

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 22 February 2021

Our BEST - Always



Kia ora koutou,

Our school has been very settled with happy children and staff returning after our lockdown. Thank you to all our parent community for reading the information in the last newsletter about Alert Level 2 and dropping your children off outside the gates to help limit the number of people on site. Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you we will be in Alert Level 1.

Congratulations to our Special Award Winners

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their special awards at our School Assembly on Friday starting at 9.10 am or in their classrooms if we are still in Alert Level 2.

Special Terrific Person Awards

Yongha Kim, Mia Jack, Brooke Williams, Jaspreet Kaur, Oliver Wu, Lucas Pope, Zoya Khan, Sophie Klee, Jay Kim, Noah Nagoorsamy, Harkirat Gill, Alyssa Lin, Prisha Verma, Aaron Qiao, Zachariah Shamuel, Jessie Seok, Ann-Maria Sekona, Ethan Wibowo, Evie Zhu, Shrihaan Harridass and Liam Goldsmith.

Courtesy and Manners Award from our BDS Values

Fedya Chibel, Sarah Shawani, Julius Ming Peterson, Chaz Grisselle, Mackenzie Scott, Sindey Chai, Carter Kenny, Skylar Yip, Leanna Xu, April Clements-Goh, Sana Shikoda, Tyler Syme, Kensie Tate, Luise Peng, Aydan Boparai, Rhian Ming, Mira Jain, Skylar Li, Ashley Field, Lia Heissenbuttel and Zedekiah Matyas.



Road Patrol

This week at assembly we will acknowledge the Year 6 Road Patrollers and their commitment to helping us cross the road safely by presenting them with their Road Patrol badges.

A huge thank you to the parents who come every week to supervise the Road Patrollers. We still need helpers on Monday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and afternoon for term 1. If you are available for 30 minutes when you are at school dropping off and collecting your children we would really appreciate your help!



Kylee Homes (Road Patrol Coordinator) kyleeh@botanydowns.school.nz

School Sports During Term 1

We have some great sports on offer this term. Please encourage your child to come out and get involved when trials begin.

HPPA Softball Years 4-6: Trials will be taking place during weeks 3-4 and the make-up of the team will be dependent on signup numbers, skill level, and gender mix. **Competition Day: Week 5 Thursday 4th March**

Senior School Swimming Sports Day: Senior students will compete at this event to be chosen for the BDS team we take to HPPA. Students will be chosen in collaboration with our swimming instructors and classroom teachers.

Competition Day: Week 5 March 3rd 9:00-12:00

Coming up...

Wednesday 3 March -
Senior swimming day

Wednesday 10 March -
Year 6 camp parent meeting

Wednesday 24 March -
Parent/teacher interviews

Thursday 25 March -
Parent/teacher interviews

Thursday 1 April -
Teacher Only Day

Friday 2 April -
Good Friday (public holiday)

Monday 5 April -
Easter Monday (public holiday)

Tuesday 6 April -
Easter Tuesday (school holiday)

Friday 16 April -
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 3 May -
First Day of Term 2 / Yr 5 & Yr 6 Camp Adair

HPPA Years 5 & 6 Inter School Swimming Sports:

Competition Day: Week 6 Tuesday 16th March Lloyd Elsmore

HPPA Cricket Year 4-6: Trials will begin in week 3 and 4 and the make-up of the team will be dependent on signup numbers, skill level, and gender mix.

Competition Day: Week 4 Thursday 25 February

Joe D'Ambrosio joed@botanydowns.school.nz (Team Leader Year 6/Sports Coordinator)

Kapa Haka

Botany Downs Primary are proud to offer our students from years 4-6 the opportunity to be part of the kapa haka group, where they will learn the skills and tikanga of the Maori performing arts. They will learn the art of poi, rakau, action songs and be involved in a powhiri. Students will also get the opportunity to showcase their skills for different events.

We practise every Friday. If your child has signed up for kapa haka please encourage them to make every practise.

michellet@botanydowns.school.nz Michelle Takaiti (Kapa Haka Tutor)

2020 ICAS Exam Certificates

Our ICAS Exam Certificates from 2020 have arrived!

If your child is now in Year 6 they will receive their certificate tomorrow. If you have a child who was a Year 6 student in 2020, you can collect their certificates from the school office.

marki@botanydowns.school.nz Mark Insley (Deputy Principal Years 4-6)

Year 5 School Camp

We were very fortunate to be able to have another date for our year 5 school camp to go ahead as we could not go to Camp Adair today under Alert Level 2. Our year 5 and 6 students will now be going to camp on the same Monday, 3 May. The year 6 students will be leaving the school well before the year 5 start to gather in the hall to go to their camp so the overlap is perfect.

sharmilar@botanydowns.school.nz Sharmila Raj (Team Leader Year 5)



Lunch Orders

We are now using kindo to order our lunches by Ezlunch - available on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday! This year you will be able to order hot and cold meals, sushi, salads and more provided by Daily Lunch & Catering, through kindo by simply clicking [here!](#)



order online, delivered fresh to school
ezlunch.co.nz

Just one login for every school payment. You can order (or cancel) any time before 9 am on the day or schedule in advance. Your lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch. Click [here](#) to view the menu.



Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready...Click [here](#) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

For Apple and Android users download the mykindo app. Need Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or phone 869 5200 weekdays 8am-4pm. www.mykindo.co.nz / www.ezlunch.co.nz

Please contact trisht@botanydowns.school.nz for any queries about kindo at BDS.

Lucky Book Club

Please note: orders for Issue 1 will now close on Thursday 25 February.

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Lucky Book Club



Work and Income Payments via Kindo

Kindo and Work and Income (WINZ) are working together so you can access financial support for school items that are available on your Kindo School shop.

* See page 5 for more details and instructions

Walking School Bus - why use one?

Parents:

- Take turns with other parents walking children to/from school
- Get to know other parents
- Spend quality time with your children
- Attend free events run by Auckland Transport and be part of Auckland wide Walking School Bus programme

Children:

- It's a fun, social and healthy way to get to school
- Arrive at school energised and ready to learn
- Learn about Road Safety

Schools:

- Students arrive on time
- Less congestion at the school gate

What beautiful weather we are having - how about joining a Walking School Bus! Email or talk to Kylee Holmes kyleeh@botanydowns.school.nz or Nancy Marsten nancym@botanydowns.school.nz if you have any questions

* See page 6 for the BDS Walking School bus map

School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election of two parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Sunday 7 March 2021. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on Friday 9 April 2021.

Steph Elder, Returning Officer

**Na mihi nui,
Vicki Parkins, Principal**



For more information
please visit: [AT.govt.nz/
walkingschoolbus](http://AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus)



Community:

- Families get to know other families in the area
- Drivers are more aware of children walking
- Fewer cars on the road at peak time



PTA Update...

Meet the Teacher - Volunteers

A big thank-you to all those parents that offered to assist with future PTA events. Your contribution of time and effort will assist us greatly, which means the students of BDS get to enjoy the results of the PTA's hard work.



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Kindo Update - PTA Events/Refunds

Just to let you know that any payments made for Mufti & Pie Day have been refunded into your Kindo account, and payments made for Fruju Friday will roll over to this week's event on Friday.

Fruju Friday - It's back for Term 1

Just a reminder that Fruju Friday is now back for 2021 for Term 1.

We also encourage more parents to purchase your child's ice blocks using Kindo as it removes the need for cash, and allows your child to access the Express Lane and not have to wait in line. <https://kindo.co.nz/>



Bakers Delight Botany - Hot Cross Buns Promo (31 March)

The Botany Bakers Delight is doing a promo where all 6-Pack sales of Hot Cross buns will get a donation of \$2 dollars to the school.

The delivery date to the school will be 31 March 2021. All orders will be done via kindo.

We hope that you will support our school with this great promotion with Bakers Delight Botany.



Rotary - Howick Fun Run and Walk

The annual Howick Fun Run and Walk in Auckland on Sunday, 28 March 2021 takes in the scenery and experiences a different view of the Howick area.

We are looking for parents keen on assisting us with a school entry/Team. Where all students will run together. The aim is to have all our students in a BDS shirts and also have the BDS gazebo there as well.

If you can assist with the running part or on the morning of the event please contact us at pta@botanydowns.school.nz



For more information, click the following links:

[Howick Rotary Fun Walk & Run](http://howickfunwalkrun.co.nz)
(howickfunwalkrun.co.nz)

[HFWR2021 Presentation LowV2.pdf](http://howickfunwalkrun.co.nz)
(howickfunwalkrun.co.nz)



SKIDS - Providing Before and After School, and Holiday Programmes

Before School care - 7.30am to 8.30am
After School care - 3.00pm to 6.00pm
Holiday Programmer - 7.30am to 6.00pm



To see if you qualify for an OSCAR subsidy, please click on the link:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/deskfile/extra-help-information/childcare-assistance-tables/oscar-subsidy-current.html> (Government subsidy towards your child care)

To make a booking, please register on skids.aimy.co.nz or email us: botanydowns@skids.co.nz

Work and Income payments to your myKindo account



Kindo and Work and Income (WINZ) are working together, so you can access financial support for school items that are available on your Kindo School shop.

What you need to do

1. Login to your myKindo account.
2. Select the items you need to purchase (**that WINZ will be making the payment for**) and add to your cart.
3. Select Checkout.
4. Click Top up and Place Order.
5. The amount you need to top up will be highlighted so you can click Continue.
6. Select the Internet Banking (at your bank) and then Continue.
7. A screen "Open your internet banking now" will appear (see image on the right).
8. Record the Reference number and amount of the transaction.
9. Click *I have completed my transaction at the bank* to save your purchase.
10. When funds are received in your account, your purchase will be completed, and you will receive a Top Up Receipt and an Order Confirmation. Please check for BOTH emails and get in touch with our Kindo helpdesk if there are any issues. Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz or freephone: 0508 454 636.



