

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 3

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At assembly I spoke about Sir Paul Reeves and the major contribution he has made to New Zealand as a person, and in his role as Archbishop of New Zealand (1980-85) and Governor General (1985-90). One of his special qualities was his wonderful ability to listen intently to a person, and really hear what they are saying. A skill that most of us need to work at.

“The quieter you become
The more you are able to listen”

Good advice for students as they prepare for exams!

Early Finish Next Friday (2.30pm)

Due to the opening of the Rugby World Cup and the expected traffic congestion as people travel to attend opening events at Eden Park and on the Auckland waterfront, school will close at 2.30 next Friday, September 9th. All classes will run as normal, however the last two classes and lunchtime will be shortened.

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED for the election of a **Student Representative to the Board of Trustees**.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. All full time students in Year 9 and above and aged under 20 years are entitled to stand for election.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 16 September 2011 and should be accompanied by a short candidate's statement. These must be handed in to the Returning Officer, Mrs Asselbergs (Executive Officer).

The voting roll is open for inspection in the Executive Officer's office and can be viewed during normal school hours. Candidates' names and statements will be published in daily notices as from Monday, 19 September 2011.

The poll will close at noon on Friday, 30 September 2011.

JUNIOR CAREERS EXPO

On Tuesday 6th September we are running a Careers morning for our year 10 students, with an emphasis on the importance of Maths and Science. We have speakers from a really wide range of careers including jobs in Health, Engineering, Marine Science, ICT, the Building and Electrical Trades, the Armed Forces, Surveying, Architecture, Banking, Retail, Sport and Recreation, and Food Technology.

All Year 10 students will be involved and will rotate through a series of 10-12 speakers.

Birkenhead Year 13s present Shakespeare's

The Taming of the Shrew

The mad battle of the sexes!

Sat Sept 3rd 7:30 pm **Mon Sept 5th**

Lunch time **Monday 5th - Act 1**
One donation for both **Tuesday 6th - Act 2**

Brian Girrard Theatre
Birkenhead College

Evenings \$3 adult, students
Gold coin for children
Lunchtimes Gold coin donation

THIS WEEK! Don't miss it, all ages will enjoy the fun, physical humour and characters. A short version of the classic Shakespeare's wildest comedy! Tickets at the door.

Monday 5 September is Day 4

J O Mathewson Principal

Simply by paying your school donation you could

WIN AN XBOX 360 -

If your school donation is paid by the end of September, you could win an Xbox 360.

Be in it to win it, pay now!



Defensive Driving North Shore
9 Ponderosa Drive Browns Bay

The New Zealand Defensive Driving Course

Learn the skills to become a safer driver. Reduce the time on your Restricted Licence by 6 months

Details & Dates for the next course are:

Monday 19th September, Wednesday 21st September, Monday 26th September

Wednesday 28th September, 6.00PM — 8.00PM

Plus an in-car training session. You must attend all sessions.

If you wish to attend or require information
Please Phone 4763603 or 0274945794 or Email:
colin@defensivedrivingnorthshore.co.nz

City of Manukau Pipes & Drums

Seeking new members. We have members from all around Auckland, including the Shore and West Auckland. We welcome all ages and have members from young to not so young.

Tuition for either Pipes or Drums is free of charge. Learners have the option of lessons on the Shore or at another venue, which may work for them.



Please contact Barry Wallace—Pipe Major, who lives in Milford—on 410 5257; or **Louis Prouting** (ex Birkenhead College) — lead drummer — on 482 1085

Birkenhead College Presents

MUSIC SHOWCASE

Wednesday 7 September 7.00pm
Brian Gerrard Theatre

PRICE

Adult \$10
Students \$5
Family \$20

FEATURING

Barbershop Choruses
BC Big Band
Birkdale Intermediate Choir
Birkenhead Junior Orchestra
Chamber Groups
Concert Band
Orchestra
Rock Bands
Soloists
Vox Vocal Group



AFS STUDENT EXCHANGE

An AFS student exchange is all about excitement, new countries, new cultures, new friends. There are heaps of countries to choose from, and you can go for 3 months, 6 months or a year.

For more information on an exchange or hosting please go along to the information evening on Wednesday 7th September, 7.30pm, at Taitamariki Hall (Girl Guide Hall), Takapuna, Auburn Street Reserve (down the long driveway opposite Como Street).

STUDENT LOANS

STUDYLINK came in this week to talk to our year 13 students about student loans and allowances. Their representative explained how to work out your eligibility for an allowance, how to start budgeting for life after school and for tertiary education costs and how to apply for student loans and scholarships. We will be running a session in a few weeks for students to complete their application for student loans.

