

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 8 April, 2019

Our BEST - Always



Dear parents and caregivers,

Term Certificates

Congratulations to the following children, recipients of our very special "Term Certificates". These are awarded one per class, and will be given out at Friday's assembly (starting at 9.10am), organised and run by our House Leaders:

Jessica Mazzag, Abhay Singh, Nathan du Bois, Nathan Chiang, Meleane Lomu, Gemma Yee, April Clements-Goh, Angela Ni, Marley Ayshford, Evan Wang, Mason Ayshford, Louie Yu, Lillie Cross, Linaya Karunatillake, Kayleigh Thistlethwaite, Isabella Stewart, Leighton Slough, Arshpreet Kaur, Jessie Seok, Reem Al-Obaidi, Aaron Zhang and Eileen Zhuang.



Children's Writing Books

Today all children will bring home their Writing books for parents to have a look at, and comment upon.

YESTERDAY'S COLOUR RUN

**What a fantastic occasion!
Thank you for your support, with special thanks to the PTA
and all parent helpers on the day.**

School Office Hours

The school office will be closing at 3.30pm on **12th April** for the holiday break, and opening again on **Monday 29th April**.

However, during the holidays the school office will be open from 9.00am until 1.00pm on Wednesday 24th April and Friday 26th April.

Year 6 Camp: Monday 29 April-Friday 3 May

The Year 6 children are looking forward to their outdoor education experience at Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island at the beginning of term 2.

A reminder that camp fees are now due, unless arrangements have been made with Trish in the office.

We will depart from school at 7.30 am on Monday 29 April. All students will meet in the hall with their gear at 7.10 am. We will return on Friday 3 May. The estimated time we will return to school is between 4.30pm and 5.00pm, depending upon the traffic.

Mark Insley, team leader.

ANZAC Day Poppies

This year ANZAC Day falls within the term holiday break. We will however be selling poppies from the deck outside the hall, on payment of a gold coin donation, on the last day of term, April 12.



School Uniform

Next term we move into our winter uniforms. The items needed are available from our suppliers, John Russell Schoolwear, 9 Moore St, Howick. Winter uniform is worn for terms 2 and 3.

Board of Trustees Elections

We have six parent trustees on the Board of Trustees who are each elected for a 3 year term. The terms are staggered so that every 18 months three trustee positions come up for election.

In the first week of Term 2 we will be calling for nominations for the three positions that are becoming vacant in June. Voting papers will then be sent out in late May and voting will close at 12 noon on Friday 7 June.

This is a great way for you to be involved in the decisions that will shape the future of Botany Downs School. We are looking for people who represent the broad mix of parents and caregivers we have at Botany Downs School, and don't let a lack of experience put you off; there are plenty of experienced people on the Board to lend a hand and show you the ropes. We will also arrange some training by a consultant from the New Zealand Society of School Trustees (NZSTA).

If you would like to find out more about the role of a parent trustee you can view this short video: <https://vimeo.com/120984849>

The timeline for the process is set out below:

Nominations close – Noon on Friday 24 May

Voting papers sent by – Wednesday 29 May

Election Day (voting closes) – 12 noon on Friday 7 June

Count votes – Thursday 13 June

Board takes office – Friday 14 June

First meeting of the new Board – 6pm on Wednesday 19 June

We look forward to seeing lots of nominations, lots of voting, and to meeting the three successful candidates at the first meeting of the new Board.

Your Board of Trustees

Local Library Events

Follow the link to see what events for children are happening at your local library: [Events at Auckland Libraries](#)



Have a fabulous week everyone.

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

Reminder:
Term 1 finishes this Friday 12 April at 3pm.
Term 2 starts on Monday 29 April.

YOUR PTA WEEKLY UPDATE:

BDS Colour Fun Run- we did it!!



What an amazing day we had on Sunday at the Colour Fun Run! The turnout was fantastic and the sun was shining. We hope you all enjoyed the day! We want to thank our Platinum Sponsors who made this day possible:



Check out the Les Mills 8 week reset challenge starting April 15th. Commit to 24 workouts and be in to win 1 of 2 Les Mills 12 month memberships.

Thank you!

A very special thank you to the organising committee for their tireless work to get this event ready. We are so lucky to have such wonderful parents at our school. We also want to thank all our parent helpers who worked on the stalls, setup and cleanup. So many parents just offered to help where we needed them and we really do appreciate you taking time out of your day to do so. Thanks to our amazing teachers for stepping up to be colour bombed and for running our cash out booth-we are so grateful!

We will do a special newsletter later this week with more photos from the day and a few other updates.

Pizza Lunch this Friday:

Congratulations to room **23** for winning the pizza lunch for the most Colour Fun Run Ticket Sales. We will get pizza delivered to your classroom this Friday at lunch time!

Fruju Friday

Fruju Friday is on again this week with regular iceblocks for \$2 and minis for \$1 each. We will also be selling lolly necklaces on Friday for \$2 each so come along to enjoy a delicious end of term treat.