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BOTANY BULLETIN

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the College staff and Board of Trustees I would like to wish every family a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. The College has had a very successful year because parents and students have focused on their learning and set goals based on high academic achievement. I am very proud of the students. They are very knowledgeable about global issues, extremely talented in the use of ICT and have a hunger for learning. They easily build relationships through respect and caring, and display excellent morals and values.

Quality relationships with all parts of the community especially our parents will enrich the quality of schooling. We wish to enhance the partnerships with our parents, protecting the treasures of each culture and sharing the values that are important to all. This is a conviction that gives respect and integrity to the relationship. Support from our community is awesome and I would like to thank all parents who have helped in so many ways this year.

Mike Leach, Principal

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Committee members of the Family and Friends Association, I would like to thank all those parents involved in our latest project of providing seating for Koru Whanau. All those involved worked extremely hard and gave much of their own valuable time at weekends to get this project completed. I would also like to thank the community of BDSC for their support during this year and their attendance at meetings. The presentations by the Principal have been hugely informative and these meetings are a great opportunity to meet on an informal basis with the Principal. I extend my best wishes to all the families and friends for the festive season and New Year.

Marilyn Plews, Chairperson

SCHOOL DONATIONS

The school donation for 2011 will be **\$275.00 per student**. For families with three or more students the third and consecutive students will be free.

DISCOUNTS

We offer discounts to families who pay the donation early, detailed below are the discounts:

15% discount if the 2011 donation is paid in full by the 15th December 2010

10% discount if the 2011 donation is paid in full by the end of term 1 2011.

Families who pay the donation will receive copies of the school magazine free.

PAYMENTS

We offer the following payment options to families: [Cheque](#) / [Credit card](#) / [Eftpos](#)

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS if you require a form for automatic payments please email d.bellette@bdsc.school.nz or j.johnston@bdsc.school.nz

INTERNET BANKING: Bank account number 12-3040-0700750-01 Botany Downs Secondary College. It is important with this option to record the family and first name of the student, the item you are paying for i.e. donation, school trip etc as reference information to appear on our bank statement.

With any of the above payment options we are willing to accept payment in installments

Remember you can claim part of your school donation as a rebate from Inland Revenue.

DISCOVERY MOSAIC

By: **Shanelle Dalauidao, Julius Goh and Kelly Tse**

Our five years at Botany Downs Secondary College has been a worthwhile and enjoyable experience, and have ended on an incredible note. As a tradition, the Year 13 students of BDSC are expected to leave a legacy behind for future generations to observe, aspire to, and encourage them to leave a lasting memory that can be cherished by succeeding students of the college. This year the Discovery leavers decided to present a mosaic which depicts our Whanau mascot, the Pukeko in its natural habitat. To the Whanau, the Pukeko symbolises the determination of Discovery students, who strive and aim to achieve at an excellence level in all aspects of school life. The example of excellence was displayed by the students who offered to spend a day completing this intricate piece of artwork. The corner tiles lists the names of the Discovery graduates of 2010 and the inscription reads: *"The young men and women of Year 13, Discovery Whanau 2010 leave this mosaic as a gift to the Whanau and a memento of the years when they worked, played, learned and grew under its roof. Onward to new discoveries!"*

We could not have completed this mosaic without the help of a number of staff and so, on behalf of the Discovery leavers we would like to thank our Whanau leader **Mrs Debbie McGregor**, our Assistant Whanau leader **Mrs Helen Spear**, **Miss Sarah Dove** and **Mr Duncan Veitch** for their contribution towards the completion of the mosaic. We would also like to deeply express our gratitude to Tile Warehouse, Botany for donating all the tiles and equipment used in the mosaic. A big thanks to all the Discovery students who assisted in creating the legacy of 2010.



Whanau Leader, Mrs D McGregor, with students Shanelle Dalauidao, Kelly Tse and Julius Goh

**THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS....**

MEET THE TEAM!

**Wednesday 23rd March
7-9 pm**

BDSC staffroom

**An evening for parents to
meet us and see what we
can do for you.**

**For catering purposes please contact
b.divehall@bdsc.school.nz**

FREE

Student drop in sessions with
Dr Marcus Hawkins
will run monthly beginning
Wednesday 16th February 2011

Students will be able to ask anonymously those tricky questions and have them answered by Dr Hawkins, a local GP with a specialist interest in Youth Health.

