

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends Term 1 Issue 1 4 February 2011

It has been a pleasure welcoming students back to the 2011 School Year.

This is an exciting time for all of us — students, teachers and parents. A fresh beginning! Students have arrived expectant and enthusiastic, ready for a wonderful year of learning.

Thank you to our excellent staff at the College who have ensured a smooth, well organised beginning.

New Students

A special welcome to **new parents and our Year 9 students**. Communication is vital to ensure your son or daughter gains the most from their time here. We have enclosed a list of important phone numbers for you.

We also welcome a number of International Students from Germany, Austria, Brazil, Japan, Korea, China and Vietnam.

This term we have 8 students from **Kyoto Nishi School, Japan**. We have had a very long and positive association with this school and value their students greatly.

Mobile Phone Policy - a reminder

- Ipods, MP3 players are not allowed at school.
- Mobile phones are strongly discouraged and may not be used in class or between classes.
- The school takes no responsibility for any loss of any of these items.

Students are here to learn and anything that distracts them and others from learning has no place in school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Head Students 2011



From left — Deputy **Head Girl** Alexandria Green, **Head Boy** Simon Cox, **Deputy Head Boy** Jed Tan,
Front - **Head Girl** Sze Looi Chin

EX STUDENT NEWS - **Simon Ngawhika** has been awarded a **Fulbright Scholarship**, Master of Business, and has been accepted at Portland University. Well done Simon!

Congratulations to **Sarah Atkins** (2007) who is a finalist in the **International Emerging Designer Awards**. Good luck Sarah!

School Fees / Donation

NZ schools are simply not funded to provide computers and other important resources to ensure our students gain a high quality, relevant education. Paying the school fee / donation helps us to do this. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible—it really makes a difference. Thank you.

School Fee / Donation

\$230— First child

\$80 — Second child

(Max of \$310/Family)

Subject fees ((compulsory) apply to some students and accounts will be posted shortly. These may be paid by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card at the Accounts Office (Admin Block), between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm Monday—Friday. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Johnson on 483 9039 ext 809.

Monday 7 February is Day 3

J O Mathewson Principal

CONGRATULATIONS to **Simon Cox** for being top of the Auckland Honours Cricket Board last Saturday, scoring 139 runs for the Birkenhead Club U18 Premier Team. Several NZ Black Caps featured below him on the Board. Well done Simon.

**PHONE EXTENSIONS:
BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE**

Main office: 483 9039, FAX: 483 4094
EMAIL: office@birkenhead.school.nz

Reception	(Mrs Logan — all day) (Mrs Henderson — pm)	
Absence Line/Sick Bay	Mrs J Eberly	836
Deputy Principal	Mr Page	802
Assistant Principal	Mrs Stanley	803
Assistant Principal	Mrs Plummer	807
Executive Officer	Mrs Asselbergs	804
Principal's Secretary	Mrs Alexander	832
Accounts	Mrs Johnson	809
International Students	Ms Nathan	806
School Counsellor	Mr Chambers	805
Careers Advisor	Ms Morris	819
Year 13 Dean	Mrs Russell	823
Year 12 Dean	Ms McKenzie	919
Year 11 Dean	Mr Rotheray	822
Year 10 Dean	Mr Alderman	826
Year 9 Dean	Mr Henley	824
Sports Co-ordinator	Mr Peters	834
Music Department	Mrs Russell	812
Director Performance	Mr Donaldson	812
Drama Department	Mr Willis	831

TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether or at your wits end? With the return of the school year parents are often ready to address troubling behaviour from their teens. We can help you to help your family. Toughlove runs weekly Parent Support Groups and can offer support and solutions to troubling teenage behaviour. Want to know more? Contact www.toughlove.org.nz or 624 4363

School Publications - if you do not wish your child/guardian's image to be used in any school publication, please advise me of this in writing.

Linda Asselbergs - Privacy Officer

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 1

Week 2	Fri 11 Feb	Photos
Week 3	Tue 15 Feb	Meet the Form Teacher evening
	Thur 17 Feb	Swimming Sports
Week 5	Wed 2 March	Athletic Sports
Week 7	16-18 March	Polyfest
Week 8	Fri 25 March	Progress Reports home
Week 10	Thu 7 April	Report evening
	Fri 8 April	International Day
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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**AUCKLAND CITY THEATRE
ACADEMY (ACTA)**

Are you a "Glee" fan? Would you like to act, sing and dance in live stage shows? Then come along and have some fun at ACTA's FREE Musical Theatre Workshops!

Monday 7 Feb: 4pm to 7pm

@ ACTA Studios, 251 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead.

For more details phone 443 0542, or visit our website, acta.co.nz

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.

Would you like to volunteer?

Would you like to come into the English Department for a couple of days a week on a regular basis? We would appreciate help with typing, photocopying, book covering, etc. If you are interested please contact Mrs Macadam on ext 821.