

Dear Parents and Friends

Term 1

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Excellent NCEA Results

We are delighted with our tremendous NCEA results from last year. Congratulations to all students and their families. These results only occur when there is excellent teaching and learning taking place across the whole school.

Year 11 83% of the year level passed Level 1. This was a whopping 12% above the New Zealand average for all co-ed schools. Even more pleasing was the fact that 43%, or nearly half of our Year 11 students, gained Level 1 with an Excellence or Merit endorsement. We were 8% above the national average for students gaining Level 1 with Excellence.

Year 12 80% of the year level passed Level 2, which was an excellent increase of 11% on the previous year. As with Level 1, there were a tremendous number of students, 31% in fact, who gained Level 2 with a Merit or Excellence endorsement. This was nearly 5% above the national co-ed schools' rate.

Year 13 73% of the year level passed Level 3, and 33% of students passed with a Merit or Excellence endorsement. Like Year 12, this was nearly 5% above the rate for all New Zealand co-ed schools.

Congratulations

You will enjoy reading about **Acoya Chant's** wrestling success and ex students **Bill Tuiloma** and **Pama Fou** on page 3 of this newsletter.

Supportive Trusts

We are extremely grateful to the **Lions Foundation** and **Birkenhead Licensing Trust** for the very generous grant we received recently for **\$53 929.00** to renew the sound system in the Brian Gerrard Theatre. Thank you very much.

We are not funded to provide all the equipment we believe our students deserve and we are very grateful to Trusts that have supported our application for funding over the years. It is with grateful thanks that we welcome such grants.

Excellence Club



The 2012 Excellence Club members

In line with our excellent 2011 NCEA results we welcomed a record number of students to our Excellence Club at our school assembly this morning. To join the Excellence Club, students must gain an Excellence grade in at least 10 Achievement Standards during the school year. In 2011 30 Year 11 students achieved this feat in NCEA Level 1, in fact nearly half gained more than 20 Excellence grades. In NCEA Level 2, 19 Year 12 students gained 10 or more Excellence grades. Last year's Excellence Club members are:

Year 11 Melanie Bracewell, Lisa Bycroft, Emily Chase, Kaitlyn Collins, Rebecca D'Silva, Dominique Dillague, Catherine Forrest, Danika Glenn, Robert Gray, Hamish Huggard, Danielle Israel, Becky Jollie, Louisa Le Riche, Simon Markwick, Saskia Mautner, Briana McCook, Kaze McGee, Jodi McLaren, Hannah Meikle, Natasha Neeve, Brittany Openshaw, Georgina Robbins, Angel Roldan, Kira Sampurno, Emily Svadlenak, Alex Shepherd, Brendan Shipman, Hyeon Sung, Yok Lee Tai, Richard Yew

Year 12 Eleanor Adviento, Rachel Arcos, Kola Ayodele, Thea Bayangos, Holly Chase, Jagteshwar Dhillon, Kelsi Heath, Antony Jones, Sohail Kashkari, Borei Lubicich, Nathan Saluni, Lita Sampurno, Adam Smithson, Clare Sykes, Owen Twort, Alex Van Oosterom, Brenda Yang, Fiona Yew,

Monday 13 February is Day 6

J O Mathewson Principal

The Green Paper for Vulnerable Children: Norm Hewitt asks us to “Say something and change children’s lives.”

Like me, as parents I’m sure you feel angry and sad every time another child is deliberately hurt – or worse – by their caregiver. Each year, around 10 of our children – our own tamariki – are killed by the very people they are supposed to rely on for protection, while at least 160,000 children are living in conditions that mean they are unlikely to reach their potential. We know the factors that make these children vulnerable – the big question is how can we fix them? What needs to change to make New Zealand a great, safe place to bring up kids?

These are the types of questions the Government’s Green Paper for Vulnerable Children asks. Released in July last year, this discussion document is asking what *we* think should be changed to ensure all children reach their full potential. We need as many New Zealanders as possible to answer – it doesn't matter what you say; you just need to *say something*. We aren’t powerless to stop child abuse – this is something we can all do to help.

Please take the time to go to www.saysomething.org.nz and have your say. You can also mail in a submission, or post comments on Facebook or Twitter. After the submissions are read, a Children’s Action Plan will be developed and released during 2012. As parents, you know what it’s like to raise a child in New Zealand; you are the experts. So, please, do your part to become part of this critical conversation. **Submissions close on February 28.**

Nāku noa, nā

Norm Hewitt
Champion. Green Paper for Vulnerable Children



Ex students -

Jenni Anderson, (2009 Head girl), is going to Munich to study at university



Nicole Horsford, (2008 Head girl), has graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Sports & Exercise Science, Psychology) degree and is now off to the Philippines on a mission for her church and to teach.

New Physio at school

We have a new physio at school, her name is Jessie Corner and she is available to students every morning from 8.30am to midday. Please book through Mrs Eberly in the sick bay.



MATHS HELP

Every Wednesday after school in T8, 3:15—4:15 (starting week 4), 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.

SCIENCE HELP

Every Thursday after school in S5 3:30—4:30 for help with homework, studying or any science problem.

