

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 25 March, 2019

Our BEST - Always



Dear parents and caregivers,

Bake Sale and Mufti Day this Wednesday

This is being organised by Y5/6 students for Wednesday and is for the **WHOLE SCHOOL** to take part in. \$1 for mufti, \$1 for each food item. Money should be given to the class teacher.

MAJOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS AT BOTANY DOWNS SCHOOL

Arrival of four classrooms -

Next week-possibly Tuesday/Wednesday-we are expecting four classrooms to arrive at school. These will be placed at the back of room 13. For the next 4-5 weeks workmen will be on site setting up these rooms, which will hopefully be ready to occupy at the start of next term.

Alterations to rooms 12-13 -

Starting hopefully in the holidays, a large deck will be built on the field side of these two rooms, and double doors installed to open onto the new deck area.

Major renovation of rooms 16-19 -

At the same time, these four rooms will be gutted and very significantly altered and upgraded, including the building of a large outdoor canopy.

The above projects will run through until early August. During this time there will be classes needing to be temporarily accommodated. Exciting times in the development and history of our school!

You'll be kept up to date with progress as these big projects unfold.



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: **Darya Shahamiri, Joshua Zhang, Kayla De Lange, Nixon Schwager, Olivia Tingle, Rion Mose, Rebecca Xie, Kingsley Lai, Annabelle Wong, Courtney Kretzmann, Austin Hei, Jayden Ngo, Olivia Bird, Amelia Waugh, Vincent Cheng, Blake Nankivell, Aleeza Malik, Owen Wu, Reem Al-Obaidi, Jessica Huang and Krish Jain.**

Our Special Mufti Day Last Friday

Thank you everyone for your help last Friday afternoon. A special assembly was also held on Friday afternoon and we observed a period of silence. The \$832 we raised is being forwarded to the fund that has been set up for families directly affected by the Christchurch tragedy on 15 March.

Swimming Pool

The last day for swimming pool key holders will be **Saturday 6 April**. The pool will be **closed on Sunday 7 April**.

Ice cream containers - needed for storage

Please could you send to school any ice cream containers that you do not wish to keep. With or without lids. These are valuable storage containers for us to use. Thank you.

Coming up...

Wednesday 27 - March Mufti Day and Bake Sale

Thursday 28 March - "Eye on Nature" trip

Sunday 7 April - **COLOUR RUN**

Friday 12 April - Term 1 ends at 3pm

Monday 29 April - Term 2 begins

Roadworks

Thank you for the patience you have shown while the roadworks have been happening outside our main gates. They are now finished, and the safety of our children should be improved as a result.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

From Week 8 - Week 10 of this term, every child at Botany Downs Primary School will be participating in the Keeping Ourselves Safe [KOS] programme. This programme is developed by the New Zealand Police and run by teachers, to help students learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

If you would like more information about this programme, and what will be covered at each age level, please visit the following link:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

Botany Downs School Values Programme

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: **Kyan Norton, Alicia Wang, Daisy Kuo, Karissa McKenzie, Isla Donaldson, Ethan Tingle, Vic Meng, Lachlan Quinn, Caden Van Niekerk, Kace Johnston, Austin Hei, Holly Reddish, Jaco Kaalsen, Justin Fletcher, Mike Zhou, Brianna Sansom, Nathan Wang, Mason Young, Risa Miyata, Lindsay Lin and Khloe Smith.**



Our School Song: Ma te Mahi Ka Ora

*"Rise and shine, it's a brand new day
Ma te mahi ka ora
We've set our goals and we're on our way
Ma te mahi ka ora"*

The Maori phrase "ma te mahi ka ora" means "through hard work comes fulfilment". This links really well with our school motto "**Our Best Always**", and also with our school "Values".

COLOUR RUN SUNDAY 7 APRIL - NOT LONG TO GO!

Have a fabulous week everyone.

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

Helping Your Child to Read

*Children's reading improves significantly the more they **read** for recreation at **home**.
Read to your child every day, varying the type of books read.
When reading to your child, stop sometimes and ask
"What do you think might happen next?"
Talk to your child about books read by them, or to them, at school.
Visit the excellent local public library.
Set the example - let them see how much mum and dad enjoy reading too!
Get your children into the "reading habit". Encourage them to
read in bed for 20 minutes or more **every** night before lights out.
Buy **books** as presents!*

YOUR PTA WEEKLY UPDATE:

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

BDS Colour Fun Run- Ticket sales extended!

Our colour fun run ticket sales are live via our Facebook page or alternatively you can purchase tickets through the school. We have sold over 700 tickets already- well done!

We still have some tickets available, but they are selling fast so get in quick! Invite your friends along for a fun day.

See our Facebook page for more details:

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

If you are able to help with the event, please email bdscolourfunrun@gmail.com

Raffle Tickets for the Colour Fun Run

We hope your raffle ticket sales are going well- for those of you who have sold your books, and would like more, please email bdscolourfunrun@gmail.com with the quantity of extra books required and your child's name and room number.

Our raffle will be drawn at the Colour Fun Run on Sunday 7th April. Please return the sold ticket stubs containing names and contact details with your money to your teachers.



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 8
2nd - Room 1
3rd - Room 23

Mufti Day & Bake sale on this Wednesday 27 March

We are having a mufti day and bake sale this week- Mufti means no school uniform! Please bring \$1 for mufti and \$1 per baking item. The funds raised go towards the year 5 camp costs.

We need some parents to help with setting up and packing away between 8.30am and 11am. Please can you email pta@botanydowns.school.nz if you have any free time to assist.