Any queries, feel free to contact the School Nurse:

s.thompson@bdsc.school.nz

Fun Christmas ideas with the kids

Christmas tree mini pizzas

1 English muffin
1/3 cup tomato pasta sauce
2 slices of cheese
Chopped olives



Method:

Cut the muffin in half and toast. Spread on sauce. Cut cheese slices with a tree-shaped cookie cutter, place on muffin. Sprinkle olives on top. Place on tray and put in oven for a few minutes. Allow to cool slightly and serve.

You can tailor many games to a Christmas theme, try these ideas:



- ♥ Play freeze or musical chairs with Christmas music.
- ♥ Santa says instead of Simon says
- ♥ Treasure hunt for a star/stocking/angel
- ♥ What's the time Santa Claus?
- ♥ Rudolph Dash: Cut circles out of red paper. Have children put Vaseline then the red circles on their nose. Relay race to the finish with each new person adding their red nose. If nose falls off, go back to reapply nose and start again.

Heart Healthy Gifts

- ♥ Sports equipment; bat and ball, frisbee, kite, skipping rope.
- ♥ Beach sets; bucket and spade, snorkel and mask, boogie board
- ♥ Heart Foundation recipe books www.heartfoundation.org.nz
- ♥ Fruit and vegetable plants/seeds
- ♥ Gardening toys, planter boxes
- ♥ Outdoor game sets; croquet, 10 pin bowling, swing ball, slip n' slide.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the Heart
Foundation!**



SPORTS NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been involved in BDSC Sport in 2010. Coaches, managers, umpires and parent helpers, we couldn't have offered all the sports we currently do without all of your support. We would also like to thank this year's Sports Council for all their help throughout the year and look forward to working with next year's Sports Council who have just been named.

Congratulations to the following that were successful in their applications to the 2011 Sports Council.

Grove Pieters	<i>Blake</i>
Samantha Reynolds	<i>Blake</i>
Mongelique Bohm	<i>Endeavour</i>
Lizaan Potgieter	<i>Endeavour</i>
Karenza Yates	<i>Endeavour</i>
Jessica Mahar	<i>Discovery</i>
Jake Cho	<i>Discovery</i>
Praneesh Prasad	<i>Spirit</i>
James Easton	<i>Spirit</i>
Stephanie Fegan	<i>Koru</i>
Martin Hill	<i>Koru</i>
Jordan Yates	<i>Britten</i>
Michael Dickason	<i>Britten</i>
Joel Witten	<i>Britten</i>

2011 Coaches needed

Netball

BDSC is looking for a Premier netball coach for 2011. This would suit someone who has previous experience coaching netball at a high level. If you are interested and would like some more information please email Katherine Moffat (Sports Co-ordinator) at k.moffat@bdsc.school.nz

We are also looking for coaches for many of our other netball teams including our top junior netball teams – if you are interested in coaching netball at any level please also email Katherine at k.moffat@bdsc.school.nz

Umpiring

BDSC is always in need of skilled netball umpires to umpire for us at Auckland Netball Centre on a Saturday morning. If you are a qualified netball umpire with a centre practical badge who is looking to earn extra money over winter please email k.moffat@bdsc.school.nz

Netball now has its own tab on the school website under co-curricular please check this regularly as it will be updated with information on a regular basis.

Football

BDSC is looking for football coaches for many teams – if you are interested in coaching Football in 2011 and would like more information please email the sports office at sports@bdsc.school.nz

Basketball

We are also looking for basketball coaches for 2011 – if you have a keen interest in Basketball and would like to coach a team in 2011 please contact the sports office at sports@bds.c.school.nz

BDSC sport would not be possible without the support from our community. We thank all those in advance who are going to help out in 2011.

If you would like to offer your services as a coach in another sporting code please email the sports office at sports@bds.c.school.nz

Hopefully see you on the sidelines in 2011!

Are you looking for new adventure?



Girl Guiding New Zealand is looking for girls aged 13 and up to join Rangers, the valued senior section of our organization. At Rangers, the emphasis is on outdoor activities, friendship, community service and fun. For those who want a bigger challenge, the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award and the Queen's Guide Award await you.