PLEASE TAKE THE BELOW INFORMATION TO YOUR CASE MANAGER

You will need to give your Case Manager the below information - kindo supplier number, your kindo member number (*Please note that this is an essential bank reference number*) and the amount so they can complete the payment and purchase for you.

Your WINZ Case Manager needs this info:

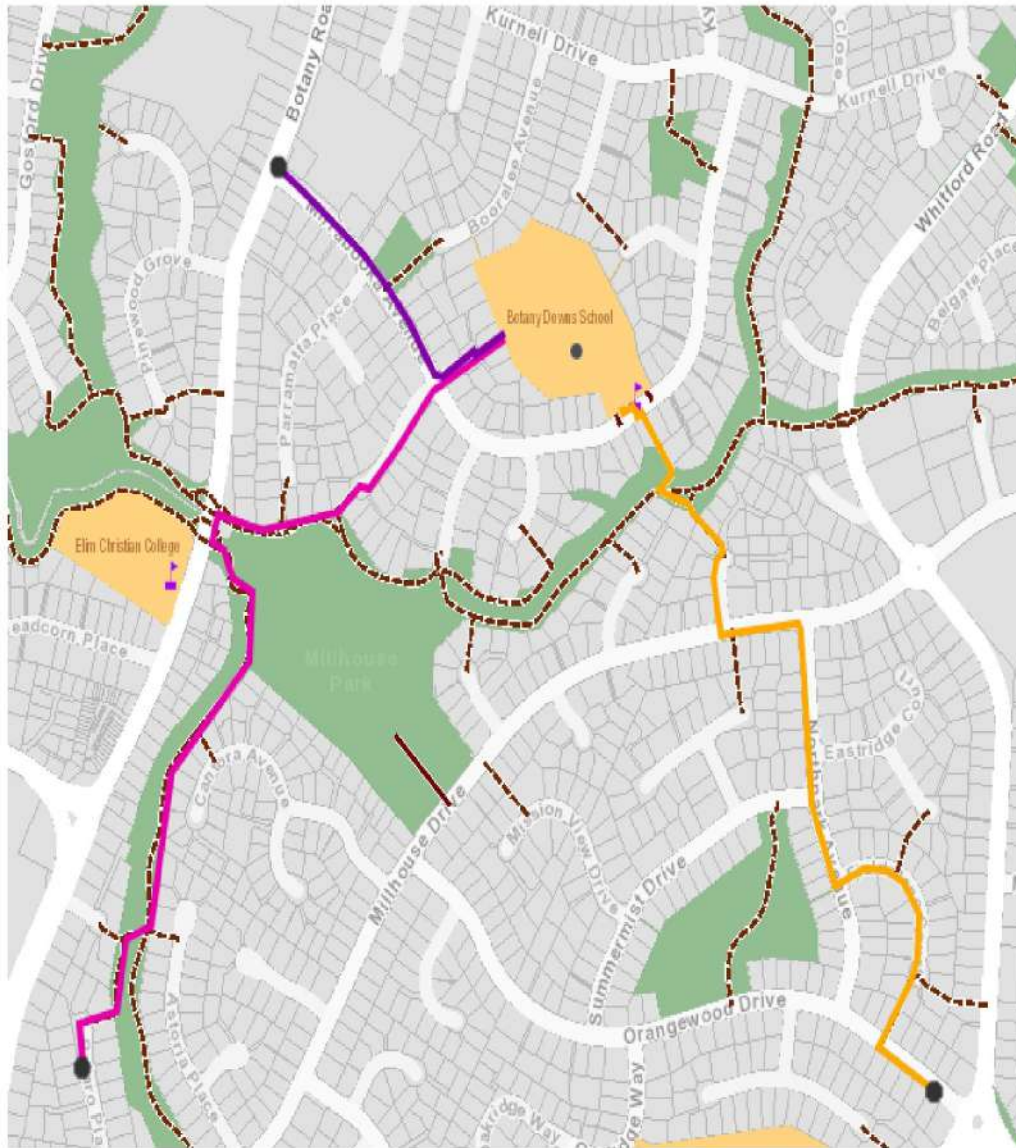
Kindo Supplier Number: CUR001872643

Kindo member number: _____ (6 digit number)

Amount: _____

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS ROUTES



Route	Bus name	Departs from	Days bus runs	Departs	Parent coordinator	Contact details
	Pajaro route	18 Pajaro Place the front tree at school	Mon - Fri	7.45am 3.20pm	Nancy Marston	021 0714912
	Mirrabooka route	AM: Shops on the corner of Mirrabooka Ave & Botany Rd PM: back gate on Kadina Pl	Wednesday	8.30am 3.05pm	Cathy Bell	021 422 849
	Orangewood route	AM: 6 Orangewood Drive PM: Mirrabook alley way entry	Mon - Fri	8.30am 3.10pm	Daniel La Grange	028 4193320

Walking School Buses are owned and operated by the parents of the school. Please check with the school on the current status of the route.



For more information about starting a WSB at your school please visit AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus or email us at walkingschoolbus@aucklandtransport.govt.nz