

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

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We have been so impressed with the dignified concern and support our young people have shown towards our fellow New Zealanders in need. In particular, thank you to our Student Council and Year 13s who are showing real leadership here. Their sausage sizzle at Athletics has already raised money and a mufti day on Tuesday 8th March will be a major fundraiser.

In Christchurch, young people are to the fore in helping the elderly and disabled, we see the Student Army on TV nightly doing a fantastic job. This tragedy is truly uniting New Zealanders.

Athletics Day

This was a great success with a record number of records broken! Congratulations to Mr Peters and his team. Please see results inside.

Rugby Weigh-in

Today Mr Garrett from North Harbour Rugby weighed our rugby players. We were impressed with the number of students wishing to play. Already Mr Henley has organised pre season training: Mondays at 3.30pm, and Wednesdays at 7am.

CLASS PHOTOS www.myclassphoto.co.nz

Log in: bhc Password: bhc

Limited time special offer - from 4 March to 25 March, buy all the photos you want during this period and pay only \$10 + GST per photo (normally \$16). Hurry!!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Dominique, Denny and Sung Un** (Year 12s) on the magnificent mural (end of Rangatira Rd, Beach Haven, on the pharmacy wall). What a lovely project to be involved in - making our community a nicer place. Check out *The Aucklander* magazine this week. Well done girls.

Dominique Ray, , Denny Yordanova Sung Un Lee



Monday 7 March is Day 5

Two Minutes of Silence for Christchurch

On Tuesday, we, as a school, along with the whole of New Zealand, had 2 minutes of silence at 12.51pm, to think about and support those who have lost family members and friends, those who have been severely injured, those who have lost their homes or their jobs, and those who are managing so well without the basic things we take for granted such as running water and electricity.



Our silence won't have made things right for them, or in many cases taken away their terrible loss, but it may have made them feel that they are not so alone. It will have reminded them that the whole country feels deeply for them, and that we support them in their hour of need. The 2 minutes of silence was a time to reflect on what happened, to think about the dreadful situation many of our fellow New Zealanders find themselves in, and to send our deepest sympathy to all who have been affected.

Tuesday 8th March will be a full school mufti day. We ask that students wear red and black to show their support for our Cantabrian friends, family and colleagues. Students must bring a gold coin minimum to participate. Please try and make it a \$2 coin. 😊

NZQA FEE CHANGES FOR 2011

Fee Structure for domestic candidates (2011 including GST)

- * Entry for all NZQA standards and up to 3 scholarships subject: \$76.70
- * Additional Scholarship entries (4 or more): \$76.70 per additional subject.

Fee Structure for International fee paying candidates (2011 including GST)

- * Entry for all NZQA standards: \$383.30
- * Additional Scholarship entries (4 or more): \$102.20 per additional subject.

J O Mathewson Principal

ROTARY YOUNG DRIVERS AWARENESS

RYDA

Year 11 RYDA - All Year 11 students will be attending this one day programme on Friday 11 March.

The programme targets "awareness" and "attitudinal change" and seeks to encourage young people who are on the verge of driving or are actively thinking about it, to take a more responsible attitude to motoring.



The inclusion of passenger empowerment (and not driver strategies alone) is an example of the broad approach to the course content.

Comprising six sessions, it is a one day event held at a non-school site and followed up in a variety of ways to enhance retention of key messages.

For more information go to www.ryda.org.nz.

FUNDRAISING FOR BABY CHARLOTTE



Hannah, Britley & baby Charlotte

Hannah Meikle & Britley Bennett, both Year 11 girls, helped at a fundraiser for baby Charlotte (the little girl who lost her arms and legs to meningitis). The girls were great, entertaining the children - despite boiling away inside their costumes.

Hannah was Sponge Bob and also Pooh Bear, while Britley was Eeyore and Patrick.

A total of \$7 500 was raised on the day. Well done everybody!



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 1

Week 6	Fri 11 March	Yr 11 RYDA
	Fri 11 March	Photo catch-up
Week 7	16-18 March	Polyfest
Week 8	Fri 25 March	Progress Reports home
Week 9	Fri 1 April	International Day
Week 10	Thu 7 April	Report evening
Week 11	Mon 11 April	Production week
	Tue 12 April	Report evening
	Fri 15 April	Last day of Term

TERM 2

Week 1	Mon 2 May	First day of Term 2
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CAREERS

PACIFIC ADOLESCENT CAREERS PATHWAYS PROJECT

The Ministry of Pacific Affairs is carrying out a confidential electronic survey of current Year 10 students on three occasions between 2011 and 2012. Their aims are to examine career pathways and aspirations of Years 9, 10 and 11 and to explore the major influences on early career decisions such as subject choice, school performance, achievement and aspirations.

A group of Year 10 Pacific students have been given letters to take home this week explaining what is involved. The students will complete an electronic survey which lasts one lesson this term, with a follow up in term 3 or 4. If you have any questions or concerns about this survey please contact Mrs Morris on 483 9039 ext 819

Thanks to the students in advance for their help with this.