We’re doing it again!! Our school donation / win an xbox offer was so popular with parents last year that we have decided to do it again this year!

So, simply by paying your school donation by the end of February 2012, you will be in the draw to win a Laser MP3 / MP4 player & speaker system.

Be in it to win it!!



Sporting Stars

CONGRATULATIONS to **Acoya Chant**, Year 11, who has just returned from Australia having competed in the Oceania Championships.

He won the 42-46kg wrestling gold!

His medal refers to him as an Olympic qualifier.

Well done **Acoya**



Ex students excel

Pama Fou (2007) - Wallaby Sevens team!

Here is a write up from the rugby.com.au website:

“Another of the youthful Aussie outfit to take the field for the first time at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast, **Pama Fou** quickly became a crowd-favourite for the weekend after an exciting start to his international Sevens career.

At 192cm and 90kgs, Fou is only outsized by skipper Ed Jenkins, however at just 21 years of age is certain to set alight the Sevens circuit in years to come.

A player in the mould of Qantas Wallabies No.8 Radike Samo, with skill to match his size, Fou has already been touted as a future star of both the shortened and 15-a-side form of the game.”



Bill Tuiloma (2009) - Football

The Samoan Sports Association have announced their finalists for the 2011 Samoan Sports Awards, and Bill has been nominated for the **Junior Sportsman of the Year**. Bill's football career has gone from strength to strength.

Bill will be rubbing shoulders with **Ma'a Nonu** and **Jerome Kaino** who are nominated for Senior Sportsman of the Year in recognition of their rugby achievements..



Ultimate Frisbee Team



All students are invited to join the first ever Birkenhead College Ultimate Frisbee team. There will be both a boys and girls team entered into the Auckland Secondary Schools league held at the Hato Petera sports fields on Wednesday evenings. No experience is necessary.

All are welcome to join.

Sign-ups are posted outside the sports offices and training will begin soon.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012

TERM 1

Week 3	Mon 13 Feb	Swimming Sports
	Thurs 16 Feb	Meet the Form Teacher
Week 5	Tue 28 Feb	Athletic Sports
Week 8	Fri 23 March	Progress Reports home
Week 9	Thu 29 March	Report evening
	Fri 30 March	International Day
Week 11	Tue 3 April	Report evening
	Thurs 5 April	Last day of term

Cafeteria Menu



Menu

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Cold Food

Sandwich	Single Filling	\$2.60
	Mega Filling	\$3.80
Filled Roll		\$3.50
Filled Tortilla Wrap	Half	\$2.60
	Full	\$3.80
Garden Salad	V	\$3.50

Bakery & Snacks

Muffins & Scones	Home Bake	\$2.50
Cakes		\$3.50
Mrs Higgins Cookie	XL	\$2.90
Brownie Bite		\$1.50

Hot Food

Vegetarian Meals	150g	\$2.00
	300g	\$3.50

**Choices: Macaroni & Cheese
Eastern Fried Rice**

Meals with Meat	150g	\$2.60
	300g	\$4.20

**Choices: Butter Chicken
Italian Meatballs
BBQ Chicken
Spaghetti Bolognese
Teriyaki Chicken**

Crispy Chicken Breast Burger		\$3.50
Cheese		50c
Lettuce & Tom		30c

Samosa	HAL	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	V	\$1.50
American Hot Dog		\$2.50
Potato Wedges 200g	V	\$2.50

Frozen & Cold Treats

Ice Blocks	from	\$1.50
Fresh & Fruity Twin Yoghurt		\$2.00
Calci-YUM Wicked Chocolate		\$2.50
Chocolate Mousse	Homemade	\$2.50

Drinks

Mega Milk		\$1.50
LOL Drinks	Everyday-Sometimes	\$2.50
EON Mineral Water		\$2.50
Primo		\$2.50
Calci-Yum		\$2.00
Kerri Juice	from	\$2.20
Glaceau Vitamin Water		\$3.80

Watch for unbeatable COMBOS and SPECIALS

All items are subject to availability. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Kaipatiki Project OPEN DAY 2012

17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale

18th February 10am—2pm

Centre tours, pest control info, composting & worm farm demos, guided bush walks, food stalls, gardening advice, kids activities, Harakeke (flax) weaving & paper making.

If, like us, you are a supporter of the work that Kaipatiki Project is doing, you can now provide extra support by simply utilising GoDigital for your future design and print work.

From the school nurse ...

Student Medical Records are required for ALL students to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. Please make sure you have completed and returned a form to the school, new ones are available at reception.

If your child has had any changes in their general well-being please ensure we are made aware of that so we can care for your child appropriately.

For emergency situations it is vital that we have a reliable way of contacting you, please update phone numbers, work and mobile numbers as well as the number of an alternative emergency contact.

Public Health Nurse Clinics start again this Monday, 13th February. These are a confidential health service run by Waitemata Health.

If you would like to refer your child to this service you can call the Sick Bay on 4839039 ext 836. Students may refer themselves to see the PHN by seeing Mrs Eberly for an appointment.