

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 15 March 2021

Our BEST - Always



Kia ora koutou,

We are so happy to be able to send you this newsletter in Alert Level 1. We can now welcome everyone back into BDS and open the bus bay.

At Alert Level 1 we will continue to follow all appropriate health measures at school including maintaining cleaning and disinfecting practices, and encouraging good hygiene standards.

Friday Assembly 9.10 am.

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving their Special Terrific Person Certificates and Values Bookmarks at school assembly on Friday, starting at 9.10 am. We welcome you to attend.

Special Terrific Person Certificates

Elle Edgar, Aidan Malez Ocampos, Cameron Ellis, Michael Joseph, Venuja Nanayakkara, Braxton Bills, Dongju Lee, Joshua Bruwer, Gabriel Divinagracia, Connor Henderson, Lachlan Quinn, Ila Cropp, John Tokai, Jesse Elliott, Annieke Steyn, Grace Rameka, Lachlan Huang, Aimee Le Roux, Caroline Animu, Addison Xie and Arya Lawn.



Values Bookmarks

Miane' Cronje', Zoey Van Wyk, Genasis Taylor-Wihongi, Jemma Seok, Harley Tye, Tatum Budd, Mariam Alwaidh, Emma Sun, Gemma Green, Amelia Klee, Aris Ezra-Fesolai, Aws Al-Jumaily, Tanique Bischoff, Jade Lundgren, Matakeu Marsters, Lené Möll, Dorothy Wu, Louie Yu, Evan Gu, Matthew Swart and Tresha Mudaliar.



Parent/teacher Interviews

Our interviews this term will be ,Wednesday 24 March (3.30pm -5.00pm) and Thursday 25th March (3.30pm-8.00pm.

Bookings will be done online and can be made from **tomorrow** onwards. Details of how to do this are attached and also sent home to-day, and will be on our school web site: www.botanydowns.school.nz.



ESOL Parents:

You are welcome to go to Room 26 to meet Kate Keenan, our ESOL teacher, and have a look around the room at the following times:

Wednesday 24 March 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Thursday 25 March 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

No appointment is required to visit the ESOL room as these will be informal conversations about the programme. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in ESOL during the parent interviews that are scheduled to take place at the end of Term 2.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Keenan directly by emailing katek@botanydowns.school.nz

Coming up...

Thursday 18 March -
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 Camp Adair & Yr 6 Camp Bentzon

HPPA Swimming Competition

This Tuesday we will be competing against a number of schools in the area. We will be racing at Lloyd Elsmore starting from 11:00 and be back to school before 3:00.



We welcome parents to join us to cheer on our students.

Best of luck to all those competing!

Joe D'Ambrosio joed@botanydowns.school.nz (PE Coordinator)

Swimming Sports

Well done to all students who took part in our Senior school swimming event. We had some very competitive races and everyone showed great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 8 Freestyle							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Duncan	Luo	23	1st	Kathryn	Bates	23
2nd	Cooper	Jiang	22	2nd	Rebecca	Houston	15
3rd	Sean	Hwang	16	3rd	Emily	Su'a	22
4th	Dion (Doohyun)	Choi	23	4th			

Year 9 Freestyle							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Aaron	Qiao	16	1st	Yuni	Choi	14
2nd	Jiayi (Johnny)	Zhou	18	2nd	Lillie	Cross	15
3rd	Jesse	Elliot	16	3rd	Sophia	MacBeth	15
4th				4th	Holly	Reddish	17

Year 10 Freestyle							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	John	Yin	14	1st	Charlie	McNae	14
2nd	Ethan	Yin	18	2nd	Kate	Fleming	19
3rd	William	Van Der Merwe	18	3rd	Risa	Miyata	19
4th				4th	Jessica	Huang	14

Year 8 BackStroke							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Cooper	Jiang	22	1st	Kathryn	Bates	23
2nd	Yi Sen	Qi	20	2nd	Sandy	Huang	16
3rd	Sean	Hwang		3rd	Emily	Su'a	
4th				4th			

Year 9 BackStroke							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Jiayi (Johnny)	Zhou	18	1st	Selena	Wu	15
2nd	Benjamin	Wynyard	15	2nd	Lillie	Cross	15
3rd	Jesse	Elliot	16	3rd	Holly	Reddish	17
4th	Luke	Chang	15	4th			

Year 10 BackStroke							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	John	Belding	14	1st	Kate	Fleming	19
2nd	Ethan	Yin	18	2nd	Charlie	McNae	14
3rd	Noah	Jonck	14	3rd	Risa	Miyata	19
4th	William	Van Der Merwe	18	4th	Grace	Ge	14

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Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Sean	Hwang	16	1st	Kathryn	Bates	23
2nd				2nd	Rebecca	Houston	15
3rd				3rd	Emily	Su'a	22
4th				4th	Sienna	Tye (Not competitive)	22