UNIVERSITY MATTERS

Forthcoming lunchtime presentations, **1.30pm in T4**

Thursday 10th March Otago University

Thursday 31st March AUT

The University of Auckland Parent Information Seminar - Monday 28th March 2011, 7.30—9 pm, Owen G Glenn Building, Fisher & Pykel Auditorium, Grafton Road. (\$5 flat rate car park). A chance for parents and secondary school students to learn more about admissions, programmes and scholarships. Please register on r.grogan@auckland.ac.nz

ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS

Championship Winners

Junior Girls	1st Megan Kikuchi, 2nd Kiri Bhana, 3rd Georgia Frankham & Acacia Faaee.
Junior Boys	1st Sione Uasi, 2nd Kurt Williams, 3rd Lahndrich Hendricks.
Interm. Girls	1st Kayla Gordine, 2nd Melanie Bracewell, 3rd Vevesi Kolai.
Interm. Boys	1st Filisi Viliamu, 2nd Simon Markwick, 3rd Callum Hines.
Senior Girls	1st Lita Sampurno, 2nd Florina Viliamu, 3rd Fane Vaka.
Senior Boys	1st Peter Napier, 2nd Kiamo Ah Kuoi, 3rd Micah Carston

Form Competition

Year 9	1st 9CW 116 pts, 2nd 9TU 88 pts, 3rd 9BI & 9WM 76 pts.
Year 10	1st 10PA 126 pts, 2nd 10MF 82 pts, 3rd 10DH 62 pts.
Year 11	1st 11CL 74 pts, 2nd 11MA 55 pts, 3rd 11CR 52 pts.
Year 12	1st 12BG 106 pts, 2nd 12MC 70 pts, 3rd 12HM 58 pts.
Year 13	1st 13MD 76 pts, 2nd 13MV 48 pts, 3rd 13WS 40 pts.

Records

Megan Kikuchi 5 records: Junior 100m, 200m, 300m, long jump and high jump.
Kayla Gordine 2 records: Intermediate 100m and 200m.
Melanie Bracewell 1 record: Intermediate high jump.
Kiamo Ah Kuoi 2 records: Senior shot put and Javelin.
Kurt Williams 2 records: 300m and 100m
Lahndrick Hendricks 1 record: Long jump



Golden Girl **Megan Kikuchi**, broke 5 records. She is competing in an inter-provincial championship this weekend.
Good luck Megan

A huge thank you must go to all of the students and companies that supported our sausage sizzle fundraiser at Athletics Day. In particular we would like to thank the Mad Butcher Glenfield, for donating one hundred sausages and Countdown Birkenhead for donating all the bread and tomato sauce. Thanks to the generosity of these stores, we were able to raise over \$350 for Christchurch.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Tahlea Fong** who is representing North Harbour at the Maori Netball Nationals in Palmerston North at Easter. Well done Tahlea!



BUSY WEEK FOR YEAR 11

Next week will be an interesting week for Year 11 students. On Thursday Year 11 Geography students will be visiting a **Dairy Farm** in **Kaukapakapa** for the day. On Friday the whole of Year 11 will be at **North Harbour Stadium** undertaking a Driver Safety programme called **RYDA**. This programme, which is sponsored by Rotary, aims to give students the best possible road safety education before they start driving. Birkenhead Rotary is paying the costs of bussing our students, and our students have to pay \$10 towards programme costs.

It is a very cheap price for a day's education which may save our students' lives in the future.

2nd XI CRICKET

An outstanding 41 runs from the bat of **John Short** and a great bowling spell from **Jayson Jooste** who took 4 wickets for 7 runs enabling the boys to have a well deserved win over Rangitoto.



Jayson Jooste

John supported by **Scotty Gannaway** who scored another 19 runs, set the scene for the team to score 127 for 5 wickets. When Rangitoto came in to bat they were 4 down after 2 overs which put them on the back foot immediately. Rangitoto eventually scored 102 all out to give us the win.



John Short

Bowling: **Jayson 4, John 3, Scotty 1, and Shea 1** wicket.

Well done boys.

REBEKAH JENSEN'S TRIP TO JAPAN

During the summer I had the amazing opportunity to live in Japan for six weeks on a student exchange trip. I stayed in Osaka, which is way south of Tokyo, and went to school at **Ohtani Girls High School**. I had the chance to study Japanese at school which proved to be very difficult but all the students and teachers were very friendly and encouraging which made the experience so much better.



What really made this trip so amazing was my host family. They welcomed me into their family and we had lots of fun together even though there was a language barrier. My host sister is now on her own language exchange and studying English at our school for a year.

Although I had to exchange my summer holidays for more time in a much colder winter, I think going to Japan was one of the best decisions that I have made so far in my life.



Not only did I learn Japanese and see their culture first-hand, but I think the best thing was that I had the chance to make a connection with people our age on the other side of the world.

I have to admit that my trip was a little bit pricey but if anyone does decide to go on a language exchange, I promise you

that you will not regret it and have the time of your life.

Rebekah Jensen, Year 13



CLAIMING BACK YOUR DONATION

When you make a donation or pay school fees to a state or state-integrated school or a school approved as a donee organisation you may be able to claim part of it back as a tax credit (rebate).

IF YOU PAY YOUR FEES BEFORE 1 APRIL 2011 YOU CAN CLAIM THE DONATION PART OF IT BACK THIS YEAR.

You can't claim money back for activities such as school camp, exam fees and extracurricular activities.

To claim the tax credit you need to fill out a tax credit claim form (IR526) attach your donation receipt(s) and send it to Inland Revenue. To find out more, or to download a tax credit claim form, visit—
www.ird.govt.nz