

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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*Dear Parents and Friends*

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Our Parent Support Group deserve a special tribute for organising and promoting a wonderful Trivial Pursuit evening. We believe it is our 14th! It was such a fun evening with great prizes, good company, and much laughter. The money raised helps support students at our school.

An impressive **60 sponsors** donated prizes and are listed in this newsletter. Do please support them.

**The Winning Team  
The Best Dressed Table  
Winners of the Quizzler!!**

‘Weird Science’ all had an excellent evening—well done.



**Thank you**

Parent and ex student **Mark Frankham** is coaching our girls 1st XI hockey team and doing a great job. They are a young, enthusiastic team and have now been promoted to Grade 2 and won their last games 3-1 and 4-1. Well done.

**A big thank you to the  
PSG and the many Sponsors  
for making the  
Trivial Pursuits night such  
a success.  
Details inside**

**Monday 4 July is Day 6**

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011		
TERM 2		
<b>Week 9</b>	Fri 1 July	Year 12 Geo trip
<b>Week 11</b>	Mon 11 July	Reports home
	Fri 15 July	Term 2 finishes
<b>TERM 3</b>	Mon 1 Aug	Term 3 starts

**CLIMBING**



**Kaze McGee** (11Cl), our top climber at Birkenhead College, has been selected by Climbing New Zealand to compete for the NZ Youth Team in Austria in August. This will be after training in Switzerland where the team will experience the bigger walls commonly used in Europe. Kaze has done fantastically since he started climbing regularly 2 ½ years ago, regularly picking up top three positions in competitions.

We have also welcomed **Taine Williams** (9Wm) to our Birkenhead College team this term.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to avid cricket fan and player **Nino Cvetkovski**, who in his first football game for the school junior team scored the first goal when the team defeated Glenfield 3-1 last Saturday. Well done



**SCHOOL DONATION**

- If you pay your school donation via *payroll giving* - then you get your tax credit immediately.
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**WIN AN XBOX 360 -**  
Simply by paying your school donation

If you have paid your school donation in full by the end of September 2011, your name will automatically go in the draw to win an Xbox 360. How good is that!

*J O Mathewson Principal*

## SENIOR BOYS SQUASH

Our senior boys squash team attended the Auckland Champs last week where they were placed second in division two for the second consecutive year. The team's best player was

**Bruno Colantoni** who was the highest ranked and best



performing player in the tournament. The boys, led by **Sohail Kashkari** and **Callum Hines**, had a fantastic time both on and off the court. They showed great sportsmanship

and excellent senses of humour. The other team members are **Richard Yew**, **Josh Parore** and **Tyrone Howes-Patterson**. The boys are going to enter the National Squash Championships in August.

## WORK PLACEMENT

### Year 12 Child Development



*Jessie Jones & Sofia Munoz with Sadie at Lancaster Early Learning Centre*

Twenty of our year 12 students have just completed their first 3 days of placements in local early childhood centres. We are so grateful to these centre staff for accommodating us each year and giving our students so much support and inspiration. It is a joy for me to visit the girls, to see how much they contribute to the work in the centres and the lovely relationships which they form with the children. On the serious side, the students are carrying out observations, collecting evidence on curriculum planning and being assessed on their own skills. We look forward to the final visits in August.

Mrs Morris

*Mele Vea Prescott at Glenfield Leisure Centre Creche*



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## TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Once again the Parent Support Group Trivial Pursuits Night was a great success. A fun time was had by all, with prizes galore and some very imaginative outfits and themed tables. Congratulations to the teacher table that not only won best dressed but also came first! It's reassuring to know we have such intelligent teachers!

Funds raised amount to approximately \$4,300, which is a great total considering the difficult times many businesses are facing. Without the

generosity of these local businesses this event would not be able to go ahead. Special thanks to **Brittany Openshaw** who made and donated a fabulous Trivial Pursuits cake for auction, and members of the Parent Support Group who gathered prizes and organized the evening. We'd also like to thank **Nigel Cato** and **Kate Fuller** for running the quiz, **Ryan Moore** the auctioneer, and the hardworking team of **Year 12 Student Markers**.



*TP Cake on auction*

Please support the following businesses:

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Passionata Gifts  
P B Technologies  
Random House  
Ravenhill  
Rangatira Pharmacy  
Sausalito Cafe  
Shearer Pottery  
Simply Fresh  
The Chesecake Shop  
Tree Adventures  
Verbena Restaurant  
Verran Espresso  
Vibex B'Head  
Videoezy B'Head  
Warehouse B'Head  
Yarmons  
Ziggys Cafe

# BOOK DAY AT BC THURSDAY 23 JUNE



From our English Capt, **Jee Espino**, about Des Hunt's talk to Junior Writers:

Des Hunt mixes together science and the nature of New Zealand to create best selling children's novels. His visit to Birkenhead College proved to be a captivating experience for his audience. His use of scientific experiments and odd tools that he created were amazing to watch and inspired young writers to use what they know and love. Meeting a New Zealand author would definitely be an experience that students wouldn't forget.



## **Nau Woodriffe**

Year 13 student and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade rugby player, Nau Woodriffe admits to loving books. "I like fiction books," he says. "But I hate non-fiction because it's like the news." When asked why, his simple reply was "It's BORING!" Who knew rugby players hated the news so much?

Nau particularly likes fantasy novels, especially those written by Terry Goodkind and David Gemmell because they are filled with "ruthless" action. He hasn't read anything in a while but he recommends to you Wizard's First Rule by Terry Goodkind, the first book in The Sword of Truth series.

## **Natasha Legge**

Year 13 student and school librarian Natasha Legge naturally has the passion to read. "I love fantasy books, especially Harry Potter," she says. When asked what her favourite book in the series was, she replied with "The Order of the Phoenix, because of its themes of rebellion and standing up for yourself!" Natasha loves fantasy novels as "they're a great escape, why read about a life or a world that you already know?"