For more information go to www.studylink.govt.nz
Any students who missed this talk can pick up a handbook from Mrs Morris in R2



SPCA CUPCAKE DAY



MONDAY 29TH August was SPCA Cupcake Day at Birkenhead College. Thank you to all those people who made such scrumptious cupcakes, and thank you to all those who bought them! We raised over \$ 400 and received so many donations of cat and dog food, blankets, towels, etc. Thank you everybody for being so generous.



Also, **Pierre Baxalle, Jackson Nieuwland** and **Hana Kashkari** baked cupcakes for the SPCA last Sunday and took them to Queen Street in the city to sell to help raise funds. Along with students from other schools they raised \$190 for the animals.



Geography Quiz

This year, four enthusiastic geography students were inspired to take part in the AGTA Geography quiz held at St. Cuthbert's college. The team consisted of year 13s **Rico Rey Bautista** and **Diana Price** as well as **Rachel Arcos** and **Borei Lubicich** from year 12. The evening got off to a rocky start due to a mixture of nerves and excitement. However, this helped our team bond and the sudden chemistry made the night especially memorable. One of our members was mistaken for being Malaysian which somehow scored us a few points and we soon discovered our team was in the top 10. This advantage was not to last as we stumbled during an, 'outside the box' exercise involving sculpting play-doh. Overall, it was an interesting experience for us all, with our team finally finishing in the middle of the field.

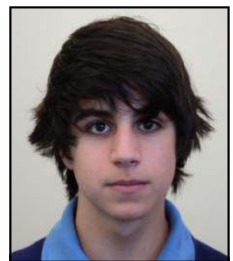
Tournament hockey Boys 1st XI

In our final game at the hockey tournament, BC won 6-1 over Keri Keri. Scorers were **Steven Zinsli (2), Sam Patterson, Andre Swart, Simon Cox** and **Alex van Oosterom**. It was an outstanding finish to the week with the boys playing excellent hockey throughout the entire game and clinically taking their chances in front of goal.



Top: Steven Zinsli

Left: Simon Cox, Andre Swart.



Right: Sam Patterson, Alex van Oosterom



Borei, Diana, Rico Rey & Rachel

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GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 5

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|----------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|----------------|
| Netball Saturday | Team 1 | vs | Northcote | 10.30am Crt 13 |
| | Team 2 | vs | Carmel | 1.30pm Crt 11 |
| | Year 10/1 | vs | Takapuna | 12.45pm Crt 16 |
| | Year 10/2 | vs | | |
| | Year 9/1 | vs | Westlake | 9am Crt 17 |
| | Year 9/2 | vs | Westlake | 9am Crt 1 |



Congratulations to the following teams:

Rugby

3rd grade beat Long Bay 27-23

Boys Football

1st XI beat Keri Keri 6-1
(well done at Tournament boys!)

Hartley Cup

Team 1 netball would love your support on Saturday when they challenge Northcote College for the Hartley Cup.

Time 10.30

Court 13 Onewa Netball Courts

Be early as parking is always a problem. Go BC!

MATHS HELP

Every Wednesday after school in T8, 3:15—4:15, and every lunchtime. For help with homework, studying or any maths problems.

ENGLISH HELP

Every Wednesday after school in H4, 3:30—4:30. Any BC student who fears the English monster! Help is available.

SCIENCE HELP

Every Thursday after school in S5 3:30—4:30. For help with homework, studying or any science problems.

Orienteering

Results of the Forest 5 event competition for Yr 9/10 orienteers.

Last Sunday the team competed in Woodhill Forest and in the Boys event we had a new winner, **Jon More**. He was followed in by the consistent **Oli Pike** and **Cameron Simms**.

Petra Ashcroft was the first girl home followed by **Megan Kikuchi**.

Overall points for the boys:

Oli Pike 27 pts,
Luca Sturny 26pts
Jon More 24pts

Overall points for the girls:

Petra Ashcroft 27 pts,
Megan Kikuchi 19pts (one event missed)
Kiri Bhana 17 pts
Jeanne Acosta 1 7 pts.

Yesterday the team competed in the Auckland S/S Rogaine Championship, (results next week).

Next event will be held in Woodhill Forest on Sunday 11th September



Northcote Softball Club

Come play softball for the top North Harbour Softball club this summer!! Northcote Softball offers teams in all grades and all levels of ability, from Under 5's right up to the big kids. All games are played at Rosedale Park in Albany on Saturdays so no need for travelling around Auckland!! We are holding registration days so come along and join us on **SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER AT ROSEDALE PARK, ALBANY** from 1:00pm till 3:00pm



You can also register online at www.sportsground.co.nz/northcotesoftball where you can find a full list of fees and fill out an online registration form. For enquiries contact Sam Fraser -List on 021 124 1689