

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 11 March, 2019

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).

Parent Interviews

Our interviews this term will be next week on **Tuesday 19 March** (3.20pm-5.00pm) and **Thursday 21 March** (3.20pm-8.00pm). As usual, bookings will be done online, and can be made from tomorrow onwards. Details of how to do this have been sent home **today**, and will also be on our school website: www.botanydowns.school.nz

Please make your bookings as soon as possible. If you have no internet access, or have difficulty making your bookings, please ring the school office this week and talk to Trish or Aroha.

Year 3-6 children are welcome to attend these interviews, to talk about their progress.

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:

Liam Ontong, Jonathan Huang, Aws Al-Jumaily, Olivia Sun, Demitri Kelsall, Thanuli Ratnayake, Avril An, Aaron Li, Ian Lopez Woo, Young Xu, Ezra Dowey, Louie Yu, Ella Hartnoll, Linaya Karunatilake, Elise Cheyne, Isabella Stewart, Chris Armstrong, Zoe Simpson, Anyane De Lange, Lachlan Huang, Bryan Cremer and Olivia Gowan.

Roadworks

All parents and children need to be aware that from today roadworks are taking place outside our main school gates. A temporary crossing will be operating near our usual road patrol crossing. Extra care needs to be taken please.

New Classrooms Coming

Our four additional classrooms will now be arriving around Tuesday 26 March. Preparatory site works are beginning within the next few days.



Coming up...

Tues 12 Mar - Hockey coaching all day / Interschool cricket day 2
Wed 13 Mar - Y6 Camp: parents' meeting at 7pm Room 15
Thurs 14 Mar - Interschool Swimming Sports
Fri 15 Mar - Junior Aqua Fun Day
Tues 19 Mar - Parent Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm
Wed 20 Mar - **Paid Union Meeting all afternoon** / Board of Trustee meeting at 6pm
Thurs 21 Mar - Parent Interviews 3.20pm-8.00pm
Wed 27 Mar - Seniors running a bake sale and mufti day
Thurs 28 Mar - "Eye on Nature" trip
Sun 7 Apr - **COLOUR RUN**
Fri 12 Apr - Term 1 ends

Botany Downs School Values Programme

The Value of RESPECT— 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.

Our new value that we are focusing on is **RESPECT**. Being respectful is an attitude of caring and treating others with dignity. It is speaking to and dealing with others in a courteous manner.
Signs of success: You speak courteously to others, you treat people the same way you like to be treated, you take extra special care with other people's belongings, you respect your body and your rights.
When we use our WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help) to deal with peer conflict it is important to be respectful when we seek help. It would be great if you could discuss the value of respect at home too!

The following children have been selected for exhibiting **Respect**, and will be acknowledged at Friday's assembly, and their names put on the Values Tree in the library:
Vera Zuo, Matakeu Marsters, Jason Wang, Amelia Dellow, Jordan Viljoen, Clemente Martinez Salas, Tyler Sanders, Jeremiah Valentine, Joy Turner, Aris Ezra Fesolai, Zoey Wong, Averie Chin, Nathan Bua, Ariana Simpkin, Ethan Ma, Erin Simonson, Ryleigh Liversage, Arshpreet Kaur, Payton-Lee Weyers, Grace Ge, Esti La Grange and Donna Xue.



2019 House Leaders Announced

We have pleasure in announcing that our House Leaders have been appointed for 2019. Last week, Year 6 children who expressed an interest in becoming one of our 2019 House Leaders completed an application form and attended a group interview. The teachers had the difficult but enjoyable task of narrowing down and selecting 12 deserving leaders from a large group of worthy candidates.

Botany Downs School fosters 'BEST' values of **Belief, Excellence, Skills and Thoughtfulness**, and we believe that these 12 young people will lead their Houses with these values in mind. At Friday's school assembly, our 2019 House Leaders will be presented with their badges.

Batten House: Caitlin Hunkin, Kate McKeen and Blake Nankivell
Blake House: Casey Fergusson, Jessica Wynyard and Chris Armstrong
Hillary House: Blake Elliott, Callum Borland and Karen Lu
Sheppard House: Riley Syme, Alex Johnson and Linaya Karunatillake



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Lost Property

We have 14 green fleece jackets, 4 pairs of sandals, 8 hats, and also towels and togs in the lost property. Please come and have a look and see if they belong to your child. Please name all your child's clothing but especially hats and the green fleece. Thank you. **Vicki Parkins**

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.

Have a fabulous week everyone.

Kind regards,
Mr T
principal@botanydowns.school.nz

YOUR PTA WEEKLY UPDATE:

BDS Colour Fun Run- Sunday 7th April

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 before the end of this week!

See our Facebook page for more details:

www.facebook.com/botanydownsprimaryevents/

Please help out by liking and sharing our posts! If you are able to help with the event, please email bdscolourfunrun@gmail.com

Raffle Tickets for the Colour Fun Run:

This week, each family will receive a book of ten raffle tickets to take home and sell to your friends and family. Our raffle will be drawn at the Colour Fun Run on Sunday 7th April.

We have some epic prizes which include:

1st Prize: One night's accommodation at SKYCITY Grand Hotel plus a family pass to Sky Tower

2nd Prize: Family Passes to Butterfly Creek, Bounce and Beyond, and SheepWorld, plus a \$50 John Russell Voucher

3rd Prize: Family Pass to Gravity NZ trampoline park, 2 x Extreme Edge Rock Climbing Kids Pass, 2 x Paradise Ice Skating passes, and a \$50 John Russell Voucher

Plus many more great prizes! See the raffle tickets for more details. **Each ticket is \$2.** Please return the sold ticket stubs containing names and contact details with your money to your teachers.

The BDS Colour Fun Run is our main fundraiser for the year so we would love to ensure it is a great success. The funds raised will go towards upgrading the playground. Please support us by promoting the event and selling as many raffle tickets as you can!



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 - Room 4

Fruji 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



Next PTA meeting: in the staffroom on
Monday 1st April at at 7.30pm.
All welcome!

