

Botany Downs Primary School

Monday 10 May 2021



Kia ora koutou,

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

Harley Tye, Memphis Kwok, Mariam Alwaidh, Rachel Hu, Mene' Nel, Louis Hunter, Lieol Strickland, Elani Venter, Abigail Harrison, William Pirie, Young Xu, Ila Cropp, Russell Escalona, Sean Hwang, Chanelle Tuhakaraina-Hemopo, Eileen Zhuang, Kezia Tong, Alicia Wang, Chloe Smith, Rory Bird, Indyana Clifton and Nella Ranchhod.



Values Awards

Charlotte Walsh, Alofa Vaolele, Umar Shaheer, Yasser El Chami, Zerahiah Turner, Sebastian Birchler, Haider Al-Jumaily, Angelia Qiao, Tiana Parsons, Phillipa Ormrod, Owen Huang, Harrison Macbeth, May Shawani, Anru Stoltz, Peri Petelo-Vili, Ruby Chen, Mackenzie Pedersen, Isabella Venter, JD La Grange, Niamh Hunkin, Daniel Yang, Maddison Budd and Jay Lau.



Staffing

This week on Friday we farewell our Part-Time teacher aide Marcela Ramos and wish her all the best for her full time position as a TA at Somerville Intermediate. Ms Ramos has been teaching the Rainbow Reading Programme and supporting the teaching of English with Ms Keenan in our ESOL classes. We wish you all the best in your new role and sincerely thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our students at BDS.

Camp

A huge thank you to our parents who went on camp last week to support our Year 5 and 6 Students. These wonderful EOTC opportunities would not be possible without your support.

Thank you to our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers for running such successful and fun filled camps. We are looking forward to our upcoming assemblies in the future to highlight the EOTC activities.

Uniform Changeover

Our uniform changeover this term has gone extremely well and the school looked very smart at our practise assembly on Friday.

Zoo Trips

All teams will be visiting the Auckland Zoo to support our Inquiry Unit on the Living World. Please return your trip forms and liaise with your child's class teacher about this trip.

These visits to the zoo are funded from our BDS activity donation which can be paid through internet banking, EFTPOS at the office or through Kindo. Thank you.



Coming Up...

Friday 14 May -
PTA Mother's Day breakfast before school

Monday 17 May -
Yr 3 Zoo trip

Wednesday 19 May -
Yr 2 Zoo trip / BOT meeting

Friday 21 May -
Pink Shirt Mufti Day / Yr 0/1 Zoo trip

Wednesday 2 June -
Yr 5 Zoo trip

Thursday 3 June -
Yr 6 Zoo trip / Parent evening at Howick College, 7pm

Friday 4 June -
Teacher Only Day

Monday 7 June -
Queen's Birthday (public holiday)

Wednesday 9 June -
Yr 4 Zoo trip

Botany Bulletin from our PTA

Please keep an eye out for the Botany Bulletin which will be sent to you separately with all the details of events and fundraisers on it that our dedicated and enthusiastic PTA are organising for our school. This week we have our chocolate fundraiser chocolates coming home and the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday before school.

Pause Breathe Smile

On Thursday 1st April, our school staff participated in an excellent professional development day led by Dr Daniel Devcich, a psychology professor at the Auckland University of Technology. He is a trained facilitator in the "Pause, Breathe, Smile" programme that has been designed and implemented in NZ schools through the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. This programme is based on extensive research regarding how we support our tamariki regarding their wellbeing. You will have seen this advertised on TV.



We will be integrating the eight lessons into our Health Programme. This programme is about embedding the practice of noticing and living, enjoying the present moment, and gratitude.

Yummy apples collection

Don't forget to keep collecting the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for your school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool.

Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!



Extra sheets are available from Miss O'Driscoll in Room 2

Jacquie O'Driscoll, Coordinator (jacquieo@botanydowns.school.nz)

PINK SHIRT DAY: Friday 21st May

Pink Shirt Day is an event celebrated globally and is an opportunity to celebrate our school environment where we all feel safe, are valued and respected.

