

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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*Dear Parents and Friends*



**Mr Kingston**, our HOD Science, leaves today for Australia on his **Woolf Fisher Scholarship**. These awards are made to excellent teachers and fund travel and study overseas. Mr Kingston will be travelling to Australia and visiting a number of educational institutions, including 6 secondary schools. We wish him a safe and relaxing journey. Birkenhead College teachers have won 5 of these prestigious Scholarships over the years.

**Mid Term Break** - Remember, school is closed on Friday and Monday. Do enjoy this extra long weekend.

**Welcome** - Today we welcomed **Luke Steele** and **David Weyer** from Maniototo Area School, Ranfurly, Central Otago who together with our own **Kelsi Heath** and **Eleanor Adviento** make up the New Zealand Curling Team for the Youth Winter Olympics 2012. Both boys are Year 12 students, and have been curling for approx. 4 years. The "Olympic team" are competing in the New Zealand Mixed Fours competition in Auckland this weekend.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

### TERM 2

<b>Week 5</b>	Fri 3 June	Mid term holiday
<b>Week 6</b>	Mon 6 June	Queen's Birthday
<b>Week 8</b>	Fri 24 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
<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

### 'These Wicked Ways' - Year 10 Rock Band



Bruno Colantoni

Last Friday, the Birkenhead College Rock Band 'These Wicked Ways' performed at the 50th Anniversary celebration of Amnesty International. The event took place in the Galatos Theatre in Auckland central, organised by The School of Rock, there were also 10 other bands coming from different colleges in Auckland.



Tyrone Howes-Patterson



James Henry



Daniel Jones

The band consists of **Tyrone Howes-Patterson, James Henry, Daniel Jones** and **Bruno Colantoni**, all Year 10 boys. Very well done!

## 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! (And, your school donation is tax deductible.)



**Tuesday 7 June is Day 5**

### TRIVIAL PURSUITS NIGHT FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 7.30 PM IN THE CAFETERIA

Tickets are on sale, \$10 adults, \$5 students  
 Come along and support your school on this great night out. Get a table together, or just come along and join another table.

Prizes for best dressed table etc.

Bookings can be made via email to:  
[cs.meikle@orcon.net.nz](mailto:cs.meikle@orcon.net.nz), or purchase tickets from the school office.

*J O Mathewson Principal*

## What a treat !



Next Tuesday the **7th of June** members of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra will visit the school and perform to year 9 and 10 students. The programme is an entertaining introduction to orchestral instruments and is organised with the aim of inspiring junior students to appreciate and play music.

This is part of a wider programme that includes a trip to hear Holst's 'Planets' suite performed by the orchestra on the 15th of June and 10 hours of mentoring for our brass students with a professional trumpeter.

## DANCE NEWS



The Hip Hop and Break Dancing crew are back in force again this Term. Sean, our dance instructor, is currently studying for a Bachelor of Dance Degree at AUT. He has been Break-dancing for 9 years and has represented NZ in some of the best B-boy events in the world, taking him to Los Angeles, Korea and Sydney. Sean's crew, *Flesh Maze*, have competed in, and won, countless events, including two National titles and he has also been lucky enough to spend time with some of the best B-boys and Hip hop dancers in the world.

The BC crew were privileged to have Maahy Badeu visit us on Monday to share one of his great routines. Maahy is also studying for a Bachelor of Dance at AUT. His crew, *Odyssey*, has been around for a number of years. They have represented NZ at the World Hip Hop Champs multiple times and have some of the strongest dancers internationally.

## Tots & Toddlers



The Year 11 Child Development class recently completed the Tots & Toddlers course run by the Plunket Society. In this course they learned about the basic needs of young children such as what to feed them, how to dress them and safety. They also had the great opportunity to meet some parents and children and get information first hand. Nicola from Plunket was most impressed with the effort our students put in and how enthusiastic they were in helping with the babies and young children. A big thank you also to the volunteer parents who were friends and family of BC students.



## From the nurse ...

**Sickness:** Please keep students at home if they are infectious, this especially relates to eye infections and tummy bugs, flu, fevers etc. STOP the spread of infections by reminding your children NOT to share drinks, foods etc., and to wash hands frequently, especially before eating. Remember there is a Public Health Nurse here on Mondays. To make appointments students should see the School Nurse, Mrs Eberly or call 483-9039, ext 836 and leave a message.

