

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

We have just received a formal NZQA report on our school assessment systems. It is officially called a 'Managing National Assessment Report' and all schools go through this audit to ensure valid, fair, accurate and consistent internal assessment.

We received an excellent report and were commended for our good practices and for our commitment to ongoing review. **Mrs Plummer**, our Assistant Principal, was singled out for special commendation. She has been instrumental in ensuring policies and procedures in every department are in place, and working.

Ex student - Shayne Mathieson, mother of **Anna Winkley**, deputy head girl 2006, has donated a lovely book to the school about the Town Hall Pipe Organ, in celebration of its re-launch. It is full of fascinating details, e.g. 68km of cabling is required to operate it and it weighs 40 tons!

Anna, won a leadership scholarship to Canterbury University and is now in her last semester of civil engineering. Her grades are stunning, A+s and she is top of the class in Geotechnology.

School Donation

We are proud of our school and the quality education we provide. To consistently do this we need your support. We need you to pay the school donation, which is a very reasonable \$195 per year.

Our Operational Grant funds the cost of heat, light, water, rates, the salaries of all non-teaching staff, all curriculum resources, maintenance, capital purchases. Unfortunately, it is simply not enough.

This donation is much needed, and the Board of Trustees hopes that families will not rely on other families to subsidise their children.

The good news is that your school donation attracts a 33% tax rebate from the Inland Revenue Department, so please keep your school donation receipts and claim your tax rebate.

Monday 6 September is Day 4



\$525 was raised last Friday for the Cancer Society during Daffodil Day. Good job Student Council!



from the left: *Adriana Rioja (Spain)* *Charlene Castagna* and *Alice Carena (Italy)*

International students **Charlene Castagna** and **Alice Carena** (Italy) along with **Adriana Rioja** (Spain) used their baking skills to produce delicious Tiramisu and Chocolate Almond cakes to raise funds for Pakistan's flood relief and also to share with Birkenhead College students and staff these lovely Italian sweet treats. They raised over \$60 - well done girls.

NZQA FEES

NZQA fees must be paid by 16th September.

Payment after that date incurs a \$50 penalty to NZQA.

NOTE: Senior exams run from Monday 13th—Monday 20th September, therefore it is strongly advised that payment be finalised by 10th September.

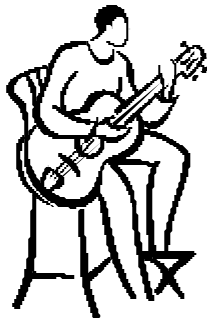
Please contact Mrs Plummer if you require further clarification. Ph 483 9039 ext 807

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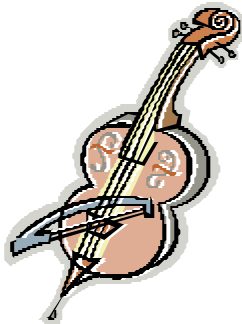
NCEA Music Performance Evening -

Wednesday 8th September at 6.30pm in the BGT. Year 11, 12 & 13 music students will perform as part of their NCEA assessment. They perform as groups and as soloists at a very high standard. Entry is free, although donations will be accepted at the door. Please support our students.



CONGRATULATIONS

to the three BC groups that won awards in this year's KBB Music Festival! The Jazz Band won Silver, and the Concert Band and Orchestra both won Bronze awards. Our String Ensemble also participated in a non-competitive capacity, and received some very helpful and positive feedback from Clinician Peter Thomas.



Don't forget ...

Birkenhead College presents **'The Tempest'** - 1.2 metre puppets, a wizard, a monster, fairies, lovers and villains - suitable for all ages.

23rd and 24th September @ 7pm in the Brian Gerrard Theatre. Tickets \$4 adults, \$2 students.

City Mission collecting our donation on Tuesday, so PLEASE be generous one more time ...

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION

It is time for Birkenhead College to support The Auckland City Mission mid-winter appeal. We are accepting donations of non-perishable grocery items—cans of soup, beans, spaghetti, tomatoes, coffee, tea, dry food like salt, sugar, rice and pasta. The aim this year is for every student and member of staff to bring at least one item. Please be generous. Ring Ms McCavana if you would like more information.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 3

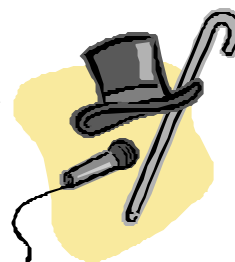
Week 9	13 Sept	Senior Exams
Week 10	24 Sept	Reports home
	24 Sept	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1	11 October	School resumes
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TALENT QUEST

There will be a Talent Quest on Friday, 10th September. Do YOU have what it takes? Are YOU BCs next big star? Get your act/s together ready for an audition on Tuesday or Wednesday. For further information see a Student Councillor or an Arts Councillor.