Places are available at Kilkenny Rangers who meet at Eastview Baptist Church on Tuesday nights from 6.45 – 8.30pm. Contact Judith Bright on 09 534 9134 or kilkennyrangers@gmail.com for more information.

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

2010 SADD FILM AWARDS

The destruction caused by drink-drivers was portrayed in films made by college kids from around the country for this year's Students Against Drink Driving short film competition. Botany Downs College took out the supreme prize of Best Film 2010 with their film Drive. Congratulations to all on the team for creating an amazing film and getting the message of planning before you party out!



Constable G Boles with teacher Miss S Adams



The School for Young Writers

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Patrons: Joy Cowley
Dame Phyllis Guthardt

25 November 2010

Mr Leach
Principal
Botany Downs Secondary College
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Dear Mr Leach

Botany Downs Student wins National Title

You probably already know that Junia Pholprasert has been doubly successful in the 10th annual Re-Draft competition for teenage writers, but I send this letter in case you do not. Two poems by Junia will be published in *The World's Steepest Street*, the 10th book in the Re-Draft series, which is currently in production. In addition, her third entry was given 'highly commended' status, as was an entry by Samantha Cheah.

Junia's achievement is the literary equivalent of being chosen for a national sporting team. She takes her place among 40 of New Zealand's best young writers and has succeeded in a very demanding competition.

The quality of the 'opposition' was very high. Writers may be in their teens right through to their second year at university, and those who do well in Re-Draft may have six or even seven years of honing their skills. In addition, each entrant may submit up to three entries, which means that highly skilled writers may fill three spaces each in the annual publication.

I'm very pleased to see Botany Downs' success in Re-Draft, following on a very successful workshop that we ran at your school earlier in the year. I hope that this is a sign of more things to come in future years.

Your school has one copy of Re-Draft on a standing order. The new book will be available as from 10 December and I'll deliver it immediately to Rachel Crewe, as I'm sure she will be keen to see it as soon as possible. Should you decide to have more copies to celebrate this success and encourage others to give the Re-Draft competition a try, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Glyn Strange
Director

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STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS

If you have had occasion to change any of your contact details such as address, home telephone, mobile phone or e-mail recently, please ensure you advise the College in writing. Letters or e-mails should be sent to admin@bdsc.school.nz. This is vital information in case of an emergency but especially for swift and effective communication with families for reports and so forth.

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Thursday, 27 January	Year 13 required to attend for option selection
Friday, 28 January	Years 11 and 12 required to attend for option selection
Tuesday, 1 February	Year 9 students to commence for orientation
Wednesday, 2 February	Year 9 students Day 2 of orientation
Thursday, 3 February	Full school on time table
Monday, 21 February	PhotoLife Class and Individual Photographs
Sunday, 27 Feb to Wed 2 March	Discovery Whanau Year 9 Camp
Tuesday, 1 to Friday, 4 March	Koru, Endeavour & Spirit Whanau Year 9 Camps
Wednesday, 2 to Saturday 5 March	Britten Whanau Year 9 Camp
Friday, 11 to Monday, 14 March	Blake Whanau Year 9 Camp
Wednesday, 23 March 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Meet the Guidance Team BDSC Staff Room
March 30 – Friday April 1	Proposed Year 12 Geography Trip to Tongariro Volcanic centre
Friday, 15 April	Final Day of Term 1
18 to 29 April	School Holidays (including Easter) Good Friday 22 April, Easter Monday 25 April
TERM 2	Monday, 2 May to Friday, 15 July
TERM 3	Monday, 1 August to Friday, 7 October
TERM 4	Tuesday, 25 October to Friday, 9 December

VTNZ East Tamaki

Our Services:

333 Ti Rakau Drive, East Tamaki (Up driveway opposite Bunnings Warehouse)
 WOF / COFA - Rentals and Taxis / Driver licensing Theory testing/renewals, replacement
 WOF + checkup additional check to your WOF / Interior car vacuum / MVR and Road User Charges
 1. Number plates / Pre Purchase Inspections / Vehicle information reports / Redbook
 valuations
 Driver licence theory testing

Mon - Fri 9.00-3.00pm

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