

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parents and Friends

This is it! The most important Term 3 ever for our senior students (Yr 11-13). Ten solid weeks of work is required before the school holidays. **NZQA exams begin in week 3 of Term 4!** Students know that extra help is always available from their teachers.

### Ex student stars

**Simon Ngawhika** (Dep Head Boy 2001) recently spoke to our senior students. It was good to see him in a NSTA article describing his journey to Hawaii in a waka and praising the College: "I owe so much to this school - it gave me my education and motivation". He has won a Fullbright Scholarship to study at Portland State University in Oregon, USA.

### 4 Rugby Stars!

**Mr Reid, Mr Henley, Mr Hamon** and **Mr Tuu'u** all played in North Harbour club rugby finals last weekend. Not many schools could boast this sort of talent! Look out for an article in the North Shore Times.

### School Ball

Our ball has been a positive, uplifting occasion and we plan to keep it that way on **Saturday 13 August**. Students and parents know our expectations via a letter which talked about: compulsory security; only ticket holder entry; alcohol, drug and smoke free; bus transport home at midnight.

**STOP PRESS** - Congratulations to **Danielle Israel**—solo vocal heat finalist in the 'Stand Up Stand Out' competition. Good luck Danielle!

### Teacher Only Day – Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>

Next Friday will be one of the two Teacher Only Days the Minister of Education has granted all secondary schools this year to work on the new NCEA assessment Standards at Levels 1 and 2. We will be taking our second day in November after the senior students have left for exams.

Note that Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August will be Day 1.

**Monday 8 August is Day 3**

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### PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are on this Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8pm. Parents need to book their own times (see below). Please note that school will finish at 2.30 on Tuesday to allow preparation time for the Report Evening.

### Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday from 4pm – 8pm

Our Parent Interview booking system has gone live on School Links, which means you can book your interview slots online. If you would like to make an appointment, please follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.school-links.org.nz](http://www.school-links.org.nz) and log in. If you can't remember your login or password, please email [FL@birkenhead.school.nz](mailto:FL@birkenhead.school.nz) and an automatic email will be sent to you.
2. When you have logged in, click on **Events** then **Parent Interviews** on the right. Click **Book Interviews**. You will note that we have set up a special '**Careers Interview**' booking system, which allows you to book a longer time with Ms Morris, our careers advisor.
3. Select your child's teachers and then click **Next** down the bottom of the page.
4. Book your desired slots by clicking the little figures. Each interview is 5 minutes.
5. When you have finished booking, either print or take note of the interview times – they are hard to retrieve again!

Please remember that leaving at least 5 minutes between slots is advisable. It may take time to locate the next teacher!

If you don't wish to use school links, you can either email or ring the main office with a list of teachers and preferred times, or send your child to an individual teacher with your preferences. The office email is [office@birkenhead.school.nz](mailto:office@birkenhead.school.nz)

*J O Mathewson Principal*

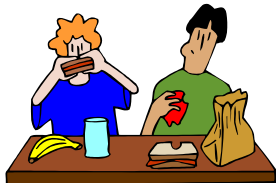
## Health Talks

During Term 3, all Year 9 and 10 students will be learning about sexuality during their health programme. If parents have any concerns about this topic please contact either Mr Henley or Mr Alderman on extension 824 or 826.

## Cafeteria

For a trial period the school cafeteria will open early for **breakfast**.

As of 2nd August the cafeteria will open Tuesday to Friday at 8—8.30 am and will serve from the side window.



## Careers

Important dates for year 12 and 13 students and parents :

AUT Information Evenings start next week :

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Business and Law
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Art/Design, Communications
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Computing, Maths, Engineering
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Languages, Social Sciences, Creative Technologies, Hospitality/Tourism
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Education, Health, Science, Sport and Recreation
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Te Ara Poutama

Students must register to attend these sessions. Go to the AUT website for times and to register

Victoria University Open Evening

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at the Novotel, Ellerslie from 6 – 9 pm

Massey University – Albany campus Open day

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August free text registration system. Go online to find programme and registration details

Auckland University Courses and Careers Day

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August – collect a programme from Ms Russell or Ms Morris

It is strongly recommended that students and parents attend these sessions to learn about courses on offer, entry requirements and application processes.

## Music Department Fundraiser Silent Auction

Birkenhead NumberWorks'nWords have provided a voucher worth \$460.00 for extra tuition in Maths and English to be auctioned to the highest bidder in a silent auction closing at 3:30pm on Friday the 12th of August. With exams around the corner, this could be just what you need.

Please email your highest bid to Mr. Donaldson at [dn@birkenhead.school.nz](mailto:dn@birkenhead.school.nz). Include the name of a **student enrolled at BC**, **your name**, **your email**, **a contact telephone number**.

Thanks to Birkenhead NumberWorks'nWords for this generous offer.



## School Ball

The school ball this year will be based on the theme of the **Roaring Twenties**, with the theme colours being red and gold. It is being held at Alexandra Park on the 13th August, from 7.30pm—midnight. Ball tickets cost \$75 each and bus tickets will be available at \$7 each way.



**WIN AN XBOX 360 -  
Simply by paying your school donation**

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!



