

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

What a fantastic day to start the Rugby World Cup! I do hope you enter into the spirit of it all and enjoy being excellent hosts to our overseas guests. What an opportunity to showcase New Zealand and its people.

Congratulations to **Mr Chambers** who was recently presented with the Koru symbol for 'dedication and commitment' to Project K.

He has been the Liaison Team Leader since Project K was first started at BC in 1998 and has been instrumental in the programme's success. During this time he has worked with over 150 Year 10 students who have accepted the challenge to reach their potential.



The programme includes a demanding 3 week Wilderness Section, an Urban Challenge and ongoing mentoring to ensure students are supported to make positive, permanent changes. Thank you Mr Chambers for your dedication to our young people.

Team 1 Netball - Hartley Cup Win

Team 1 netball beat Northcote 1 last Saturday to claim the prized **Hartley Cup**. The girls got off to a brilliant start and were 12-1 up at quarter time. They continued to play with great pace, control and intensity which Northcote College could not match, the final score being 29-19.

Special thanks must go to their coach ex student **Ruth Marsters** who has worked her magic with a team of talented girls and fine-tuned their performance, the results of which were seen on Saturday.



Team Members: **Fane Vaka (capt)**, **Melanie Bracewell**, **Kataraina Fong**, **Tahlea Fong**, **Briana McCook**, **Jodi McLaren**, **Amy Mustchin**, **Joanne Perepe-Perana**, **Ebony Wilkinson**, **Tem Maika** (reserve).

Monday 12 September is Day 3

Term 3

Issue 6

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Options Choice Afternoon Thursday September 15th

If your child is in Years 10 – 12 they will be given their Option Booklet for 2012 on Monday. (This booklet is also online on Knowledge Net) Students must return their Option Choice Forms for next year by October 5th.

If you would like to discuss courses, options, and / or future pathways for your child with any of our Heads of Department, or our Careers Advisor, then please come to the Options Afternoon next Thursday in the library. No appointments are necessary – just turn up with your questions or concerns.

Walk the Line

Young Designer Fashion Show

Last Saturday six Year 12 Textile Technology students were involved in one of the final **New Zealand Fashion Week** shows down at the new Viaduct Events Centre. All



six students graced the runway in their wearable art creations. Each student had been asked to create a garment which was inspired by a song as part of the Feel the Beat design brief. Mrs Holmes was so proud of the students and their performances and they really represented the school with aplomb!

The students involved were: **Ally Shrimpton**, **Via Butiu**, **Clare Sykes**, **Vivian Shephard**, **Emma Van Kerchof**, **Tahlea Fong**.

J O Mathewson Principal

Simply by paying your school donation you could

WIN AN XBOX 360 -

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!



Roots and Shoots

We have recently started up an environmental group called Roots and Shoots. Roots and Shoots is the Jane Goodall institute's global, environmental and humanitarian program for young people. The program aims to give students a voice, with the philosophy that "every individual makes a difference." Our group will be working on projects that benefit animals, people and the environment. Some early ideas we had were: making a welcome pack for international students, doing a stream clean up, cleaning up the native bush at our school, and improving the litter.



Our most recent project has been improving the gardens around the school.

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED for the election of a **Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.**

Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. All full time students in Year 9 and above and aged under 20 years are entitled to stand for election.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 16 September 2011 and should be accompanied by a short candidate's statement. These must be handed in to the Returning Officer, Mrs Asselbergs (Executive Officer).

The voting roll is open for inspection in the Executive Officer's office and can be viewed during normal school hours. Candidates' names and statements will be published in daily notices as from Monday, 19 September 2011.

The poll will close at noon on Friday, 30 September 2011.

MUSIC!

Wed, 14 September - NCEA performance evening

See BC music students perform live (rock, pop, classical, group, solo ...) BG Theatre, 6:30 pm
Café open at intermission, Gold coin donation

Fri, 16 September

BC music students perform at St Andrews Church, Hinemoa St, Birkenhead, 7 pm. Refreshments on sale

Tues, 20 September - BC Arts Awards

Evening of awards for senior music and drama students, Featuring highlights from the 2011 Cultural calendar. Catering by Year 13 Food Technology students. BG Theatre, 7 pm, Free entry

Project K



The 2011 Project K team

The 2011 Project K students graduated after their 14 month programme and were presented with Koru pendants and Certificates of Achievements by the Project K coordinator Erin McKenna.

The Journey began last year with the Wilderness adventure followed by the Urban Challenge, and the final mentoring stage lasting 12 months. Our students are very privileged to have this opportunity to take part in a programme which challenges students to reach their potential.

The 2011 group is **Samantha Randell, Danielle Shields, Nicole Swart, Sharna Payne-Sherwin, Sharon Moles, Sophie Padmore, Jake Farrell, Lomi Gaulofa, Vance Crowther, Pierre Baxalle, Abdul Irfaan, Chris Doughty.**



JUNIOR CAREERS EXPO

Tuesday 6th September

Thank you to all our presenters for their interesting and lively presentations.



