

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 2

Issue 1

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During the holidays our Year 13 Dean, Ms Russell, and our Head Students attended the Anzac Day service at the Birkenhead War Memorial. They were so well presented and actively took part in the occasion by laying a wreath on behalf of all students. Thank you for being fine ambassadors and remembering this important day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 2

Week 4	Wed 25 May	OPEN EVENING
Week 5	Mon 30 May	Assessment week
	Wed 1 June	NCEA Music Performance
	Fri 3 June	Mid term holiday
Week 6	Mon 6 June	Queen's Birthday
Week 8	Fri 24 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
Week 9	Fri 1 July	Year 12 Geo trip
Week 11	Mon 11 July	Reports home
	Fri 15 July	Term 2 finishes

Winter Sports

We love our sport here and have a large number of teams competing this term. It is timely to remind everyone that we are signatories to the **Fairplay Charter** which states:

- ◆ Enjoy your sport.
- ◆ Play within the rules
- ◆ Play hard, play fair.
- ◆ Respect the referees and the opposition.
- ◆ Be gracious winners and dignified losers.

This code applies to students, teachers, coaches, managers and parents. It also includes appropriate sideline behaviour, e.g. do not sledge players or match officials or encourage illegal play

Great Parents!

Special thanks to our newly formed Performing Arts Parents Support Group. They have been very active and raised \$460 from refreshment sales during the Little Shop of Horrors production.

OPEN EVENING FOR INTERMEDIATE
STUDENTS / PARENTS - WEDNESDAY 25TH

STOP PRESS : Performance of Year 11 **Bunraku Puppet** Play on Monday 9th May at 6pm in the Theatre. Entry by gold coin donation - 40 minute show - come if you can!

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Megan Kikuchi** who is now officially the New Zealand 400m Champion (13 year old). She was the captain of her Provincial team, her relay team won the 4x100m relay and she was 2nd in the 200m and 4th in the 100m.

Well done Megan!



UNIFORM REMINDER!

This term— shoes and socks to be worn - **black leather dress shoes** with regulation socks (boys) and white socks or black pantyhose for girls.

**No black socks or track / sand shoes
and NO canvas shoes of any kind.**

School jackets and jumpers only to be worn - all garments are available at Yarntons or try our secondhand uniform shop at school.

Monday 9 May is Day 4

J O Mathewson Principal

North Island S/S Orienteering Championships, Taupo 29th – 30th April 2011.

Last week a team of twenty-seven Birkenhead College orienteers along with Mr Peters and nine parents headed south for the North Island Secondary School Orienteering Champs in Taupo. In all there were more than 400 competitors and support people from over 20 schools around the North Island taking part in the event.

Friday dawned fine but fairly cold and after an early breakfast we set off towards Kinloch for the individual races which were held on grassy farmland crossed with steep hills and gullies making for very tough running.

In the championship grades the competition was very tough with **Simon Cox** (Senior Boys) and **Kelsi Heath** (Intermediate Girls) finishing in the top 10 against a field of very good runners, many of whom were NZ reps.

Cameron Simms, Troy McLaren and **Jon More** also had good runs in their first top competition, finishing mid field in a group of 35 runners. **Megan Kikuchi** and **Petra Ashcroft** (Junior Girls) also ran well in the



championship grade. Megan started without her compass but still managed to be in the top two in the field for half the race before finding a leg of the race which needed more than just the map to figure out.

Simon, Kelsi and **Megan** have since been selected for the Auckland squad for the Regional Team Challenge to be held over Queens Birthday weekend.

In the standard grade events **Nathan Saluni, Tyler Warwick** and **Shaun McCullough** (Senior Boys) ran in a strong field with **Nathan** finishing a creditable 6th.

Simon Markwick and **Michael Irwin** (Intermediate Boys) performed well with **Simon** picking up BC's first top three placing, finishing 3rd, and only 33 seconds behind the winner.

We had a great turn out in both the Junior Boys and the Junior Girls grade with a total of thirteen runners showing that the future of orienteering at BC is looking bright.

The number of participants and the results in the junior grades are very encouraging and a lot of these competitors will no doubt do well over the next few years if they keep orienteering.

The next day was the relay events and the final Prizegiving . The relays consist of teams of three runners each running a leg of two to three kilometres and tagging the next runner. The start was up a very steep hill and most competitors were pretty exhausted by the time they got to the top.

The senior boys team of **Nathan, Tyler** and **Simon** finished 7th from 13 teams which was a good result given the quality of the opposition.

In the intermediate boys race **Michael, Simon M** and **Shaun** ran strongly to finish mid field.

The junior boys fielded 4 teams from BC with the team of **Jon, Cameron** and **Matthew** finishing a good 5th. The other teams finished 7th, 8th and 9th from 16 teams competing so all did well. **Lit Wei** had the extra fun of running both first and last for his team and surviving well.



