



## BOTANY DOWNS Secondary College

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# BOTANY BULLETIN

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## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

We need to relate to families not as clients but as partners – our school and community. The right kinds of school-family connections, those built on relationships, listening, welcoming and shared decision-making, can produce multiple benefits for students including better academic results, attendance, social skills and improved engagement. These connections also help address non-school factors such as health and safety.

Our goal is not to serve clients, it is to gain partners and therefore we must listen to what parents think, dream and worry about. In the next month we will be putting out a survey to gather information so we can make Botany Downs Secondary College a better place.

My congratulations to Jane Luton, her helpers and "A Christmas Carol" for another outstanding dramatic presentation.

**Mike Leach, Principal**



*"A big congratulations on the production, I thoroughly enjoyed it and the calibre of the acting was incredible – it was brilliant to see so many students showing off their talents."*

*"I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the show. I thought it worked brilliantly in the round and I particularly like the use of projections and video scenes - Marley going from screen to on stage was inspired!"*

*"I just wanted to congratulate you on the great production. It was beautifully staged and the special effects, music etc. was really impressive. Well done on a very professional and enjoyable production."*

*"Congratulations to you and your wonderful team on A Christmas Carol. Walking in last night to that atmosphere with the dimmed lighting and the snow falling was so special and then watching such a talented and committed cast perform – it was fantastic. The technical FX were stunning, the staging was brilliant, the costumes – especially those Ghosts of Christmas Past and Yet to Come – everything was stunning."*





# BDSC SPORT

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING!! TERM ONE!

# ATHLETICS



## BDSC Athletics Day

A GREAT DAY FOR ALL!! This year promised new and up and coming rising stars. Year 9's enjoying their first BDSC Athletics Day. The talent that was on display showed determination and enthusiasm.

### Whanau Results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Discovery**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Britten**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Blake**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Endeavour**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Koru**
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Spirit**

### Special Mention:

**Maeve Powers of 9D9:**  
Junior Girls 1st in 100m  
3rd in 200m  
1st in 300/400m  
1st in 1500m **new school record**  
1st in 3000m **new school record**  
1st in High jump.

### School Record Breakers:

**Senior Boys 100m:**  
**Diinkant Ravichandran** - 11.92 secs

**Intermediate Boys 100m:**  
**Nialiku Fatai** - 11.86secs

**Senior Girls 100m:**  
**Samantha Reynolds** - 13.28 secs

**Senior Girls 200m:**  
**Samantha Reynolds** - 26.95 secs

**Junior Girls 800m:**  
**Maeve Power** - 2mins 30.94secs

**Junior Girls 1500m:**  
**Maeve Power** - 5mins 18secs



# North Island Champs



Over the weekend of 2nd/3rd of March the North Island Secondary School Athletics Championships took place in Hamilton. Two BDSC athletes were selected to represent Auckland over the weekend. Maeve Power competed in the Junior girls 3000m and junior girls 1500m, and Samantha Reynolds competed in the senior girls 400m, open girls 300m hurdles and open girls 4x400m relay. Both girls performed to the best of their ability setting personal records for themselves and came away with medals. Maeve won the 3000m convincingly after taking the lead from the start. She then backed up her win with an impressive second place in the 1500m by only 0.07seconds. Samantha cruised through her heat in the 300m hurdles where she was ranked as the fourth fastest qualifier. In the final she picked up a placing, finishing third. It was a very good effort by both girls who came away with some fantastic achievements.

By **Samantha Reynolds**

## GOLF

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May six of our golfers played in the Auckland Secondary Schools Strokeplay Championship held at Huapai Golf Club.

**Wen yung Keh** from 10J5 shot an even Par round of 70. Lydia Ko from Pinehurst School won the event with 67 and Julitta Lam from Kristin School was second with 69. Wen yung was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Gross and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nett.



# SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to our Girls Relay Team – Anna Sewell, Kirsten Fisher-Marsters, Quianna Thomson and Rhianna Yates for qualifying for Champs of Champs.

Also congratulations to Suzanne Oliver qualifying for Nationals in the 50m freestyle with a time of 28.81secs. This is a great effort; she just missed out making the Open Nationals by 0.3secs.

Mitchell Wells also qualified for Nationals in the 50m backstroke.