## NZQA Fees

NCEA FEES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment can be made at the school office between 8.30am and 4.30pm daily by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit card. Students can also pay via the envelope system. **All cheques are to be made payable to Birkenhead College.**

In most cases the fee is \$76-70. However after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> an extra "late fee" of \$50 is incurred, and payments must be made directly to NZQA.

A pre-printed Invoice was sent with school reports at the end of Term 2. If you have misplaced this please contact the Accounts Office.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Many families are eligible for Financial Assistance. An information sheet and pre-printed application form were also included with the report. Further copies can be obtained from the school office or by [downloading them from the NZQA website](#). You should definitely apply if your family has a Community Services Card, and / or more than one family member entering NCEA.

## THE DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS IS ALSO SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>.

Applications for Financial Assistance are made directly to the school Accounts office. However after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> you would need to contact NZQA directly.

Good luck to **Danielle Israel** (Year 11) and the school choir who will be competing in the Heats for the 2011

Auckland Secondary Schools Performing Arts Awards at Otara Music Arts Centre this week.

The finals will be held on 2nd September at Telstra Clear Pacific Events Centre



## Congratulations to our table tennis team!

Our team (**Shea Sinclair-Vannes, Abhishek Rughani, Troy McLaren** and **Kurt Haynes**) not only came top of the D4 table, they won the playoffs and came top of their grade overall, meaning they're invited to compete in the Auckland Champion of Champions tournament in September. **Abhishek Rughani**



played particularly well; he was the top individual player in the D4 grade.



*From top: Shea, Abhishek, Troy. Left: Kurt*

## Auckland Young Singers in Harmony, Auckland Regional Championships

At the end of last term, the school's theatre was filled to capacity with an enthusiastic crowd watching the Auckland Young Singers in Harmony Auckland Regional Championships.

Although Aorere College won the boys' section and Maclean College the girls', we were very proud of the high standard achieved by both of our choruses. Special mention must be made of Louisa La Riche (Year 11) for her tireless and efficient help with organising this event with Mr Donaldson and Mrs Newman.

*A'Chord—the girls chorus*



*A tender moment in performance by Callum Hines and Rico Anau*



# GAMES TO SUPPORT

## Week 2



<b>Rugby</b> Saturday	1st XV	vs	Kingsway	12 noon Home	
	3rd Grade	vs	Glenfield	9.30am Glenfield	
	5th Grade	vs	Massey High	10.40am Home	
	6th Grade	vs	Rangitoto	9.30am Home	
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Westlake	4-10pm Miller 3	
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	Semi Finals		
	2nd XI	vs	Rangitoto	5-20pm Miller 3	
<b>Football—Boys</b> Saturday	1st XI	vs	Bye		
	Year 9/10	vs	Rangitoto	9-00am Home	
<b>Football—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Not Known		
	2nd X1	vs	Not Known		
	Junior	vs	Not Known		
<b>Basketball</b> <b>Boys</b> Friday	Sen Boys	vs	Westlake	7-00pm NSEC 3	
	Thursday	U19 boys	vs	Rangitoto	9-15pm AUT
	Thursday	U17 Blue boys	vs	Westlake	5-30pm NSEC 1
	Thursday	U17 White boys	vs	Whangaparaoa	4-45pm NSEC 3
	Wednesday	U15 A boys	vs	Long Bay	6-15pm NSEC 1
	Wednesday	U15 B boys	vs	Not Known	
<b>Basketball - Girls</b> Thursday	U19 Girls	vs	Not Known		
	Friday	U17 Girls	vs	Not Known	
	Wednesday	U15 Girls	vs	Not Known	
<b>Squash</b> Friday	Boys Snr 1	vs			
	Monday	Girls	vs		
	Monday	Boys Jnr	vs		
<b>Netball</b> Saturday	Team 1	vs	Rangitoto	9.30am Crt 15	
	Team 2	vs	Westlake	1.30pm Crt 15	
	Year 10/1	vs	Kristin	12.45pm Crt 20	
	Year 10/2	vs	Rangitoto	12.45pm Crt 19	
	Year 9/1	vs	Kristin	9am Crt 16	
	Year 9/2	vs	Kingsway	8.15am Crt 21	

Congratulations to the following teams:

### Boys Hockey

1st XI beat Pinehurst 2-1

### Netball

Team 10/2 beat Westlake 39-7

### Girls Football

Junior girls beat Northcote 2-0

### Boys Football

1st XI beat Western Springs 5-3

### Girls Basketball

U17 Girls beat Glenfield 58-32

U19 Girls beat Kaipara 57-4

### Boys Basketball

U17 Blue Boys beat Glenfield 50-32

### Boys 1st XI Hockey

The 1st XI boys hockey team won 2-1 against Pinehurst School. The boys played extremely well and deserved to win the match. Goals were scored by Callum Lewis 11ME and Andre Swart 12HM. There was a standout performance from Simon Cox 13MD who dominated the midfield and some wonderful saves by the goalie Connor Cowling 12LE. Well done boys.



Callum Lewis



Andre Swart



Simon Cox

Connor Cowling

