

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 18 March, 2019

Our BEST - Always



Dear parents and caregivers,

IMPORTANT NOTICE **No teacher meetings this Wednesday afternoon**

As a mark of respect to the victims and families of the Christchurch tragedy, the teacher union meetings across New Zealand this week have been CANCELLED.

School will be open as usual all week.

Parent Interviews

Our interviews are this week, **tomorrow** (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.

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: *Tyler Syme, Nokutenda Munyikwa, Leo Xie, Martin Duff, Caesar Jia, Gemma Yee, Harrison Macbeth, Soana Lomu, Marley Ayshford, Felix Cao, Sandy Huang, Kayden Gillespie, Adam Pan, Caleb Jillings, Riley Syme, Sarah Huang, San Choi, Selena Wu, Ila Cropp, Grace Rameka and Tracey Tang.*



Scholastic Book Club

The last day for the Scholastic Book Club orders, Issue 2, is **Friday 22nd March.**

Book Club



Staff Departures

We are sorry to be losing two of our staff at the end of this term.

Briar Reid, who teaches a Y4 class in room 22, and is team leader of the middle team, is heading up north with her husband to start a new chapter of her life. Briar started at Botany Downs School mid-2005 and has made a big contribution over the last 14 years.

Kimberley Rivett, who joined us last year, is taking up an assistant principal position at Alfriston School.

We wish both these valued team members all the best for their futures.

More information will be coming home shortly.

Coming up...

Tues 19 Mar - Parent Interviews 3.20pm-5.00pm

Wed 20 Mar - 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

Mon 29 Apr - Term 2 begins

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: *Dion Choi, Anru Stoltz, Ruby Chen, Mandy Belding, Evie Fleury, Mia Zhang, Gary Taing, Rhayne Fabro, Ishnoor Virk, Driaan Lubbe, Livia Ramos, Mira Jain, Mia El-Chami, Johnny Wells, Harlym Tauariki-Ropiha, Gabbi Stephney, Mikayla Fillet, Tresha Mudaliar, Saachi Aseemit, Naomi Le Roux and Katy Yu.*



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>

Have a fabulous week everyone.

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

The staff of Botany Downs School wishes to offer its support and condolences to any families in any way affected by the tragic events in Christchurch on Friday, and especially to all members of the Muslim community.

YOUR PTA WEEKLY UPDATE:

BDS Colour Fun Run- Tickets still available!

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 500 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/>

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:

We hope your raffle ticket sales are going well- for those of you who have sold your books, there are more available from the office if required. 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 1
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 7.30pm.
All welcome!

