

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 4 March

Our BEST - Always



Dear parents and caregivers,

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Teachers' Union Meeting WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

The teachers' union, the NZEI, has called teachers to a union meeting on the afternoon of **Wednesday 20 March**, to discuss progress with contract negotiations.

*While school **will be open**, it will **not** be possible to run normal class programmes that afternoon.*

On 20 March, parents are welcome to collect children at **12.30pm**, if you wish. The road patrol will be operating at 12.30pm, and at 3.00pm. Supervision will be provided by staff during class time for those children who need to stay at school in the afternoon, the after school programme will run as usual, and the school bus will operate at the normal time (3.20pm).

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:
Sariah Hooker-Mason, Jade Lundgren, Emily Su'a, Peri Petelo-Vili, Spencer Richardson, Theodore Chuah, Ruby Turner, Khrish Ranchhod, Harper Munce, Taylen Paladin, Jakob Bolante, Lillie Cross, Willson Wang, Theo Parreira, Dale Maclean, Leighton Slough, Sonnie Mitchell, Alexander Morgan, Kaiwen Rui, Jay Lau and Charlie McNae.

Mufti Day this Wednesday!

A separate notice from the PTA is coming home today with details for the **mufti day this Wednesday**. Mufti means no school uniform. Instead of a gold coin donation, please can you bring items such as chocolates, packaged food or toiletries, and give to your class teacher. We ask that all items have at least three months remaining before any "use by" dates.

PTA Meeting Tonight

The PTA is meeting **tonight**, 7.30pm in the staffroom.

ALL WELCOME AS ALWAYS!

Parents, we would love to see you.

Coming up...

Mon 4 Mar - PTA meeting
TONIGHT at 7.30pm / Talks
on Dog Safety all week

Wed 6 Mar - **MUFTI DAY**

Tues 12 Mar - Hockey
coaching all day

Wed 13 Mar - Interschool
cricket day 2

Y6 Camp: parents' meeting
at 7pm Room 15

Thurs 14 Mar - Interschool
Swimming Sports

Fri 15 Mar - Junior Aqua Fun
Day / Watercare visitor
talking to middle school

Tues 19 Mar - Parent
Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm

Wed 20 Mar - **Paid Union
Meeting all afternoon**

Thurs 21 Mar - Parent
Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm

Wed 27 Mar - Seniors
running a bake sale and
mufti day

Sun 7 Apr - **COLOUR RUN**

Fri 12 Apr - Term 1 ends

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 through their website at: [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz)

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 in the library: **Jessica Mazzag, Daniel Mao, Sunny Truong, Nathan Chiang, Isla Donaldson, Jude McCartney, Anthony Zhou, Magda Snyman, Harvey Stewart, Tyler Just, Joynoor Singh, Achintya Singla, Jack Liao, Katelyn Tame, Alex Wright, Lorenzo Smith, Summer Thomas, Jessie Seok, Ann-Maria Sekona, Lia Heissenbuttel and Rhian Ming.**



Parent Interviews

Our interviews are coming up soon, on **Tuesday 19 March** (3.20pm-5.00pm) and **Thursday 21 March** (3.20pm-8.00pm). Year 3-6 children are welcome to attend these interviews, to talk about their progress.

Please put the dates aside.

Minutes Secretary Needed

The Board of Trustees is in need of a minutes secretary for our monthly meetings. If you might be interested in this position, please email Mr T: principal@botanydowns.school.nz

Parent Helpers Needed

The teachers in our new entrant classrooms would love some parent or grandparent helpers to assist on a regular basis in their classrooms (rooms 8 and 11). If you might be able to help out, and would like to find out more, please email rochellec@botanydowns.school.nz or paulal@botanydowns.school.nz.

Kind regards,

Mr T
principal@botanydowns.school.nz

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children's bookshop

Dorothy Butler Children's Bookshop
invites you to the launch of

**GRANNY McFLITTER
A COUNTRY YARN**

Written by: Heather Haylock
Illustrated by: Lael Chisholm

Saturday 9th March, 10am
Dorothy Butler Children's Bookshop, 1 Jervois Rd, Ponsonby

Books will be available to purchase. Heather & Lael will be in store to sign books.
RSVP to: shop@dorothybutler.co.nz by [5th March]

YOUR PTA WEEKLY UPDATE:

Next PTA **meeting in the staffroom TONIGHT at 7.30pm.**
This will be the AGM for the PTA - all welcome!

Our colour fun run ticket sales are live via our Facebook page or alternatively you can purchase tickets through the school.

Ticket sales close on Friday 15th March so get your order in asap!

See our Facebook page for more details:

www.facebook.com/botanydownsprimaryevents/

Please help out by liking and sharing our posts!



Pizza lunch for the most sales for our Colour Fun Run!

This year we are going to give the class that has the most ticket sales a pizza lunch at the end of term. We will update you on the top three classes for sales each week.

Current Leaderboard:

1st - Room 19

2nd - Room 22

3rd - Rooms 1 and 14

Mufti Day - this week, Wednesday 6th March:

A flyer will be sent home today with details for the mufti day this Wednesday. **Mufti means no school uniform!**

We want to add a food/grocery raffle to our collection of fantastic raffles. Instead of a gold coin donation, please can you bring items such as chocolates, packaged food or toiletries. We ask that all items have at least 3 months remaining before any use by dates.



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, all other ice blocks are \$2 each.

If any parents are able to assist with Fruju Fridays, please can you contact us on:

friendsofptabds@gmail.com

MUFTI DAY!

Wednesday 6th March

We wish to add a fantastic food raffle to our collection of amazing raffle prizes for the **COLOUR FUN RUN DAY**. But we need your help!

We are hosting an extra mufti day.

No school uniform and instead of a gold coin donation, we are requesting that you bring something to donate for our grocery raffle - Recommended items include • packaged goods • lollies • toiletries.



Please ensure that there is at least 3 months remaining on used by dates.