Swimming Sports Day turned out to be great. Attendance was 475 students with weather reports claiming a wet and windy day; it turned out to be a sunny day in late March!



## Whanau Results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Britten**
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- 5<sup>th</sup> **Discovery**

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# CRICKET

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys:

The season started off with the Gillette Cup One Day Knockout Tournament. The team was successful by beating all three teams in our pool, which qualified us to the next round to meet Kristin College who play in the North Shore 1A Grade, who we beat convincingly. We then advanced to the next round where we played Kingsway College and went down to a nailbiter in a last over victory to Kingsway. The boys have done themselves proud in getting this far in the Gillette Cricket Cup.

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls:

With 50 girls turning up for trials, only 12 could be selected for our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls team. With an unbeaten record thus far, the team have shown great commitment and teamwork to be in this



# Touch

## Mixed:

One of our stronger teams boasting talent with players representing their respective regions, to name a few:

<b>Jessica Mahar</b> -	New Zealand Under 17 Rep, Counties Manukau Rep
<b>Troy Collins</b> -	North Harbour U17 Rep
<b>Aiden Waterhouse</b> -	U17 Counties Manukau Rep
<b>Troy Larsen</b> -	North Harbour Rep

The season went well, placing the team 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Eastern Zone Competition. With the young talent in the team, this builds a great future for touch here at Botany Downs Secondary College.

## Senior Girls:

Through the senior girls touch season, as a team we developed and improved vastly. Commencing the season with substantial losses gave us motivation to work harder. As the season went on the number of dropped balls lessened, the communication picked up and we began to score tries! Bex Lowery worked with us to help build basic skills which will hopefully encourage our newer players to continue playing and we will be able to set higher goals for next season. From a team consisting of girls who predominantly didn't know each other (also a number of new players), we finished the season as a team who was determined to put in our best effort and played well. This was displayed in our last game of the season against one of Macleans teams, which was a great game which we tied.

By **Karenza Yates**

# Cross Country

Cross Country consisted of four seasons in one day. Yes the day still went ahead. A cold time for staff and students with torrential rain then patches of sun.

Student participation on the day was fabulous. The final results for the day are as follows:

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Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May is Regional Cross Country held at St Kent's, starting with junior races at 12:30pm.

## The following students represented BDSC in the Eastern Zone Competition:

### Senior Boys:

**Jean-Pierre Potgieter**  
(placing 16<sup>th</sup>)

### Intermediate Boys:

**Logan Yates** (placing 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Thaddeus Tucker** (placing 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Josh Cole** (placing 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Etienne Cole** (placing 33<sup>rd</sup>)

### Senior Girls:

**Samantha Reynolds**  
(placing: 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Karenza Yates** (placing 21<sup>st</sup>)

### Intermediate Girls:

**Suzanne Oliver** (placing 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Jessica Williams** (placing 24<sup>th</sup>)

### Junior Girls:

**Autumn-Belle Flynn**  
(placing 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Natasha Mouat** (placing 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Ashley Hill** (placing 36<sup>th</sup>)

**Maddison Hill** (placing 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Maeve Power** (placing 3<sup>rd</sup>)

# Netball

Congratulations to the following girls who have made representative teams for netball:

<b>Mongelique Bohm</b>	Counties Manukau Under 21
<b>Samantha Reynolds</b>	Howick Pakuranga Under 19 (Reserve for CM Under 19)
<b>Jessica Mahar</b>	Howick Pakuranga Under 17
<b>Stephanie Collins</b>	Counties Manukau Under 17
<b>Hannah Blackburn</b>	Howick Pakuranga Under 15
<b>Lauren Meale</b>	Howick Pakuranga Under 15
<b>Haley Fakua</b>	Howick Pakuranga Year 9

## YEAR 9 TRIP TO ELEPHANT NATION



On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> May a group of 90 year 9 drama students visited the theatre at Uxbridge in Howick to see a production of Macbeth and take part in an hour long workshop.

The company, Elephant Nation, is a group of young led by Chris Neels. They presented a contemporary and exciting 30 minute version of Macbeth set in a meat works. Last year this company performed at Uxbridge for the year 10 students and later spent the day at the school performing for the NCEA drama and dance students. Their work is exciting and offers the students insights not only into the themes of the play but also the language and Shakespeare's Globe theatre. During the workshop one activity involved the students becoming the different groups who would visit the theatre in the 1600's. The students also explored iambic pentameter through a galloping exercise which culminated in an exciting race between students as horses and jockeys.

