

# THE BOTANY BRIEF

An update from your PTA

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Jesters Pies – 25 June

Order and pay via Kindo by 11am 24<sup>th</sup> June

### Bake Sale – Monday 23 June

Payments can be made in advance via KINDO or with cash to your class teacher on the day

### Uniform Sale - 25, 26 June

3pm – 4.30pm under the junior canopy

### Self Defence Workshop

19 and 26 July, book your place via KINDO

### PTA Meeting – 4 August

Monday 4 August, 7pm in the staff room. Interested in coming? Please email [pta@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:pta@botanydowns.school.nz)

*“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa taiktini*

–Success is not the work of one,  
but the work of many

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

Kia ora, following our AGM the PTA re-elected our executive team for the coming year:

Chairperson	Natasha Odendaal
Vice Chairperson	Karen Pitcaithly
Treasurer	Alan Liang
Secretary	Diana Ellis

Thank you to all our PTA members for the time you volunteer to support Botany Downs School. We always welcome new members so please get in touch if you are interested in joining ([pta@botanydowns.school.nz](mailto:pta@botanydowns.school.nz))

## Whittakers Chocolates

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our biggest annual fundraiser. Thanks to your amazing efforts, we raised over **\$12,000** for our school!

We celebrated our top sellers at a recent assembly:

**3rd place:** Mackenzie Kim – 8 boxes

**2nd place:** Maci Lund-Finn – 20 boxes

**1st place:** The Tokai Family – 30 boxes

We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and support from our school community. Every box sold makes a difference.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale under the junior canopy on **Wednesday 25 June and Thursday 26 June, from 3:00–4:30pm**, to coincide with upcoming Whānau Conversations.

These sales are only possible thanks to the generous donations from our school community. If you have any preloved uniforms to contribute, please drop them into the **pink box at the office by Tuesday 24 June**. Thank you for your support.

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

## Bake Sale – Monday 23 June

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Our year 3 and 4 students are baking up a storm for our next bake sale. All items are \$1, with a maximum of 3 per student. Payment can be made in advance via KINDO, or in cash to your class teacher on the day. If your child has allergies, you are welcome to contribute a plate of baking for our allergy table, please ensure it is clearly labelled with a list of ingredients.



Year 3 and 4 students, please drop your bake sale contributions, home baked or store bought, to the hall between 8.30am – 8.50am. Thank you for your support — we can't wait to see (and taste!) all the delicious creations.



## Women's Self Defence Workshop

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We're excited to partner with Rida Vivier to offer a Women's Self-Defence Workshop right here at school. Rida is a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Taekwon-Do and is passionate about equipping women with practical self-defence skills—not just for safety, but to build confidence and awareness of human behaviour.

The workshop will run over two consecutive Saturdays: **19 and 26 July**, from **10:30am to 12:00pm** in the school hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early to get settled. **Spaces are limited**, and a **\$30 fee** is required to secure your place in the two-session workshop. Bookings can be made via your child's KINDO account.



**Please note:** This is an adults-only event, aimed at women — children cannot attend.



## Dollar for Schools – lunch orders

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We have had a great response to this new initiative with many children enjoying delicious sushi and pizza for lunch at school. Register and Order at [www.dollarforschools.co.nz](http://www.dollarforschools.co.nz) Order online by 9am for delivery that day.

### Sushi Wednesdays



### Pizza Fridays