Birkenhead College Orienteering Team with Mr Peters, in Taupo.

In the Junior Girls races we had some good times from individual runners but unfortunately of the three teams entered no results were counted as one member from each team mis-punched at one marker. Something to learn from for future events.

The prize giving was held after the relays and it was great to see so many Birkenhead College students receiving medals and the vocal support they got from their team members sitting on the bank.

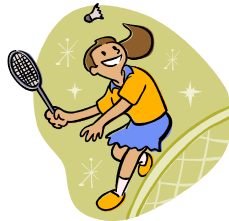
All in all a very successful trip and it was great to see how well all the competitors represented the school both during the competition and when they were at the camp and in town.

Thanks to all the parents who took time off work to help out, support the competitors and watch the races.

Mr Cox
(Parent & BOT member)

SENIOR GIRLS BADMINTON

The competitive teams played last night with Team 1 winning by default and Team 2 losing 2-6 to Rangitoto. **Dominique Dillague** played particularly well, winning her singles match on debut for the team. Our Social No.2 Team had a convincing win 6-2 over Westlake, very ably led by Player of the Match, **Alannah Green**.



MUSIC!

7 May Chamber Music Big Day In with the New Zealand Trio. Brief demonstration performance in the school theatre at 2.45pm

10 May Seminar: Technology for Real Musicians. Affordable advice on recording guitars and vocals.

Lunch time concerts in the BGT

- 6 May** Air Performance (lipsync competition)
- 13 May** BC Battle of the Bands
- 20 May** Admire, from Beach Haven
- 27 May** jGeek and the Geeks featuring Jermaine Leaf.

Parents Support Group Friday 24th June 7.30 pm in the cafeteria

Sponsors are being sought - if you are able to donate any prizes, or approach your workplace for donations — a bottle of wine, printed t-shirts — anything and everything will be greatly appreciated.

The PSG is now a registered charity so donations are tax deductible!

Trivial Pursuits Night!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Now on sale!!! Get yours today from the Music Department or Accounts office. Only \$65 per book. Contact Mrs Russell, rl@birkenhead.school.nz for more information.

Don't Feed The Plant : ONE OF THE BEST BC HAS PRODUCED!

Little Shop of Horrors shone brightly on the beautiful stage of the Brian Gerrard Theatre in the last week of the first term. The phrase that was on almost everyone's tongue from the many students who saw it in matinee dress rehearsals or the enthusiastic audiences of students, family and many other local people was "ONE OF THE BEST BC HAS PRODUCED!"

The whole production was slick, fast, funny, feeling and sweet to listen to!. Visually the production with its sweeping doors, mysterious and horror filled lighting and sound was a thrill. Mr Donaldson and the BC Production Band were flawless in its presentation of the brilliant musical score.

The cast was led by outstanding performances by a powerfully sympathetic and nerd-like, heroic Seymore (**Tyler Warwick**), a brilliantly vulnerable and comic Audrey (**Alexandria Green**), supported by an also very able **Melanie Bracewell**. The Trios of the Girls (**Alannah Green, Kisha Noae, Emily Svadlenak, Lydia**



Pointon, Eleanor Adviento, and Nica Israel) were exciting and deadly as they sang and danced many songs and carried the musical narrative! Tone of the night, or should I say dark spots of the show, was the sadistic Dentist played by **Zac Steele** and his murderous understudy **Evey Alford**. As the owner of the shop, the alternating **Zac Steele** as the Jewish patriarch and **Nina Rees** as the staunch Samoan Mum were forceful and funny. As the plant, the voices of **Angeline Chikomba, Nekoda Hema-Simon, and Natasha Legge** sparked fear in the bravest of men, the puppetry of the crew lead by **Chye Xian and Diana Prince** were awesome. The smaller parts such as **Jake Whitmarsh** as the Voice and **Vittoria Draghi** as Dentin, the salespeople and the chorus were stunning!

It was a wonderfully successful production in so many ways! Thank you to all the parents and the local community for supporting us. And, thank you Mr Willis (and Mr Donaldson)!



MASSEY UNIVERSITY
TE KUNENGA KI PŪREHUROA

Massey University Albany Campus Information Evenings

Massey University is delighted to invite parents and secondary students to attend the following Information Evenings on the Albany Campus:

Tuesday 17th May	College of Science (incl Vet and Engineering) College of Education (incl Speech and Language Therapy)	Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm (seminars commence at 7.00pm)
Wed. 18th May	College of Creative Arts	Venue: Sir Neil Waters Lecture Theatres Massey University Gate 1, SH17, Albany
Thur. 19 th May	College of Business (incl Aviation) College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Seminars for International Students, as well as Accommodation Information will also run each night