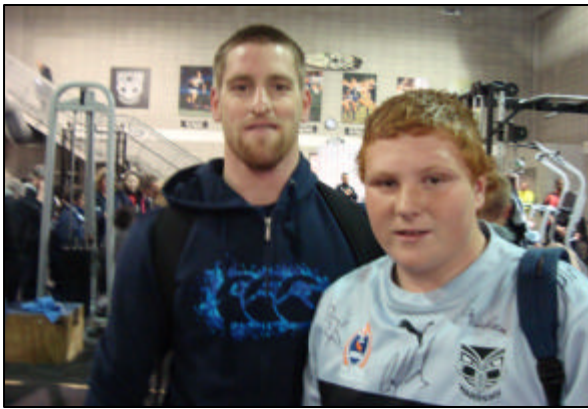


Summer's nearly here



Years 12 & 13 Students studying the BCATS Construction course are nearing the end of their final project "Garden Furniture". **Foai Fagu**, 13MV, has taken the lead and produced a Cape Cod style chair with footrest and a small bench. Students study a range of construction and manufacturing techniques from hand tool, power tools, fixed machinery to materials, workshop safety and project planning. During lessons the students apply the theory and produce a varied range of practical work.

Wanted - Plastic Bags. Please send to the school office. Thank you



VISIT TO THE WARRIORS

Taylor Hollman and Ricky Matthews were lucky enough to go to the Warriors Open Training night and meet some of the players

CURLING



The Birkenhead College team of **Eleanor Adviento, Zane Gibbs, Jed Tan** and **Sohail Kashkari** are the North Island Secondary School Boys Champions.

In the Grand Finals (girls vs boys champions) they lost to a very experienced Epsom side 43. They were down 41 coming home without the hammer and managed to take 2 points. Well done!

“Curling is a very strategic game - sometimes it’s called chess on ice”

Thanks to the determination of Birkenhead College PE teacher, Liz Matthews, who encouraged some of her students to take up the sport and introduced it as an option for others through a push at the Coca-Cola Sports Expo, Auckland held its first secondary school curling competition this year.

“It’s all about balance and timing”, says Ms Matthews.

RUGBY LEAGUE



The Williment Education Travel Rugby League Tournament started on Wednesday. We played Northcote College and had a narrow loss 22-18. It was a close, thrilling game with good performances from **David Bhana, Tali Seufale, Samson Leasuasu, Duschon Nonoa** and **Ete Taulii**. The game was played in good spirit, and Player of the Day went to our Captain, **Tali Seufale** who led his team well.



We are playing Rangitoto College next Wednesday at BC, kick off 4pm. Please come along and support your team.



GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to **Emily-Jean Waite**, Yr 13, on winning Player of the Year at her soccer club, Forrest Hill.



SENIOR EXAMINATION TIMETABLE TERM 3 2010

level	Monday 13/9 Day 3	Tuesday 14/9 Day 4	Wednesday 15/9 Day 5	Thursday 16/9 Day 6	Friday 17/9 Day 1	Monday 20/9 Day 2	NOTES	
11	11MAT 11MLM (1Hr)	11ENG 11ECM	11SCI	11HIS 11ART (HT) (C12)	11ACC 11MAO	11PED (1½Hr) 11FDT (BT)(C10)(2Hrs)	ALL exams 3hrs unless otherwise stated.	
	12FDT (C9) 12PED (1½Hr) 12FRE (T11)	12HSP(Restaurant 1) 12GRA (C1) (2Hrs)	12GEO 12TXT (C9)	12HSP (Restaurant 2) 12MAT 12PHO (C11)	12CHE 12PED (Field/gym) 12SPF (Field/gym)	12PHO (C11) 12DRA		
	13DRA (D1) 13ECO 13JAP (T13) 13ARP (C5)	13GEO 13FRE (T11)	13MASB (2Hrs) 13ARH	13ENG 13ECI	13PHO (C11) 13PED (Field/gym) 13SPF (Field/gym) 13ENG (Schol)	13MUS (2Hrs) 13BIO 13DTA (C6)		ALL exams in the OLD GYM unless otherwise stated.
	14	14ESSB (E2)(2Hrs)						
Periods 1,2 & 3 9am to 12								
11	11JAP (T13) 11MUS (D4) 11FDT (SP)(C10)(2Hrs)	11CON (C2) (2Hrs) 11TXT (C9) 11ECO	11GEO	11FRE (T11)	11ART (ST) (C5) 11DRA (2Hrs) 11FDT (SP)(C10)(2Hrs)	11DTA (C6) 11FDT (BT)(C10)(2Hrs)	You should arrive 15 minutes before your exam starts.	
	12ACC 12DTA (T3) (2Hrs) 12HIS	12ENG 12ECM (C6 & C8) 12HSP (Restaurant 1)	12ARH 12PHY (2½Hrs)	12BIO 12MAO 12DTP (C6) 12HSP (Restaurant 2)	12JAP (T13) 12ECO	12PHO (C11) 12ART (C5) 12MUS (D4)		
	13PHO (C11) 13MAC 13MES	13PHO (C11) 13PHY 13MAS (Schol)	13ACC 13TXT (C9)	13DTW (C6) 13MASA	13MAO 13HIS 13CHE	13MAC (Schol)(T2B)		Photography FDT & 12HSP students must confirm exam slots with subject teachers.
	14	14ESSA(E1/E2)(1Hr)			14ESA4 (E1/E2) (2Hrs)			
Periods 4,5 & after school 1.00pm to 4.00pm								
N A M E	Subjects	E.g. 11HIS					Students should highlight their individual exam timetable on this sheet.	
	Exam time	Thursday 9am						

Students with exam clashes must see Mr McKissock in C1 at lunchtimes before Wednesday 8th Sept. It is your responsibility!