

# THE BOTANY BRIEF

An update from your PTA

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

 Jesters Pies – 11<sup>th</sup> December

Order and pay via Kindo by 11am 10<sup>th</sup> December

 Fruju Fridays

Two more remaining this year

 Second Hand Uniform Sale

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 12pm – 2pm

 PTA Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7pm in the staff room. Interested in coming? Please email [pta@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:pta@botanydowns.school.nz)

***He rau ringa e oti ai. Many hands make light work***

As we wrap up another fantastic year, the PTA would like to extend our thanks to our incredible school community. Your support, enthusiasm, and generosity have made this year truly special.

We're thrilled to share that, together, we have raised almost

**\$40,000**

this year, to support initiatives that benefit our students and teachers.

Wishing you all a fun and restful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

## Fruju Fridays – 2 more this term!

We're excited to have Fruju Fridays running for 2 more weeks this term, the last day is 13<sup>th</sup> December! Frujus will be available for \$2 each and ice pops for \$1. There's nothing better than a refreshing ice block on a hot day, so don't miss out!



**\$2 Frujus**



**\$1 Icepops**

*"Maybe Christmas doesn't  
come from a store.  
Maybe Christmas  
perhaps, means a little bit  
more."*

- Dr Seuss

Payments can be made through Kindo by midnight on the Thursday before each Fruju Friday, or you can bring cash on the day. Sales start at 3pm outside the staffroom—perfect for a cool treat to end the week while supporting our school!

Contact us at [pta@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:pta@botanydowns.school.nz)

## Jesters Pies – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

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Enjoy a pie for lunch. Pie purchases must be completed via Kindo before 11am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Watch this space for new lunch options becoming available next year!



## Second Hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

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We are pleased to announce a Second-Hand Uniform Sale on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 12pm to 2pm in the school staffroom. This is a great opportunity to pick up quality pre-loved uniforms at affordable prices. Payments can be made by cash or EFTPOS.

We also kindly request that if you have any uniforms to donate, please drop them off in the pink box at the school office before the end of term. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and help support our school community.

\* We are no longer selling the grey boys shorts as these have been replaced with bottle green ones, any grey shorts donated will be forwarded on to a charity collection.

## Charity Food Drive – Thank you

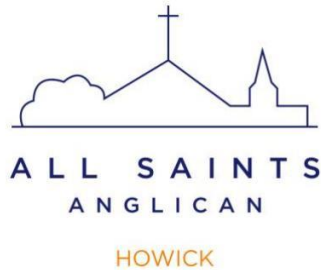
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Thank you to all the families who donated to the All Saints Church food drive last week. Your incredible generosity filled a car with more than 30 bags of groceries, all of which will make a meaningful difference for families in need.

The team at All Saints Church was deeply grateful for the support, and they have shared a letter of thanks below. Thank you for coming together as a community to help those in need. Your kindness and care are so appreciated!

Contact us at [pta@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:pta@botanydowns.school.nz)



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Tēnā koe,

We have recently received your generous donation and wanted to take the time to personally thank you, and show our appreciation for your support .

Food banks and food rescue organisations perform an important role in helping to meet the needs of those experiencing food poverty and also in reducing the amount of food waste. They also, however, are a symptom of a society that has accepted a charitable response to food poverty as normal.

Donations like yours makes a tremendous difference in the work the All Saints Anglican Foodbank can do for the community. Food banks are under more pressure than ever due to the cost of living, without people like you, we would not be able to provide support to families in our local community.

Thank you for your support. Together, we make a true difference.

If you have specific questions about how your gift is being used, or you want further information on how to continue your support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Nāku iti noa, nā,

The Rev'd Andrew Coyle

*Come as you are!*