



Monday 25 February 2019

"OUR BEST ALWAYS"

Dear parents and caregivers

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: **Tanique Bischoff, Kayde Herbert, Luise Peng, Ashton Cameron, Inaaya Shaikh, Amelia Klee, Matthew Lourens, William Pirie, Hannu Esterhuysen, Sean Huang, Avneet Kaur, Dhyan Patel, Crystal Schwalger, Joanne Chen, Asher Dawson, Evelyn Liu, Lydia Li, Selena Wu, Jessie Lin, Ryan Henry and Hannah Hutchings.**

Safety at our Front Gate

Thank you parents for your support in keeping all our children safe on their way to and from school.

Over the last couple of weeks I have noticed an increase in the number of parents in the drive through zone who get out of their cars to give bags to children, give them instructions, a hug and a kiss etc. This sometimes takes several minutes and, especially at peak times, means cars back up and other parents become frustrated.

It would be appreciated if the children could be all organised to just get out of the car, grab their hat and bag and go, without the sometimes lengthy farewells! Thanks everyone.

Mr T

Botany Downs School Values Programme

The following children have been selected for exhibiting courtesy and good manners and will be acknowledged at this Friday's assembly, and their names put on the Values tree, which is now in the library: **Riley Johnston, Indy Clifton, Daisy Yang, Ayden speck, Calvin Munce, Cameron Burgess, Abigail Harrison, Marley Ayshford, Evan Wang, Lily Mai, Jacobus La Grange, Annie Li, Linaya Rungan, Dempsey Nowell, Chloe Luo, Kyle Cheyne, Izna Taffazal, Anthan Tai, Navia Ranchhod, Gerhard Snyman and Kristy Lau.**

Guidelines for Parents

We like to keep our school "rules" to a minimum, but please be aware that:

1. We encourage healthy food at school (no lollies or fizzy drinks please). We have children with allergies, so no sharing of food is allowed.
2. Toys, jewellery and all special personal possessions are best left at home. The school accepts no responsibility for lost or damaged articles such as these.
3. The lower car park is a drop off and pick up area only. No parking in the drop off zone or in the marked car parks please.
4. When waiting to be collected, for safety reasons, children must wait for their parents inside the front fence.
5. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours unless a note or other communication has been received from home.
6. Cell phones and smart watches are only allowed at school with permission from the principal, must not be used during school hours, and are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk and responsibility.
7. School uniform expectations must be adhered to.

Because of allergies, we don't encourage parents to bring food to share with the class on birthdays unless this has been discussed with the teacher first.

Bought Lunches

No sushi until further notice. This is until a new provider is found.

Union Meetings: early notification

Parents, I was notified over the weekend that the teachers' union, the NZEI, has called for union meetings to discuss current contract negotiations.

Our school's teachers will be attending a meeting all afternoon on Wednesday 20 March.

More details on what this means next week.

Mr T.

Online Safety Support

Netsafe helps people to be safe online. They can help if you are having problems online. They have free, private help for any online safety problems, and they are there to help seven days a week. You can get hold of them on the phone 058638723, or their website at netsafe.org.nz

Coming Attractions!

*Monday 25 February
Tuesday 26 February*

*Thursday 28 February
Monday 4 March*

*Tuesday 12 March
Wednesday 13 March*

*Thursday 14 March
Friday 15 March*

*Tuesday 19 March
Wednesday 20 March
Thursday 21 March*

Year 5s to Camp Adair for overnight camp

Interschool cricket

Year 5s return!

Senior School Swimming Sports

PTA meeting at 7.30pm

Talks on Dog Safety all week

Hockey coaching all day

Interschool cricket day 2

Y6 Camp: parents' meeting at 7pm Room 15

Interschool Swimming Sports

Junior Aqua Fun Day

Watercare visitor talking to middle school

Parent Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm

Paid Union Meeting all afternoon-more details coming

Parent Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm

Have a fantastic week

Kind regards

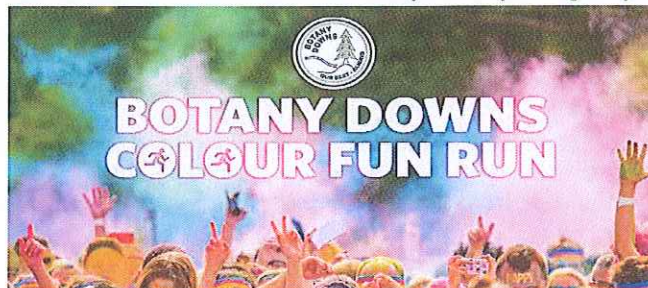
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Your PTA Weekly Update:

Next PTA meeting in the staffroom Monday 4th March at 7.30pm. This will be the AGM for the PTA. All Welcome!

BDS Colour Fun Run- Sunday 7th April- get your tickets!

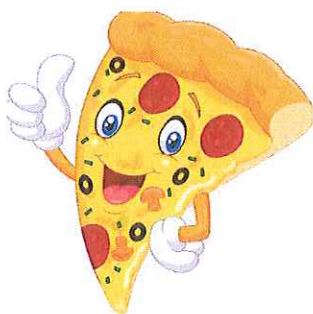


Our colour fun run ticket sales are now live via our Facebook page or alternatively you can purchase tickets through the school. **Tickets are limited so don't delay!**

Get your tickets before 5pm on Wednesday 27th February 2019 and you will in the draw to win a \$50

voucher from Doolan Brothers Botany. The winner will be chosen at random from ALL tickets purchased prior to the deadline. See our Facebook page for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/botanydownsprimaryevents/>



This year we are going to give the class that has the most ticket sales a pizza lunch on the last day of term and you will also have the opportunity to colour bomb some of the teachers. We will have a large colour fun run voting container which you can fill with coins (any value, 10c to \$2) during Fruju Fridays and when the coins reach the top, the nominated teachers will be colour bombed!

We have some sponsorship packages still available .If you have a business that would like to sponsor a colour zone, please get in touch with us via email: bdscolourfunrun@gmail.com.

The parent helper forms will also need to be returned by 1st March: we are asking for an hour of help on the day to run sausage sizzles, bake sales, lucky dips or general assistance with setting up and packing down. We need as much help as we can get to make this event a success!



Fruju Fridays are on now!

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.

If any parents are able to assist with Fruju Fridays, please can you contact us on friendsofptabds@gmail.com.