Botany Downs School we focus on a value as part of our class learning programme. Values are also modelled by teachers, and promoted by Peer Mediators. One student from each class receives a values bookmark each week at assembly for practising the value. The new value that we are focusing on is TOLERANCE.

Tolerance is accepting things that you cannot change, or things that you wish were different. Tolerance is practised when you accept things that people don't like. A friend may have an annoying habit that irritates you, or a family member may do things to annoy you. You tolerate these things because you care for these people.

Signs of success in showing tolerance:

- You respect other people's differences and opinions.
- You are patient and don't complain when difficulties can't be avoided.
- You focus on improving yourself rather than trying to improve others.

Tolerance allows people to be themselves.

*Congratulations* to the following children who will be acknowledged at our assembly on Friday for showing the value of **TOLERANCE**: *Katie Pretorius, Austin Hei, Rain Gu, Cathy Chen, Khrish Ranchhod, Cooper Jiang, Ken Hoang, Blake Manson, Arya Lawn, AJ Schulz, Kerry Kang, Wesley Yang, Lindsay Lin, Elise Cheyne, Danzel Mudaliar, Kalea Ah Chee-Poole, Kyle Cheyne, Hugo Huskinson, Gurpreet Kaur, Kaiwen Rui, Chase Herman, Livvy Gowan and Harrison Macbeth.*

## **Year 6 Kawau Island Camp 2019**

Next year's Kawau Island Camp will be from 29 April to 3 May.

We are looking for expressions of interest from parents/caregivers of our current year 5 students who would like to be considered as a helper at Camp Bentzon next year.

We appreciate the time that parents/caregivers are able to give by attending this camp.

Forms for expressions of interest have already been sent home but we still need more parent helpers if the camp is to go ahead.

If you are able to help out at this camp please could you email the office for another form for expressions of interest and the form will be sent home in your child's school bag. Thank you.

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

<i>Wednesday 21 November</i>	BOT meeting 6pm.
<i>Wednesday 28 November</i>	Mufti day and food can drive.
<i>Thursday 29 November</i>	Junior Athletic Sports
<i>Monday 3 December</i>	Rainbows End trip for road patrollers
<i>Tuesday 4 December</i>	VIP morning tea
<i>Wednesday 5 December</i>	Junior School Big Day In <b>WEETBIX TRYATHALON</b>
<i>Thursday 6 December</i>	Middle School Big Day In
<i>Friday 7 December</i>	Senior School Big day In
<i>Wednesday 12 December</i>	Y0-2 Prizegiving at 9.30am Y3-4 Prizegiving at 1.30pm BOT meeting at 6pm
<i>Thursday 13 December</i>	Y5-6 Graduation Ceremony and Prizegiving. 9.30am. STUDENT REPORTS COME HOME.
<i>Friday 14 December</i>	Last day of school year. We finish at 12.00pm.
<i>Monday 4 February 2019</i>	The new school year begins.

*Have a wonderful week everyone.*

*Kind regards,*

*Mr T*

[\(principal@botanydowns.school.nz\)](mailto:principal@botanydowns.school.nz)

## *"A Say from Your PTA"*

### ***Fruju Fridays & more!***

Each Friday after school you can buy a refreshing ice block, paddle pop or mini pop to cool down in the summer heat. Mini pops are \$1 each and all other ice blocks are \$2 each.

### ***End of Year Raffle***

The PTA will be doing an end of year raffle with lots of goodies for a great summer break! If you would like to donate any new items to make this raffle even more amazing, please get in touch with us: [friendsofptabds@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofptabds@gmail.com). If the donation comes from your business, we will include your business card or logo on our flyers and in the hamper basket to promote our sponsors. Thank you to those parents who have already donated- we have some great prizes in our raffle. Raffle tickets will go on sale shortly so watch this space for details!

### ***Save the date: Mufti Day - Wednesday 28th November***

On Wednesday 28th November, we will be having a mufti day but this time around we are getting into the spirit of the season by donating cans of food and dry goods to the food bank. Mufti means you can wear your own clothes, no school uniform! The cost of the mufti day is a food item (or two if you are feeling generous!) Please can you bring unopened, new items that have more than 3 months left before expiry. There will be no bake sale this term, just the food can drive. The food bank has a list of suggested items including flour, tinned tuna, soap, long-life milk and baked beans. More details will be sent home on a flyer closer to the time but we are providing plenty of notice so that your shopping list can be updated!

### ***New PTA members needed- join us!***

We have some long-serving members leaving at the end of the year and are very keen for more PTA members to join us. To be a PTA member, you need to attend at least 4 meetings per year (that is just one a term!) and if you can help to arrange one event per year that would be fantastic. We know how busy everyone is, however many hands make light work! All the funds we raise go directly back to improving the school and resources for our children. If you are able to lend a hand every now and then, please contact [friendsofptabds@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofptabds@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook: Botany Downs Primary PTA.