Year 9 BreastStroke							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Aaron	Qiao	16	1st	Emma	Li	16
2nd	Jiayi (Johnny)	Zhou	18	2nd	Lillie	Cross	15
3rd	Jesse	Elliot	16	3rd	Selena	Wu	15
4th	Ray	Xu	14	4th	Yuni	Choi	14

Year 10 BreastStroke							
Boys				Girls			
	First Name	Last Name	Rm #		First Name	Last Name	Rm #
1st	Ethan	Yin	18	1st	Kate	Houston	14
2nd	John	Belding	14	2nd	Charlie	McNae	14
3rd	William	Van Der Merwe	18	3rd	Kate	Fleming	19
4th	Blake Taylor	Murphy-Trail	18	4th	Yiran	Zhao	19

Joe D'Ambrosio joed@botanydowns.school.nz (PE Coordinator)

Board of Trustee Election

Please see the following attached pages for statements from the candidates for the upcoming Mid-term Board of Trustee elections.

Ngā mihi,
Vicki Parkins, Principal

vickip@botanydowns.school.nz

PTA Update...

Mufti & Pie Day - (WEDNESDAY 17th March 2021)

The first Jesters Pie & Mufti day is on Wednesday **17 March** this week.

Buy a pie from Jesters pies and come in mufti!

- Mufti is \$2 per child, pie price is dependent on your selection.
- Pie purchases must be completed before 11am on Tuesday 16 March, via kindo
- Mufti can be paid via kindo, or coins will be accepted on the hall deck on the day

Please note: all pie/sausage roll orders will need to be placed again as they were not carried over from the last order date.

Fruju Friday - It's back (Again..) for Term 1

Just a reminder that Fruju Friday is now back 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/>



Hot Cross Buns Fundraising (Pre-Easter Holidays)

BDS PTA is doing the Hot Cross Buns Fundraising with Couplands Bakery with either Traditional or Chocolate Hot Cross Buns.

Each 6-pack of hot cross buns will be \$5 each, and all orders will be done via kindo.



We hope that you will support our school with this great fundraising event.

Orders Close on 9am 22nd March 2021. Orders Delivered to school on Friday 26th March.

Kindo Update - PTA Events/Refunds/Cancellations

Just to let you know that if you have paid for an event via kindo and that event is then cancelled, your payment is credited back into your kindo account.

Additionally a minimum of 24hrs is needed to cancel an order in kindo.

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BTW: did you know you can use online banking to top up your kindo account and incur no additional charges!

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



BOTANY DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL (1235)
2021 SCHOOL MID-TERM BOARD ELECTIONS
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Irene LIANG



Kia ora! 你好.

My name is Irene and I am the mother of a 7-year-old boy attending this school. Like you, I want the best for our children, and provide an enriched environment for them to thrive and reach their potential.

Botany Downs Primary is a great school, but we know there are ways to make it even better. For example, having more optional extracurricular activities available after school give children opportunities to explore their interests or acquire new skills e.g. sports, art, music and languages. I want to see more children including my son finding their passion in life early on, because passion brings focus, and focus leads to success. I also believe children will be benefited by more exposure to financial literacy and knowledge on emotional wellbeing. The world we live in has become increasingly challenging, we want to do our best to ensure our children have the skills and mindset they need to thrive in the future.

As the opportunity arises, I would like to take a more active role in the success of the school by standing for board of trustee election. I have over 13 years of working experience in the education, science and healthcare sectors. My strengths are strategic leadership, relationship building and effective communications. I'm also an active listener and welcome any inputs and suggestions from you. Being a people-focused person, I would like to utilise my skills to make a difference to the lives of students at Botany Downs Primary. As a busy working mum, you can be assured that I have you and your children's best interests in heart. I therefore ask for your support on me to represent you at the school board.

Thank you and best wishes to you all!

Jess Storey



Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa, Ni Hao, Annyeonghaseyo, my name is Jess Storey and I am applying to represent parents on the Botany Downs School Board. My husband and I live locally with our two kids. Our oldest daughter attends Botany Downs School and is currently in Year 4. I grew up in Howick, before heading overseas and returning to NZ in the early 2000's.

I have been involved in the PTA for the last 3 years and have held the position of Treasurer. I have been involved in many of the school events such as the Colour Run in 2019, Discos and regular mufti days and bake sales. I look forward to continuing in the PTA as we can fundraise again. I would like to take my commitment to the school further as a member of the Board of Trustees. I would love the opportunity to contribute to the success of Botany Downs School as it grows over the next few years. These are challenging times for the school community, and I think it important to contribute as best as I can to keep the school strong, giving our children and their teachers the best opportunities that they can. Professionally, I am an IT Manager, and have been working in the IT sector for the past 20 years. My expertise is in support and project management. I have excellent interpersonal skills and work well with a variety of different people in all different sectors. In the past I have worked for SkyCity, and Foodstuffs which means working with people of all different skill sets and expertise. I understand the need for prioritisation and feel these will be beneficial skills that I can bring to the BoT. In addition, I look forward to working with other parents and teachers to ensure that Botany Downs Primary delivers the best in can to our children and supports the critical role teachers play in contributing to that.