# MUSIC!



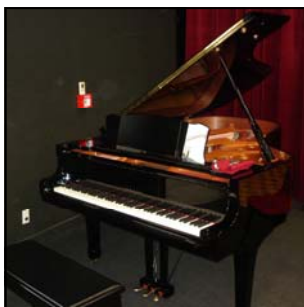
To conclude BC's final event for New Zealand Music Month, we had the pleasure of having **JGeek and the Geeks**, a pop/dance group perform in the BGT last Friday lunchtime. We were treated to songs like, 'Maori Boy', 'Icky Sticky' and 'I Love Hangi' which were a mix of sounds ranging from electro, pop and groove. The boys were a sight to see with their bright coloured and innovative style of clothing, combining suit jackets, ties and high tops which contrasted against their impressive Maori Moko's. Maori heritage played a big part in their performance as their songs often reflected on the Maori way of life. **JGeek and the Geeks** strive to evolve the Maori in not only urban music, but also in fashion. Thank you **JGeek and the Geeks** for putting on an amazing show which BC will not forget anytime soon.



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## NCEA MUSIC PERFORMANCE EVENING



On Wednesday night, students in the Year 11, 12 and 13 music classes performed to a wonderfully supportive audience in the BGT. It was the first time our new grand piano was used for assessment and it was clear that this really lifted the performances of our pianists. It was also lovely having the hospitality students, with the help of Ms Boston, serve refreshments before the concert.

Thank you to all those who came to support our students. The next performance evening will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, at 6:30pm in the BGT.



## VISIT TO BIRKDALE INTERMEDIATE

Trio Multiculturale (pianist Fuka Kasatani, violinist Karoline Eisfeld and cellist Julia Achenbach, all in year 12) have been regular performers at various school events this year and took time out of a busy exam schedule this week to introduce the music of Beethoven to 400 year 7 and 8 students at Birkdale Intermediate.

Birkenhead College shares strong musical bonds with the Intermediate. As well as performances at the Intermediate and planned shared performances in the college theatre 37 year 7 and 8 students are currently learning musical instruments from college itinerant teachers.

## Vocal Music Concert



**15th of June at 7pm**, in the college theatre. Free entry although a gold coin donation would be gratefully received.

Featuring the college choir 'Vox', the **Souls of Harmony** and **A'Chord** barbershop choruses and featured soloists **Nica Israel** (year 11) and **Keisha Nonoa** (year 12).

Bring a little money for refreshments.

# GAMES TO SUPPORT

## Week 5

<b>Rugby</b> Saturday	1st XV	vs			
	3rd Grade	vs	Westlake	9.30am Home	
	5th Grade	vs	BYE		
	6th Grade	vs	Rangitoto	10.40am Home	
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	TBA		
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	TBA		
	2nd XI	vs	TBA		
<b>Soccer—Boys</b> Saturday	1st XI	vs	Otahuhu	10am Otahuhu	
	Year 9/10	vs	Orewa	9am TBA	
<b>Soccer—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Carmel	4pm Home	
	2nd XI	vs	Rangitoto	4pm Home	
	Junior	vs	Takapuna	4pm Birk Int	
<b>Basketball</b> Boys			No games		
<b>Basketball - Girls</b> Thursday	U19 Girls	vs	No game		
	Friday	U17 Girls	vs	Kingsway	7pm THURS
	Wednesday	U15 Girls	vs		
<b>Squash</b> Friday	Boys Snr 1	vs	Westlake	4pm B/Haven	
	Monday	Girls	vs	Hato Petera	4pm YMCA
	Monday	Boys Jnr	vs	Orewa	4pm Red Beach
<b>Netball</b>			No games		



NZ Trio performing at the Pumhouse Theatre on 26 June at 5pm.

## TOP TEAMS

Special mention to the following teams who did very well this week:

### Rugby

1st XV beat Kristin 29-22  
1st XV beat Kaipara 15-8  
3rd Grade beat Rangitoto 33-7

### Netball

Team 1 beat Carmel 23-15  
Year 9/1 beat Rangitoto 39-11

### Badminton

Senior Girls C2 team beat Westlake 8-1

### Soccer

1st XI beat Pinehurst 2-1

### 1<sup>st</sup> XV Win Back to Back

The BC 1<sup>st</sup> XV continued their winning streak against Kaipara yesterday taking the game 15-8.



**Pete Napier** starred scoring 2 tries, while **Martin Watson** continued his fine form with



the boot. Other stand outs were **Tyler Ingram** in the Loose Forwards and **Josh Parore** in the Front Row. A great all round performance from the boys.



Well done!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Cameron Sims**, our 'up and coming' junior Orienteering star, who this weekend is competing for the Auckland team in the 3 day inter Provincial Team Championships, in Woodhill Forest. **Cameron** will be accompanying **Simon Cox**, who will be running in the Senior team. Good luck to both boys.



Cameron Sims



Simon Cox