One year 9 class wrote about their trip:

"I loved the way you all seemed so into your characters right to the last detail"

"I learnt that we had to be confident and to trust the other actors when we are in a play"

"You played your roles very well and were convincing"

"The screaming was very scary and made the witches more freaky"

"At first I thought the performance was going to be boring but at the very first scene you caught my attention. To be honest I was scared with all the screaming. It was very entertaining"

I especially admired your selection of props, make up and how your play was reasonably simple consisting of just 6 actors playing various roles"

"The lighting was also really good because it set the mood of the scene"

"My favourite part was when Lady Macbeth had nightmares because it was really creepy. I would definitely watch another show that you do"

Our thanks to Elephant Nation and to **Mr Rex Mcintosh** our Arts Coordinator for organising this so quickly for us. Thank you to **Mr Johnson**, **Mr Chapman** and **Miss Simon-Scholes** for joining us on the trip and to the students, who took part enthusiastically in the event.

**Jane Luton**, Head of Drama

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## BDSC SPEECH COMPETITION 2011

The 2011 BDSC speech competition will be held on **Wednesday 22nd June, 7pm** start in the Panasonic Performing Arts Centre.

Trials for each year level will be conducted as follows:

Students will need to sign up (you can email **Mrs Jacobsen** [n.jacobsen@bdsc.school.nz](mailto:n.jacobsen@bdsc.school.nz) or **Miss Price** [f.price@bdsc.school.nz](mailto:f.price@bdsc.school.nz)) - you will need to give your name, admin class and speech topic.

Trials will be run for each year level - three students from each year level will be selected to compete in the BDSC speech competition. If there are only three students for a particular year level, all will go through to the final competition.

Trials: will be held in A1.3 - students need to come at the start of lunch (bring your lunch with you).

Year 9	:	Tuesday 7th June
Year 10	:	Wednesday 8th June
Year 11	:	Thursday 9th June
Year 12	:	Friday 10th June
Year 13	:	Monday 13th June

Topics: you can use a speech you have already written for your English class this year, or if you would like to speak on a different topic, you need to have the topic checked by your English teacher or Mrs Jacobsen ([n.jacobsen@bdsc.school.nz](mailto:n.jacobsen@bdsc.school.nz))

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## CREATIVE WRITERS (All Year Levels)

A poet from the Young School of Writers will be at BDSC for two days in term three to run an exciting workshop. If you are a keen writer and would like to be one of ten students selected to participate in this workshop, please submit a portfolio of writing to Mrs Jacobsen by the end of term 2. Your portfolio needs to consist of 3-5 pieces of writing, either poetry or short stories. Email [n.jacobsen@bdsc.school.nz](mailto:n.jacobsen@bdsc.school.nz) for further information.

**Mrs N Jacobsen, A/Head of English**



BDSC Students who participated with great enthusiasm in the recent High School Rockerz Competition

Accompanied by Mr S Sharma

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# CAREERS NOTICES

**International Students.** The University of Auckland now has Guaranteed Entry Scores for International Students. See their website or visit the Careers Centre for more details.

**Otago University.** The University is holding an information evening for students and parents who would like to know more about P.E. and Science on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. See the Careers Board in the Careers Centre for more details.

**The Lunchtime Tertiary Series** continues this term with one of the main providers coming in to the school to talk to students each Tuesday at 1.30pm. 31<sup>st</sup> of May is the Education Faculty of the University of Auckland, 7<sup>th</sup> of June is the University of Auckland, 14<sup>th</sup> of June is AUT University and Canterbury University.

**Massey University Open Day** is being held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Campus. See the Careers Board in the Careers Centre for more details.

## Year 11-13 Interested in Aeronautical Engineering?

Do you like Aeronautical/Avionic/Mechanical Engineering or Hydraulics? There is a chance to visit the Air NZ Base. See Careers Board.

**Food Technology Big Day Out.** Massey University is holding a Food Technology Big Day Out on June 21<sup>st</sup>. This is for Year 13 students. See the Careers Board in the Careers Centre for more details.



**Twitter.** The BDSC Careers Centre now has a Twitter account. Get information, important dates and changes straight to you. To follow: [@CareersBDSC](https://twitter.com/CareersBDSC).