Our year 10s were treated to a wide range of talks from Sophie a food analyst who works for Colmar Brunton testing food products for taste, smell and appearance, Trevor a local panel beater with his tales of exploding airbags, Jake and his amazing marine life, Alex who explained about the world of retail and Geoff who talked of his travels and experiences with the air force. All our speakers stressed the importance of keeping options as wide as possible at school and to ensure that the core subjects of Maths, Science and English are taken as far as possible.

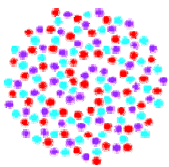
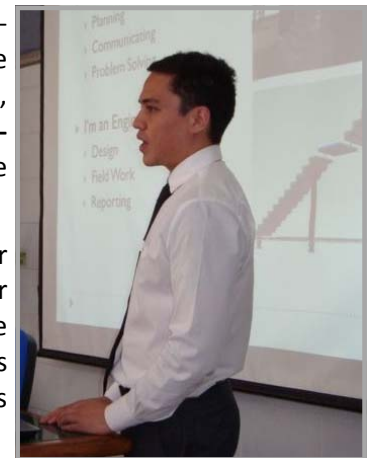


It was wonderful to see and hear three of our ex-B.C. students doing so well in their respective training and work, **Lisa Humphrey** (architecture),



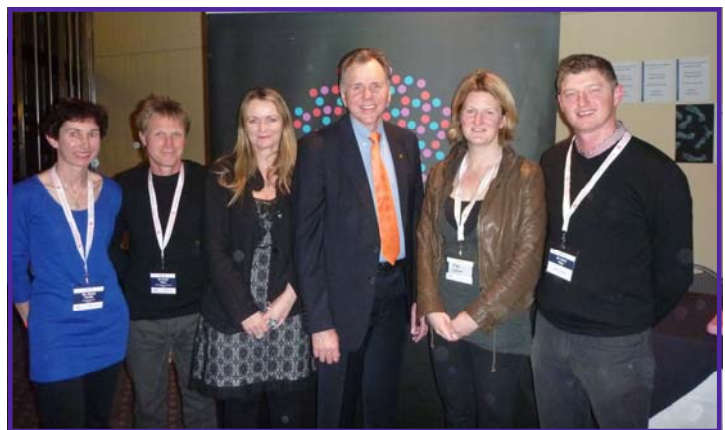
Paulo Naititi (engineering) and **Hope Tautinoga-Tuilaepa** (nursing). What great ambassadors they are for our school.

Thank you to staff and our team of Year 9 students for making the morning run so smoothly and to our Year 10s for being such an excellent audience. I hope the experience has opened your eyes to more possibilities of work and training, inspired you to achieve your goals and helped with ideas for option choices for next year.



MAURICE WILKINS CENTRE
FOR MOLECULAR BIODISCOVERY

As the winner of a Maurice Wilkins Centre biology teacher development scholarship I recently attended the Queenstown Molecular Biology conference. This was a fantastic opportunity to listen to scientists from New Zealand and other countries and to be updated on what is happening in the research world. The keynote speaker was **Professor Barry Marshall** who was awarded a **Nobel Prize**



*Ms Purdie, far left, with other scholarship winners.
Professor Barry Marshall, centre, Nobel Prize Winner*

in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery that bacteria are the cause of stomach ulcers rather than stress or spicy food. He was an excellent speaker and entertained us with his story of drinking a culture of the bacteria to prove that his research results were correct!

Ms Purdie

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 6

Netball Saturday	Team 1	vs	Wentworth	10.30am Crt 13
	Team 2	vs	Carmel	1.30pm Crt 11
	Year 10/1	vs	Takapuna	12.45pm Crt 16
	Year 10/2	vs		
	Year 9/1	vs	Westlake	9am Crt 17
	Year 9/2	vs	Westlake	9am Crt 1



Congratulations to the following teams:

Netball

Team 1 beat Northcote College 29-19

Year 9/1 beat Albany 28-11

Badminton

Birkenhead 2 beat Westlake Girls 7-2

3rd grade rugby

Congratulations to the 3rd Grade Rugby boys, who came second in their grade! They played hard all season and won against some tough opposition. The



boys learnt a lot this year and saw a huge improvement from their first game to their last. A huge thank you goes to their dedicated coach, **Mr Tuu'u**, as well as all the friends and family members that came out to support the boys each week.

Rugby league

BC had a good first up win against Northcote 28-26. Player of the day was **Josh Faae**. Thanks for the great home support. Next game is against Glenfield at BC next Wednesday at 4pm.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 3

Week 7 Wed 14 Sept NCEA Music Performance

Week 8 Tue 20 Sept ARTS AWARDS

Fri 23 Sept Senior Exams start

Week 10 Thu 6 Oct SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

Fri 7 Oct Junior Progress Reports

Fri 7 Oct Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1 Tue 25 Oct First day of Term 4

NCEA Music Performance Evening -

Wednesday 14th September at 6.30pm in the BGT. Year 11, 12 & 13 music students will perform as part of their NCEA assessment. They perform as groups and as soloists at a very high standard. Entry is free, although donations will be accepted at the door. Please support our students.



BC End of Season Netball Dinner

To celebrate a great season of Netball

15th September 2011

BC Cafeteria 5.30 — 8pm

Cost \$8 per person
Family members welcome

