



BOTANY DOWNS
Secondary College

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BOSC OPEN DAY

We are inviting parents / guardians / grandparents to come in and look around the College on Tuesday, 29th March.

Visitors will need to sign in and an information booklet will be available. We hope many parents will take the opportunity to visit and view our facilities and some of the classrooms in action.

BOTANY BULLETIN

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“The aim of education is not only to share knowledge and information, but to transform students from passive recipients of other people’s knowledge into active constructors of their own and other people’s knowledge. The teacher cannot transform without the students active participation of course. Teaching is fundamentally about creating the pedagogical, social and ethical conditions under which students agree to take charge of their own learning, individually and collectively.” *Richard F Elmore*

Mike Leach, Principal



12OED Kayaking at Lake Pupuke



Yr 9 Visit to Howick Historic Village



Blake Whanau Yr 9 Camp

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Family and Friends of BDSC would like to welcome all parents to our next monthly Meeting on **Wednesday the 13th April at 7.30** in the staffroom which is upstairs from Reception.

We will spend some time in informal discussion about the Family and Friends Association, its goals and vision as well as the expectations of our relationship with the school. The Principal, Mike Leach, and one of the Parent Trustees, Mike Arand, will be in attendance to answer any queries you may have. Light refreshments will be available.

Mark Twyman, Chairperson

KORU PARENT AND STUDENT BBQ



WHERE: OUTSIDE KORU WHANAU

WHEN: SATURDAY 14TH MAY- 1-4 PM

WHAT TO BRING: DRINKS AND MEAT FOR THE BBQ

A chance to relax and socialise with members of the Whanau.

If you wish to attend please send the form below back with your son/daughter. Alternatively please email m.rennes@bdsc.school.nz

KORU BBQ

The parents/guardians of _____ will/not be attending the Koru BBQ on Saturday 14th March. There will be _____ people attending.

EQUESTRIAN



Our BDSC Equestrian Team comprising of Captain Devon Raos (12B7), Stephanie Collins (11D3), Katie Brickwell (10S4) and Laura Smith (10D3) competed at their first event of the year.

The One Day Event was held for the first time at Clevedon Pony Clubs showground's and was attended by many other schools in the Auckland Area. Devon and Stephanie placed in top 6 for their dressage and the team's Showjumping went well. Our two junior students Katie and Laura were a great addition to our team. However the Cross Country showed how temperamental and challenging horses can be, and with a few hiccups along the way our entire team got around eventually! A great day and learning curb for all involved, thanks to all the mums and dads that helped out during the competition. We are looking forward to bettering our 2nd place at the North Island Secondary Schools Dressage Championship next month at St Peters.

We are always looking for new members to join the BDSC Equestrian team. We compete in various activities around Auckland; you need to have your own horse and transport to events. If you are interested please see Ms Joyce in the HPE department.

Devon Raos, Captain



Sir Peter Blake Whanau Year 9 Camp

Sir Peter Blake Marine Education Centre, Long Bay, 11th – 14th March

Thrills, spills and more thrills. The 2011 version of 9B1 and 9B7 are an energetic, adventurous, pleasant bunch of students. Despite the potential threat of a tsunami and some resultant tweaking of the programme, our Year 9's performed at a high level in all the activities and were complimented on their attitude and manners.

The lead students were fine role models who worked tirelessly, as did Nuialiku and Mahe (international students) who demonstrated a work ethic rarely seen in students that age.



CAREERS NOTICES

University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is holding a Parent Information Seminar to explain rank scores, admissions, and accommodation etc. on Monday the 28th March. See below for more details.

The University of Auckland Parent Information Seminar

Parents and secondary students are cordially invited to an information evening for The University of Auckland. Learn more about our undergraduate programmes and information on admission, scholarships, services and accommodation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Schools Partnership Office representatives.

Date: Monday 28 March, 2011
Time: 7.30 – 9pm
Location: Owen G Glenn Building
Fisher and Paykel Auditorium
Building 260, Room 115
Grafton Road,
Auckland
New Zealand
(A \$5 flat rate applies in Owen G Glenn Building car park)

Registrations are preferable to Rhona Grogan on r.grogan@auckland.ac.nz by Thursday 24th March.



www.makeyourmark.ac.nz | 0800 61 62 63 | txt 5533

Airforce Challenge

The Airforce is inviting students to apply for its Airforce Challenge from the 18th to 22nd July 2011. For an application see the Careers Board in the Careers Centre.

Interested in Policing?

