



Monday 10 December 2018

“OUR BEST ALWAYS”

Dear parents

School Prizegivings

On Wednesday 12 December:

Years 0-2 starting at 9.30am

Years 3-4 starting at 1.30pm

On Thursday 13 December:

Years 5-6 starting at 9.30am

(Includes Y6 Graduation)

Please turn off your cell phones before coming into the hall.

No stiletto heels in the hall please

We are looking forward to having you join us

Our School Swimming Pool

Pool keys are again available this year to use the school pool over the summer holidays. 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 for families from this coming **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 help, please let the office know.

Lunch Orders

Last Day Thursday 13th December 2018. No lunch orders on Friday.
Beginning again on Wednesday 13th February 2019

Class Organisation 2019

Because we are anticipating high starting numbers (approx. 515), for the first time we will be opening with 21 classrooms. We will be operating four syndicates (or teams) next year:

Y0/1	Team Leader Kimberley Rivett
Y2	Team Leader Jennie Edwards (room 4)
Y3/4	Team Leader Briar Reid (room 22)
Y5/6	Team Leader Mark Insley (room 16)

Teachers have spent a great deal of time over recent weeks finalising the classes for next year, taking into consideration many factors, including learning needs, compatibility of peers (relationships), the balance of ability within a class, and a child's response to different teaching styles, along with any factors parents shared by the closing date of 7th November. Children will be told their classes at the end of the week.

School Office Hours

The school office will be closing at 12pm on Friday 14th December 2018 for the holiday break, and opening again on Monday 4th February 2019.

However, during the holidays the school office will be open from 9.00am until 1.00pm on:

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Thursday 31st January 2019

Friday 1st February 2019

Student Reports: The children's reports are coming home on Thursday.

Children's Stationery 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that stationery lists will not be available from the school.

To order your stationery, parents will need to go to myschool.co.nz, select the school, and then the list(s) you require. **Stationery lists for Botany Downs School will be available from Monday 17 December.**

Your order will be delivered to you with no charge if your order exceeds \$46.00. Those parents who do not wish to order online will need to go to the OfficeMax store at 5 Ronwood Ave, Manukau City, and ask for the appropriate list(s).

Please remember that, when it comes to stationery costs, we have little control over this.

However, it is true that many schools add on "a bit extra" to make some "fundraising money".

Please note that, in order to reduce the impact of costs upon Botany Downs parents, at what is already an expensive time of the year, we have again notified the suppliers that our school will **NOT** be accepting any commission at all.

Regards, Mr T.

Lost Property

A friendly reminder to claim your lost property before the end of term on Friday. Unnamed lost property items may be found in the corridor outside Room 1. Please take the opportunity to mark all uniform items, footwear and belongings this holiday.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

This school year finishes at 12.00pm this Friday 14 December.

Please collect your children promptly at 12.00pm on Friday.

There will be no-one at school to supervise children in the afternoon as the school will be closed. Kiwikidz will be operating.

The bus will be here to pick up children at 12.10pm.

The new school year begins on Monday 4 February 2019.

Parent helpers Needed

The junior team teachers need some people to sand back some bits of wood for their play-based learning. If you can help, please contact Rochelle Carr (rochellec@botanydowns.school.nz).

2018 Athletics Results Junior School

5 year old boys - sprints

1st: Kyan Norton R11, 2nd: Tristan Nenkov van-Heerden R11, 3rd: Liam Ontong, R10

5 year old boys - ball throw

1st: Krish Ranchhod R6, 2nd: Max Yang R8, 3rd: Reece Parkin, R9

5 year old girls - sprints

1st: Evie Zhu R8, 2nd: Harper McGregor R11, 3rd: Gemma Stephenson, R11

5 year old girls - ball throw

1st: Riya Doddala R5a, 2nd: Harper McGregor R11, 3rd: Harkirat Gill R6

6 year old boys - sprints

1st: Liam Rameka R2, 2nd: Kayde Herbert R7, 3rd: Ezra Dowey R4

6 year old boys - ball throw

1st: Liam Rameka R2, 2nd: Kayden Gillespie R4, 3rd: Dhyan Patel R4

6 year old girls - sprints

1st: Emily S'ua R10 R2, 2nd: Rebecca Houston R2, 3rd: Peri Petelo-Vili R8

6 year old girls - ball throw

1st: Stella McHardy R7, 2nd: Rebecca Houston R2, 3rd: Jessica Mazzag R7

7 year old boys - sprints

1st: Elijah Tame R3, 2nd: Johnny Zhou R12, 3rd: Ben Wynyard R4

7 year old boys - ball throw

1st: Sosefo Halalilo R2, 2nd: Jayden Ngo R3, 3rd: Ben Wynyard R4

7 year old girls - sprints

1st: Selena Wu R3, 2nd: Lindsay Lin R13, 3rd: Ella Hartnoll R1

7 year old girls - ball throw

1st: Payton Weyers R1, 2nd: Lillie Cross R4, 3rd: Selena Wu R3

6 year old boys, long jump

1st Ezra Dowey, Room 4

2nd Liam Rameka, Room 2

3rd Luke Liversage, Room 9

6 year old girls, long jump

1st Emily S'ua, Room 10

2nd Pamela Sekona, Room 10

3rd Arabella Stewart, Room 10

7 year old boys, long jump

1st Elijah Tame, Room 3

2nd, Ryan Henry, Room 12

3rd Johnny Zhou, Room 12

7 year old girls, long jump

1st Annie Li, Room 12

2nd Holly Reddish, Room 1

3rd Rhian Ming, Room 12

Have a wonderful Christmas break everybody!

Kind regards,


Bruce Trezise

(Mr T)

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Botany Book Bingo!		
Some summer holiday reading fun...		
Read to your pet or Teddy or other favourite toy	Read a book with a name in the title	Read a book your friend enjoyed reading
Read a book by an author whose name starts with the same letter as your name	Read outside under a tree	Read a book with a blue cover
Read a book or a chapter out loud to your family	Read a story with your favourite animal in it	Read a non-fiction book
Read a funny book	Read a book by a New Zealand author	Read a book that has been turned into a movie

Cross off each square when you finish reading—
how many squares will you cross off over the holidays?

Happy Reading! 

"A Say from Your PTA"

Thank you!

We have had a fantastic year of fundraising and it could not have been achieved without support from all the parents and parent helpers in the school so a very big thank you to you all- we can't wait to see what we can achieve for our children next year! Have a safe and happy holiday from all of the P.T.A.

New PTA members needed- join us!

We have some dedicated members- Rhona, Heather and Mehnaz, 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 or message us on facebook: Botany Downs Primary PTA.



ARE YOU READY!

07 APRIL 2019



SAVE THE DATE AND GET READY FOR SOME FUN

ATTENTION PARENTS - WE NEED YOU!

LIFE IS BETTER IN COLOUR! CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL IN APRIL 2019?

BOTANY DOWNS PRIMARY IS HOSTING A FUN COMMUNITY EVENT ON SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2019. IF ANY OF OUR BOTANY DOWNS PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF BUSINESSES AND ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH CONTACTS/DONATIONS OR REDUCED RATES PLEASE LET US KNOW:

- BOUNCY CASTLES
- SOUND SYSTEMS
- FOOD STALLS
- FABRIC PRINTING AND DESIGN
- SIGN WRITING

CONTACT US: FRIENDSOFPTABDS@GMAIL.COM