At Botany Downs we encourage students to use our school values, skills and strategies to keep themselves and others safe. Classes continue to actively engage in activities to promote a safe environment where everyone feels respected and valued. We pride ourselves on having no tolerance for bullying.



Students are encouraged to wear pink as we: Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atū, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

If your child is going on the zoo trip on Friday 21st May (Yr 0/1), they need to wear their school uniform but are encouraged to wear a pink accessory.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit the following website: <https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

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Library New...

Lucky Book Club

The latest brochures will be coming home this week, and it's filled with lots of great children's books!



Each purchase not only supports your child's reading, but also helps the school to be able to provide additional resources.

Orders close on Wednesday 19 May - online orders are preferred please. Directions for online ordering are on the brochure order form.

Overdue Books

A friendly reminder to please ensure your children's library books are returned to the school library promptly so other students can borrow them. Books can be returned through the returns slot before school and at lunchtime.

Auckland Writer's Festival

This wonderful event takes place at the Aotea Centre between 11-16 May, and features many FREE events. Check out the website to see what children's authors are taking part: <https://www.writersfestival.co.nz/>.

Community Notices...

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 Programme - 7.30am to 6.00pm

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

<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



Parent Evening: Karen Tui Boyes

Future Proofing Your Child: How to give them a solid foundation and wings to fly in a world constantly changing.

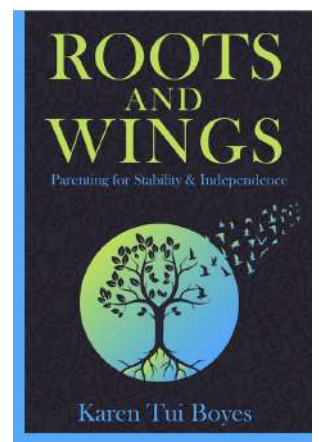
Parents and caregivers of students who attend one of the schools or ECEs in the Howick Coast Kāhui ako, are invited to attend an informative evening presented by Karen Tui Boyes.

- **When:** Thursday 3 June, 7:00- 8:30pm
- **Where:** Bill Dimery Performing Arts Theatre, Howick College
- **Cost:** \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased through your school by KINDO, or by EFTPOS

Karen Tui Boyes is a champion for lifelong learning across nations, industries and organisations. She is founder, head facilitator and CEO of Spectrum Education Limited. Karen leads a small and dynamic team which is determined to unleash everyone's **peak performance**, with a focus on ensuring teachers, students and parents have a passion for learning, understand the learning process and know how to maximise it.

Karen is an author and the creator of the Teachers Matter Magazine, Teachers Matter Conference, Kids Matter Conference, Study Smart Workshops and the Habits of Mind Bootcamp. She is also CEO of Spectrum Education, Affiliate Director of the Institute for the Habits of Mind, NZ Educator of the Year 2017 & 2014, NZ Speaker of the Year 2019 & 2013, NZ Business Woman of the Year 2001, wife of one and mother of two.

You will also be able to purchase a copy of Karen's latest book and other resources on the night.





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TERM 2 – 2021

Botany Downs Primary School



LEGO® Motorised Model Building (Year 0-6)

Experience the fun of hands-on model building to develop problem solving skills

- Date: 4 May – 6 July (10 Weeks)
- Time: 3:15 – 4:15pm (Every Tuesday)
- Fees: \$250 (\$25/1h)
- Location: Classroom 18

LEGO® Junior Robotics with Coding

WeDo Learning (Year 0-4)

Combines model building and WeDo “drag and drop” coding to spark interest in STEAM

- Date: 6 May – 8 July (10 Weeks)
- Time: 3:15 – 4:45pm (Every Thursday)
- Fees: \$350 (\$35/1.5h)
- Location: Classroom 18



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