



Monday 26 November 2018

## "OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents

### Special Terrific Persons Awards-the last for 2018

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: *Cael Mose, Blake Good, Sean Hwang, Jacobus La Grange, Jayden Ni, Gary Taing, Richie Lewis, Ishaan Khan, Tai smith, Leo Xie, Liam Ontong, Jonathan Huang, Ava Lombard, Jessica Huang, Navia Ranchhod, roxie Lindgreen, Liam Jekel, Mannat Parmer, Amy Cao, Locklyn Goldsmith, Steven Sturrock, Eryn Saunders, Jayden Redelinghuys, Zackery Jiang, Asher Dawson, Mustafa Al Basry and Gerhard Snyman.*

Next week we will be giving out our term certificates.

## School Swimming Pool

As you all know, this will be the first summer season that we will have a heated swimming pool! Our property manager Steve Tobin reports the water is already considerably warmer!

Our pool will open for *class* swimming next week, from Monday 3 December.

Pool keys are again available this year to use the school pool over the summer holidays. From this Wednesday, keys are on sale at the school office for \$50 plus a \$20 key deposit. The last day for key sales is **Wednesday 12th December**.

The pool will be open for use from Saturday 15th December.

We will again this year be requiring the assistance of families to open and close the pool during the summer period. All helpers receive a \$20 discount at the end of the season for assisting with a week of opening and closing the pool. Without helpers it is impossible for us to open the pool to our community so please consider assisting us this summer period.

If you can assist, please let the office know.

### Mufti Day This Wednesday 28 November

No money please!

Instead, please bring unopened cans of food or dry goods which we are going to donate to the food bank. See PTA notice below.  
Cans should be taken to your child's classroom.

## Year 6 Farewell Party

We are looking forward to seeing the year 6's on Friday at Lloyd Elsmore Pool at 7pm. Parents please do not drop your kids off before this time as there will be no supervision. You must sign your child in on arrival and out on departure, thank you for your assistance with this. We still have some space so if you haven't returned your permission slip and money please do so ASAP. Remember your togs, towel and a small plate of party food to share!

## Our VALUES Programme

*Congratulations* to the following children who will be acknowledged at our assembly on Friday for showing the value of **TOLERANCE**: *Ella Hartnoll, Courtney Kretzmann, Karen Taing, Ben Wynyard, Abigail Harrison, Ashton Cameron, Lia Biddick, Landon Bishton, Grayson Lincoln, Tyler Syme, Kathy Stubbs, Tresha Mudaliar, Annieke Steyn, Casey Ferguson, Ciaran Anderson, Jaco Kaalsen, Marley Ayshford, Linaya Rungan, Zeb Prince, Devon Ready, Yara Dindas, Jacob Heenan-Ahiao, Matthew Barry, Arshpreet Kaur, Kirstin Ontong and Esti La Grange.*

## Holiday and Term Time Care Programme

Skids will be operating our holiday programme as usual, and will be taking over our before and after school care programme from Kiwikidz from the start of term 1 next year. Your contact is [wayne@skids.co.nz](mailto:wayne@skids.co.nz)

## THANK YOU TO WINNIE AND KIWIKIDZ!

On behalf of our community, I want to acknowledge the incredible work of *Winnie Rughunanan* and Kiwikidz over so many years at Botany Downs School.

Many, many present and former children have been capably looked after and cared for by Winnie and her team before school, after school, and during holiday breaks. I know full well that Winnie has not only run her business with a caring attitude and philosophy, but has been there over the years to chat to parents who may have had worries to share, or wanted a friendly word of advice from an experienced caregiver, teacher and mum.

As they enter their last three weeks at Botany Downs School, a big THANK YOU to KiwiKidz and Winnie. Mr T.

## Year 6 Kawau Island Camp 2019

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

We are still 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.

If you are able to help out at this camp and haven't already told us please contact the school office or email Mr T. *Thank you.*

*Have a fabulous week everyone.*

*Kind regards,*  
*Bruce Trezise*  
*(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 iceblocks are \$2 each. A very big thank you to Karen and Mehnaz on the PTA for organising our fruju's each week, and well done to our House Leaders for helping out!

## **End of Year Raffle**

We have a fantastic Holiday Raffle with some generous sponsors- the raffle this year is worth over \$700! We have vouchers for Howick Hairways, Doyles Dance Academy and Peak Fitness Studio as well as children's watches from Steve Weston Jewellery. The raffle also includes an eco hamper with lunch wraps, reusable coffee cups, mesh fruit and vege bags, metal straws, plus chocolates, biscuits, slime, stationery and a few other goodies to make the festive season even better! Tickets are \$2 each and will be on sale before assembly on Friday and also during Fruju Fridays. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 7th December during assembly by Mr T- be in to win!

## **Mufti Day - Wednesday 28th November**

This 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, and take to the classrooms. 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. Please support our local community by bringing in a food donation. Thank you!

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

We have some long-serving members leaving at the end of the year and are desperate 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.