## **Tyler Warwick**

Fantasy seems to be a popular genre amongst Birkenhead College students as Tyler Warwick, an amazing actor who played the lead as Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors, loves it also. He especially likes the Harry Potter series and favours The Grinch Who Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss as "its rhyming scheme is amazing!" He recommends Wicked by Gregory Maguire

## **Simon Cox**

The Head Boy and multiple sports star, Simon Cox, says his favourite books are from his childhood. He admits to loving Dr Seuss's books, especially Green Eggs and Ham, for they bring back memories of his childhood "and I like the colourful pictures." This seems quite odd for a head boy but he defends himself by saying, "I don't have time to read so when I do, I read fun books like this because they're different from normal books and they're much more interesting!"

## **Ms McCavana**

Ms McCavana is not the type to read those typical Mills and Boon love stories. In fact, she absolutely despises romance novels and would much prefer reading 'dark' books. Mrs Croy, our school librarian, is her 'dealer of books' and gives her about eight books every couple of months. "I'm lucky to finish even one of them!" she admits to us. "But I can't sleep without reading first." A great series of books she HAS read, though, are the 'Millennium series' which include The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, the first of its series.



## **Mrs Kumar**



You wouldn't know it but Mrs Kumar is a huge fan of sports books, specifically autobiographies. Mrs Kumar's favourite is the Biography of Sachin Tendulkar, an Indian cricket player who is regarded as the greatest batsman in the history of cricket. She prefers non-fiction books and she has recently read For the Love of my Daughter. She says "I loved it because it's interesting to see the lengths a mother will go to for her daughter." It was such a moving book that she "actually cried".

# GAMES TO SUPPORT

## Week 10



Congratulations to the following teams who had good wins this week

### Netball

Team 1 beat Long Bay 35-15  
Year 10/1 beat Westlake 19-9  
Year 9/1 beat Kristin 22-3

### Basketball

U17 Girls beat Takapuna 65-7  
U19 Girls beat Glenfield 46-8  
U17B Boys beat Pinehurst 24-12

### Football

Junior boys beat Glenfield 3-1  
Senior Girls beat Rangitoto 3-0.

### Badminton—Senior C Grade

Senior Girls B1 beat Rangitoto 3 8-1  
Senior Girls B2 beat Westlake 3 9-0

### 1st XI BOYS HOCKEY

0-0 result – for the first draw of the season  
The boys played amazingly and were unlucky to not score a couple of goals. They played with tonnes of heart and commitment and overall played some great hockey.

### GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Grade 3 Championship and then promoted to Grade 2, our young 1st XI girls Hockey team, coached by parent, Mark Frankham (ex student), have been accumulating some impressive results. Their last game they won 3-1 and the previous one they won 4-1.



Ariane Ilagen  
Brooke Dudley

Whereas the team has been starting slowly and finishing well, they have now stepped up the intensity to maintain constant pressure on their opposition.

Top scorer, left wing **Ariane Ilagen**, “scoring machine” and right wing **Brooke Dudley**, have accumulated most goals between them. This they have been able to do due to the excellent and accurate passing by mid-fielders **Sze Looi Chin** (cpt), **Mariah Rendell**, and Yr9 girls, **Brooke Frankham** and **Parris Tugaga**.



Strong on defense **Haylee McCabe** is well supported by **Rachel Curran** and **Rebekah Cancare**. Goalie **Briana Thompson** (no fear) has been in sparkling form. Strikers **Jeanne Acosta** and **Cheyenne Tugaga** are improving every game.

<b>Rugby</b> Saturday	1st XV	vs	Massey	12 Noon Home
	3rd Grade	vs	Kaipara	9.30am Kaipara
	5th Grade	vs	Rangitoto	9.30 Rangitoto
	6th Grade	vs	Whangaparaoa	10.40am Home
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Rosmini	4.10pm Miller 3
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	Albany	4.10pm Harb 4
	2nd XI	vs	Mahurangi	5.20pm Harb 4
<b>Football—Boys</b> Saturday	1st XI	vs	Green Bay	10am Home
	Year 9/10	vs	Glenfield	9am Home
<b>Football—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Long Bay	4pm Long Bay
	2nd X1	vs	Rangitoto	4pm Home
	Junior	vs	Mahurangi	4pm Birk Int
<b>Basketball Boys</b> Friday Thursday Thursday Thursday Wednesday Wednesday	Sen Boys	vs	Kristin	6pm NSEC 4
	U19 boys	vs	Glenfield	5.30pm AUT
	U17 Blue boys	vs	Westlake	4pm NSEC 3
	U17 White boys	vs	Pinehurst	4.45pm NSEC 3
	U15 A boys	vs	Westlake	6.15pm NSEC 1
	U15 B boys	vs	Westlake	5.30pm NSEC 3
<b>Basketball - Girls</b> Thursday Friday Wednesday	U19 Girls	vs	ASHA	7.45pm AUT
	U17 Girls	vs	Takapuna	5pm NSEC 2
	U15 Girls	vs	Carmel	4.45pm NSEC 2
<b>Squash</b> Friday Monday Monday	Boys Snr 1	vs	Semi finals	
	Girls	vs	Orewa	4pm Red Beach
	Boys Jnr	vs	Mt Roskill	4pm BeachHaven
<b>Netball</b> Saturday	Team 1	vs	Mahurangi	10.30 am
	Team 2	vs	Westlake	1.30 pm
	Year 10/1	vs	Takapuna	1.30 pm
	Year 10/2	vs	Rangitoto	12 Noon
	Year 9/1	vs	Northcote	8.15 am
	Year 9/2	vs	Kingsway	9 am