I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to our great school and thank you for your vote.

Brook TATE



Kia ora koutou katoa, hello everyone,

My name is Brook Tate, and I am standing for the Parent Representative on the Botany Downs School Board of Trustees. I grew up locally having attended Howick Intermediate and then Howick College before Auckland University in my earlier years.

I settled back in NZ in the area after some years away located in Asia and the Pacific. I have a daughter in year 4 and a son in year 2 at Botany Downs School. I feel strongly about supporting our children's education to be the best it can be, and so I'm eager to be involved with the school on the Board of Trustees as your Parent Representative. I believe I will bring a strong background in leadership, financial management and strategic planning developed from my work in financial services around Asia Pacific over the past almost 20 years.

I take the time to listen to others points of view, and collaborate with people to build great working relationships to achieve common goals. At home I am a keen cyclist and love getting out with the kids riding around the great network of pathways we have around the area.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of the school in being our best, always.

Richard TOSH



I am delighted to be applying for re-election onto the Botany Downs Primary School (BDPS) Board of Trustees.

I have been on the Board for 6 years, the last 3 years as Board Chair. The Board's role is to govern the school and to work seamlessly alongside the senior leadership team (SLT) which manages the school, led by the Principal. I have been lucky to work alongside Mr T, and then more recently Mrs Parkins (Vicki), great SLTs and fantastic fellow Board members.

A great deal has happened during the last 6 years and there have been many changes for the better at BDPS. Student achievement has remained at consistently high levels, even since COVID, and that is a credit to all the teaching staff at BDPS.

There is also a lot to look forward to, with the renovation of rooms 16 to 19 now completed, three new outdoor canopy areas expected in the first half of 2021, and a new 6 classroom block on the horizon. I would like to be a part of the continuing growth and development of the school during the next 3 years and believe that I can continue to add lots of value as a Board member.

I have two daughters, Brianna who is 15 and Lauren who is 10. Brianna attended BDPS for 6 years and is now in Year 11 at Howick College. Lauren is in Year 6 and enjoying all the opportunities that BDPS has to offer.

I am a lawyer by profession and currently a Special Counsel at DLA Piper (the second largest global law firm) where I specialise in insurance law and litigation. I have been involved in dealing with a multitude of different disputes during my career. While in New Zealand I have done a lot of leaky building litigation, and more recently, litigation arising out of the Canterbury and Kaikoura earthquakes. My analytical and legal skills have often come in useful on the Board.

I am passionate about the education of our children. As well as being on the Board of BDPS, I was a Board member at Howick Intermediate for 3 years and I have recently joined the Board at Howick College.

If re-elected onto the Board at BDPS, I would bring a wealth of experience of school governance along with my legal and communication skills, and a passion and determination to make BDPS even better than it is already.

I would be grateful for your vote.



Book School Interviews Online

Parent-teacher interviews will be held at the following times:

- 3:30 pm – 5.00pm Wednesday 24 March 2021
- 3:30 pm – 8.00pm Thursday 25 March 2021

To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, and enter the event code **6f9zu** Then follow these three simple steps:

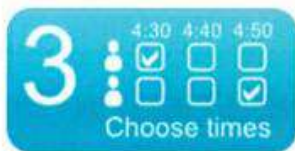


First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.

If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page. Choose from the list of teachers.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code **6f9zu** again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access, please call Trish or Aroha at the school office (phone 095349848). They will be able to make a booking for you.



Mufti & Pie Day

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH

Welcome back to school, we are having a mufti and pie day!



Buy a pie or sausage roll from Jesters pies and come to school in mufti!

Support our Pie day fundraiser and enjoy a delicious pie or sausage roll for lunch.
Gluten free options available too.

We get \$2 from every pie, and \$1 from each sausage roll, so [place your order today](#) for lunchtime delivery on Wednesday 17th March.

Mufti is \$2 per child, payments to be made via Kindo
(if needed, cash will be accepted at the hall deck on the day).
Pie purchases must be completed via Kindo before 11am on Tuesday 16 March.
No cash payments can be accepted at school.



Hot Cross Buns

Coupland's is one of the largest independently owned bakery chains in New Zealand with retail bakeries throughout the South Island, Hamilton, Rotorua, Tauranga and now coming to Botany Downs School!

Ask your friends and family if they would like to purchase some delicious Hot Cross Buns in time for Easter.

Traditional Hot Cross Buns 6 pack

Chocolate Hot Cross Buns 6 pack

HAPPY
Easter

For only \$5

Purchases can only be made on Kindo.

- \$1.50 from every pack sold is returned to the school for fundraising
- Orders close 9am Monday 22nd March
- Hot Cross Buns delivered to School Friday 26th March

PS: Did you know you can use online banking to top up your Kindo account and incur no additional charges! Get on Kindo today and get your Hot Cross Buns.