Police seminars are being held from 29th - 31st March. See the Careers Board in the Careers Centre for more details.

Nursing Experience Day

MIT is holding a Nursing Experience day on Thursday 5th April. If you're interested - fill out an Open Day form in the Careers Centre.

Otago University On Campus Experience

Otago University is holding a four day On Campus Experience for senior students. See the Careers Centre for Application forms and details.

For further information about the notices listed above, please go to the Careers Centre.

Ms Hartnett-Clarke, Careers Advisor



Swimming Sports



ASB Polyfestival



Yr 12 OED Visit to Lloyd Ellsmore Pool

Year 12 and 13 Drama students attend the Auckland Arts festival

On Friday March 4th the year 12 and 13 NCEA Drama student's attended the Auckland Arts Festival. It is a requirement of the course that students see a number of theatre presentations and the festival provided for some excellent and different theatrical experiences. Firstly the students watched the Vietnamese water puppets, an entirely new experience for all including their teachers. In an outdoors location in Aotea square the audience were transported to Vietnam and the paddy fields. The puppeteers hidden from view by a bamboo curtain were waist deep in water as they manipulated the beautifully carved puppets across the water. The puppets gave an insight through their antics of the daily life and ritual around the rice fields. We saw dragons, men fishing from boats, children swimming, all accompanied by Vietnamese musical instruments and singing. It allowed those of us used to traditional theatre an insight into the many ways theatre can be used to entertain, pass on knowledge and celebrate life.

After the puppets a quick 10 minute lunch before the students' entered the Herald Theatre to view Massive Theatre company's *Havoc in the Garden*. This was a two and a half hour newly written play concerning situations



and characters from New Zealand. The play was constructed from the actor's own stories and written by a world renowned playwright. The students engaged thoroughly with the dramatic events and the wide variety of stories linked thematically. The play was dramatic and gave students much to think about in the construction of their own work and in readiness to review for external exams. As always our students were beautifully behaved and asked great questions of the actors and director in the post-show forum. Thank you to the school for allowing us to experience these trips and to the year 12 and 13 Drama students who make it all worthwhile.

(Photograph from the Auckland Arts festival website, <http://www.aucklandfestival.co.nz>)

M. Johnson and *J. Luton*
Drama

Endeavour



Camp 2011



Furnished Granny Flat/Small Apartment Needed

We have an International student and his mum here from South America until July, possibly extending until December, who require furnished one or two bedroom accommodation very close to school and Botany shops. If you are able to help with this please call Sharmaine on 273-2310 Extension 278 or email s.hare@bdsc.school.nz

CONFISCATED ITEMS

Students are continuing to use cell phones during class or other times during the school day when they are not permitted to do so. Phones that are confiscated Monday to Thursday can be reclaimed on Friday of that week after school. If confiscation occurs on Friday then students can retrieve their phone on Monday afternoon

If parents choose to come in and meet one of the Deputy Principals to have the phone returned earlier than the above then the student will receive the imposition of an after school detention.

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Buy your Entertainment Book before March 31st and you will receive a bonus sheet of vouchers from businesses NEW to the Entertainment Book!

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THE GUIDANCE TEAM

PRESENTS...

MEET THE TEAM

Counsellors Barbara Divehall and Leanne Rowe, along with Registered Nurse Sherie Thompson welcome you to an evening for Parents.

Come and enjoy refreshments and meet the team.

We will be free to answer all those questions you have wanted to ask about surviving those teenage years, and how we can help.

WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2011

7-9PM

Botany Downs Secondary College

To be held in the Staff Room, accessible via main reception.

For catering purposes and to register, email b.divehall@bdsc.school.nz

Reminder: the Library is now open at Interval for students to study, select and return books and read.

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday, 23 March 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Meet the Guidance Team BDSC Staff Room
Monday, 28 March 5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting BDSC Boardroom – Administration Ground Floor
Tuesday, 29 th March	BDSC OPEN DAY
March 30 – Friday April 1	Proposed Year 12 Geography Trip to Tongariro Volcanic Centre
Wednesday, 13 th April 7:30 a.m.	Family & Friends Association Meeting BDSC Staff Room – Admin Upper Level
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
Saturday, 14 th May	Koru Whanau Parent & Student BBQ
Saturday, 11 th June	Senior Ball (Years 12 & 13) Ellerslie Events Centre
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
 Number plates / Pre Purchase Inspections / Vehicle information reports / Redbook valuations
 Driver licence theory testing

Mon - Fri 9.00-3.00pm / Sat 9.00-1.30pm

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