

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 1

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Last Friday was our 16th International Day and it was probably one of the most impressive.

The costume parade at the whole school assembly was a wonderful, colourful occasion, a celebration of the different nationalities in our school.

Thank you students, parents and teachers

for your enthusiastic involvement.

After the parade, the following awards were made:

Winner of Poi Trophy at Polyfest: **Nga Peka Hou**

Best dressed Year 9 class: **9WM**

Winner of poster competition : **Tina Kharazi 13PD**

Anna Winkley (2006 Dep. Head Girl)

We have just received a lovely update letter from Mrs Mathieson, a proud mother! Anna won a Leadership Scholarship to Canterbury University and has completed



her BE with 1st class honours and outstanding grades. She is now enrolled for her Masters in Geotech Engineering, and won a scholarship to study in Italy next year.

Mrs Mathieson paid a tribute to Anna's teachers and donated books to our library and Art Department, which is much appreciated.

Monday 11 April is Day 6

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 1

Week 11	Mon 11 April	Production week
	Tue 12 April	Report evening
	Fri 15 April	Last day of Term
Week 1	Mon 2 May	Start of Term 2
Week 3	Thur 19 May	OPEN EVENING

Parents Support Group
Friday 24th June 7.30 pm in the cafeteria
Trivial Pursuits Night!

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 !

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ONLINE

If you did not manage to attend last night then you still have the chance to book interview times for the second evening, this coming Tuesday April 12th. You will need to book your interview times online using School Links

You will have received a 'Welcome' email from School Links that gave you your username and password and guide you through the logging in process. Go to www.school-links.org.nz and log in with the details given to you. After you have gone through the signing in process, look for the **Events** tab and then click **Interview Centre** to the right.

If you are unable to book online you can ring the school office and they will make the bookings for you. **Please have the school report to hand when you phone.**

Please note that school will finish at 2.30pm on this day.

J O Mathewson Principal



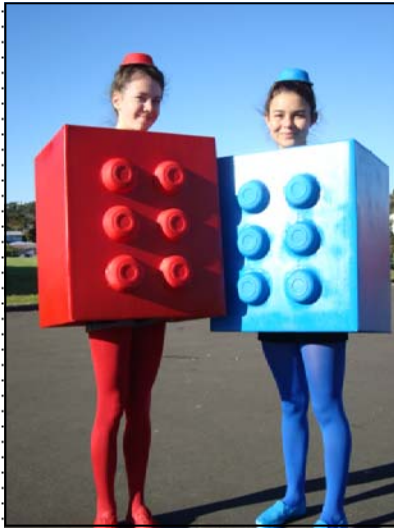
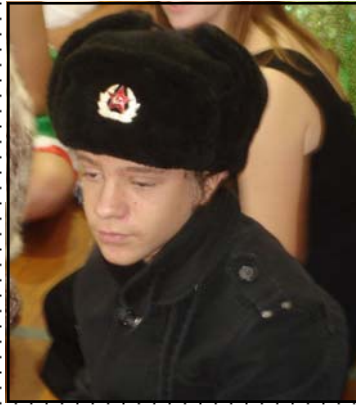
INTERNATIONAL DAY AT BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE - Friday 1st April 2011

International Day was an exciting, colourful and vibrant celebration of the many cultures that make up the fabric of Birkenhead College. The day started with an amazing parade of costumes from 45 countries, and included a Cook Island dance and a line dance from the staff in full cowboy gear! A prize was awarded for the best dressed Year 9 form class and this went to 9WM. Twenty ethnic food stalls offered an exotic array of food: from Vietnamese spring rolls to Italian pasta, and American cupcakes to Scottish shortbread. **David Barrett** from the **National Bank** judged the food stalls on their marketing, presentation, hygiene and planning.

The day's finale was a talented concert showcasing music, song and dance from New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Asia, USA, Africa and Brazil. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful International Day! Prize-Winners for special events will be announced next week.



STUDENTS ENJOYING INTERNATIONAL DAY - everybody looked amazing



PCT BLUE LIGHT CHALLENGE



The BC team — Ross, Duschon, Amy & Nina

On Wednesday, four Year 13 students competed in the Waitemata District PCT Blue Light Challenge. Nina Rees, Amy Mustchin, Ross Newson and Duschon Nonoa completed a version of the obstacle course that police are required to do in an impressive 2 minutes and 40 seconds. The course had them pushing a trailer, running, balancing on a beam, crawling under obstacles, climbing through a window, jumping over a wall and pulling a 74kg weight. After the main event they competed in a tug of war competition, which our students very nearly won. Miss Russell even competed in an all teacher team! Our students were somewhat more successful than the teachers!

NETBALL

Wow!! What a marvellous turnout for our first Combined Netball Fitness Clinic run by our own Physiotherapist, Karen Price, who herself has been a Premier player. What was even more amazing was that the 50 plus girls arrived at 7am for the session. What great dedication and team bonding. Last Tuesday we had another 1st when Ms Fuller, our Referee Officer, arranged for 6 girls to receive refereeing instruction from Harbour Netball. We are proud to announce that all 6 students passed their exam with flying colours. **Jess Cross** 10PA, **Kayla Gordine** 10WH, **Briana McCook** 11MH, **Rebecca D'Silva** 11MH, **Georgia Frankham** 9WM and **Paige Tibbits** 10CB are all able to umpire for the school and should be congratulated for their efforts. Jess is to be particularly commended, as she passed with 100%. Well done!



Netball practices are well underway and it is good to see several ex students coaching—**Ruth Marsters**, **Alana Hughes** and **Katalina Tutaia**. This year we have **Mrs Painting** as our Netball Development Officer, she is coaching and managing several teams. If you can assist with managing one of the teams please ring Mr Peters—483 9039 ext 834.

Netball starts early next term and parents are reminded that fees must be paid by 15th April.

Birkenhead College Presents

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

13-16 April
Wed Sat
7.30pm

Student \$8.00
Adult \$12.00
Family \$25.00

Brian Gerrard Theatre
Birkenhead College
140 Birkdale Road, Birkenhead

FOR TICKETS: 483 9039
<http://tinyurl.com/bctickets>

Music by Alan Menken
Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman
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Production Matinee for Year 9 & 10 Students

There will be a special matinee performance of Little Shop of Horrors for Year 9 & 10 students only on **Thursday, April 14th**, starting at 11.20am. This performance will cost students \$5 to attend. It is not compulsory but is a great chance to see what will be a wonderful musical. Students need to pay their \$5 in advance to the Accounts Office, or on the day at form time to their Dean. Students who do not pay will have normal classes.