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

**Ms Hartnett-Clarke, Careers Advisor**

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## AUCKLAND ORGAN FESTIVAL: FREE FAMILY OPEN DAY

**Auckland Town Hall 10am - 5pm, Saturday 4 June 2011**

A unique free opportunity for young people and their families to find out anything and everything about the pipe organ, "The King of Instruments", through fun, hands-on activities and displays. Includes at 2pm a "**Carnival of the Organ Pipes**" – a narrated stage show for children with music from the new Town Hall Organ. More details at: <http://www.organz.org.nz/kingsbirthday>

**Miss L Treneman, Head of Music**

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# THE GUIDANCE TEAM

**PRESENTS AN EVENING ON**

## **CYBERSAFETY & BULLYING**

Counsellors Barbara Divehall and Leanne Rowe, along with HOD of ICT, Enda McKenna welcomes you to an evening for Parents ONLY.

**WEDNESDAY 1 June 2011**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**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](mailto:b.divehall@bdsc.school.nz)

The Guidance Department will be holding this second parent evening of the year when Head of Guidance, Barbara Divehall, will speak briefly on the subject of **bullying** following which there will be a presentation by the Head of ICT, Enda McKenna on **Cyber Safety**. This should be very informative for all parents so do please come and join us. Topics covered during this presentation will be:

### **CYBER BULLYING**

- What is cyber bullying?
- What does cyber bullying involve?
- What can you do about cyber bullying?

### **SOCIAL NETWORKING**

- Talk to your kids about controlling their information
- Set rules about what's appropriate to post.
- Encourage teens to self-reflect before they self reveal privacy settings
- Disable location services

### **GAMING**

- Console safety settings limit the content that can be viewed or played on your console without a pass code.
- Online Safety settings protect your privacy, limit activity and content visible on Xbox LIVE.
- The family timer limits how much a console can be used daily or weekly.

### **SECURITY**

- Identity Theft
- phishing
- Downloads
- Anti-virus
- Firewall

### **QUESTION TIME**

THIS WILL BE A VERY INFORMATIVE AND IMPORTANT EVENING FOR ALL PARENTS.

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**Botany Downs Secondary College**  
**2012 Year 9 Enrolments**  
**Parent and Student Information Evening**

**Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Time: 7.15pm to 8.15pm**

Held in the Panasonic Performing Arts Centre  
Botany Downs Secondary College.  
575 Chapel Road, Howick

Enrolment packs will be available on the evening.  
If you cannot attend please come to the college to collect your forms  
or Call Nicola Gillson, Enrolment Officer,  
on 2732310 Ext 246 after 22nd June.

***Parking is available in the rear staff car park.***

*We look forward to meeting you all*

**Advertisement for Scottish Country Dancing**

is **FUN, LIVELY** and you don't need a partner!

All you need to get started is a pair of soft shoes e.g. sneakers/trainers  
Your children benefit from participating in Scottish Country Dancing by developing:

- Physical agility and coordination
- Teamwork and social skills
- Mental agility and concentration

**Scottish country dancing** is a form of choreographed social dancing and is similar to partnered folk dances.

Howick SCD Club meets each **Tuesday night at 7.30pm** in the **Somerville Intermediate** school hall.

We would love to see you there.

*For further information ph **Bev 271 5051** or **Evelyn 5331446***

## 2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Conference Centre	Lunchtime Tertiary Series Education Faculty of Auckland University
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. / Staff Room	Guidance Evening on Bullying & CyberSafety
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Auckland Organ Festival: Free Family Open Day Auckland Town Hall
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June PAC/Conference Centre	Lunchtime Tertiary Series Auckland University
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Ball (Years 12 & 13) Ellerslie Events Centre
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June PAC/Conference Centre	Lunchtime Tertiary Series AUT University & Canterbury University
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.	2012 Year 9 Enrolment Information Evening Panasonic Performing Arts Centre
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Otago University Information Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 7:00 p.m.	BDSC Speech Competition Panasonic Performing Arts Centre
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Cultural Week Cultural Mufti Day
TERM 3	Monday, 1 August to Friday, 7 October
13 <sup>th</sup> August Albany Campus	Massey University Open Day
TERM 4	Tuesday, 25 October to Friday, 9 December

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