

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Parents and Friends

It was a pleasure last night to hear our five Chamber Groups perform at the **Chamber Music Contest** being held at Dilworth School. They played so well. Congratulations.

*Menotti Trio* - Eleanor Adviento, Rachel Arcos, Fiona Yew.

*Wind Oh!* - Rebekah Jensen, Esha Jang, Newz Raviyan.

*The Vivace Quartet* - Louisa Le Riche, Dominique Dillague, Yuka Kitagawa, Holly Chase.

*Quantum* - Dominique Dillague, Louisa Le Riche, Richard Yew.

*Trio Multiculturale* - Karoline Eisfeld, Julia Achenbach, Fuka Kastani.

[www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

At assembly I spoke about this website. Netsafe is an independent not-for-profit company that is on contract to the Ministry of Education to provide young people with good practical information on anything ranging from Facebook issues to annoying pop-ups. It explains exactly what you can do if someone is receiving mean, rude or bullying texts. It also explains that serious offences are covered by the Crimes Act.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Purdie** who has been awarded a **Maurice Wilkins Biology Teacher Scholarship**. This is a well deserved honour and will pay for her to attend a 4 day International Molecular Biology Conference in Queenstown. Top scientists will be presenting cutting edge information about RNA, Enzyme Evolution, Proteomics, Animal Genomics. The highlight will be a lecture delivered by Professor Barry Marshall, University of Western Australia, and 2005 Nobel Prize Winner for Physiology and Medicine.



Mrs Purdie has been at Birkenhead College since 2003 and we are delighted to have such a dedicated teacher help shape the learning of our students.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

### TERM 2

<b>Week 7</b>	15-17 June	Year 11 Geo Trip
<b>Week 8</b>	Fri 24 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
<b>Week 9</b>	Fri 1 July	Year 12 Geo trip
<b>Week 11</b>	Mon 11 July	Reports home
	Fri 15 July	Term 2 finishes

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Matthews** and her teammates who won the New Zealand Open Mixed Curling championship at the weekend. The team had one loss in pool play to finish second in their pool. They met the top of Pool A in their semi-final and faced a team which included Olympian Lorne DePape. In the final they were up against the team who beat them in pool play, but came out easy winners. Well done Mrs Matthews!



## SUPPORTIVE TRUSTS

We are extremely grateful to a number of Trusts that have supported our applications for funding over the years. Recently The Lion Foundation approved a grant of \$2 490 for 3 new data projectors for our English Department.

We are not funded to provide all of the equipment we believe our students deserve so it is with grateful thanks that we welcome such grants.

### TRIVIAL PURSUITS NIGHT FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 7.30 PM IN THE CAFETERIA

Tickets are on sale, \$10 adults, \$5 students  
Come along and support your school on this great night out. Get a table together, or just come along and join another table.

Prizes for best dressed table etc.

Bookings can be made via email to:  
[cs.meikle@orcon.net.nz](mailto:cs.meikle@orcon.net.nz), or purchase tickets from the school office.

Monday 13 June is Day 3

*J O Mathewson Principal*

Chelsea Primary PTA presents:

### what not to wear!



Style evening, hosted by Jackie O'Fee from Signature Style - a regular on TV1's 'Breakfast' and 'Does my bum look big' TV series.

At **Birkenhead College, Brian Gerrard Theatre**, on **Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm** - doors open at 6.45pm.

Tickets \$25 available from Chelsea Primary School, Ph 418 0082. There will be a cash bar and nibbles provided. Grab a group of friends ... Bring your Mum, grandma or daughter ... Join us for a fun and informative night out!



### Peer Tutoring for Maths

We are planning to introduce a new initiative in which we match students in the junior school who would like some extra Maths help with a student who is taking either Year 13 Calculus or Statistics and who is willing to spend some time tutoring them Maths at lunch or after school. We will be sending a letter home with more details.

It's coming...

Book Day — Thursday, 23 June!  
We are having a visiting author who is also a scientist, **Des Hunt**. The BC library has many of his books. We will also be running quote competitions, having a book sale, a teacher "dress-up as a book character" competition and much more too!



### **WIN AN XBOX 360 -**

**Simply by paying your school donation**

If you have paid your school donation in full by the end of September 2011, your name will automatically go in the draw to win an Xbox 360. How good is that! (And, your school donation is tax deductible.)



### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Our Uniform Shop stock is almost completely depleted. If you are interested in buying a second hand uniform you may like to call ahead to see if we have any stock in the items you require.

If you have uniform in very good, CLEAN condition that you wish to SELL please bring it to reception in a bag labelled with your name and a contact number. Mrs Eberly will contact you once the items have been inspected. We are fussy, so please make sure items are clean and in good condition. Unwanted items in average condition can be donated to the school.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Details: Accurate contact details are essential for our files. There have been several times this year that we have not been able to contact a parent/caregiver when a student has had an emergency or been unwell. PLEASE update your home, work, cell phone numbers and supply an alternative person's name whom we can contact in case of an emergency.

### NETBALL

In Term One several of our keen netball umpires attended a workshop at school that was designed to train them in the essentials of netball umpiring. As part of the package, their instructor, Jill Hayman, informed them that they could pursue their Junior Badge for netball umpiring. **Kayla Gordine** (Year 10 student) accepted the challenge, and was mentored by Jill in the weeks after the course. Netball North Harbour also reviewed her on the courts, and last week she was awarded her Junior Badge. Well done, Kayla!



*Kayla Gordine*

### UNIFORM REMINDER!

Shoes and socks are 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 or canvas shoes .**

## 12 Hospitality Café

Year 12 Hospitality students had a busy day last Wednesday. They spent most of the day baking cakes, cup cakes and scones to serve to friends and family of those Music students participating in the NCEA Music Performance evening. The BGT foyer was transformed into a café



and the students also served tea, coffee and orange juice. The whole day was part of the practical assessment for 3 Hospitality Unit Standards that they

are working towards.

The students who took part were:



**Jazz Cross,  
Laamuga  
Fugu, JP**

**McPherson, Ashmit Shakar, Fane Vaka, Adam Wahren, Jade Williams and Garikai Chadebinga.**

## DRAMA

Coming in Week 10 two fantastic short plays in one evening presented by the Birkenhead College Drama Department.

Act One: **Alice in Wonderland** ; a wild and physical production with plenty of Humour and Madness!

Act Two: The Witty and Wild one hour version of **The Importance of Being Earnest** by Oscar Wilde, A no holds barred mockery of the high class rich.

At 7:30 on Thursday & Friday 7th & 8th July , and Saturday 9th July. Gold coin donation.

Don't miss it!

### PROPS

Anyone that has clothes , costumes, fancy dress, make-up , cool props at home please feel free to donate them to the BC Drama Department They will be cared for and well loved!



# MUSIC!

## Vocal Music Concert

**15th of June at 7pm**, in the college theatre. Free entry although a gold coin donation would be gratefully received.

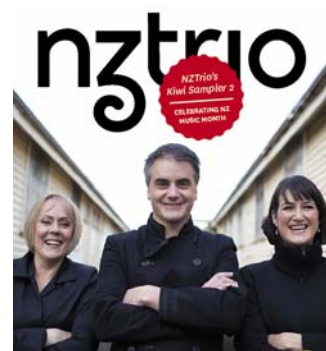
Featuring the college choir 'Vox', the **Souls of Harmony** and **A'Chord** barbershop choruses and featured soloists **Nica Israel** (year 11) and **Keisha Nonoa** (year 12).

Bring a little money for refreshments.



## What a treat!

Year 9 and 10 students were treated to a superb concert by the Mousiké ensemble from the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra on Wednesday. The group played a range of popular music spanning over 3 millennia and demonstrated wind, string, brass and percussion instruments. Of particular interest was an antique straight trumpet about 2 metres in length, a beautiful flugelhorn, and the bass clarinet played by BC tutor Andrew Uren.



NZ Trio performing at the Pumphouse Theatre on 26 June at 5pm.

# GAMES TO SUPPORT

## Week 5



<b>Rugby</b> Saturday	1st XV	vs	Long Bay	12 noon Home
	3rd Grade	vs	Kaipara College	9.30am Home
	5th Grade	vs	Rosmini College	10.40am Home
	6th Grade	vs	Kristin/AJH	10.40am AJH
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	TBA Finals	
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	TBA Finals	
	2nd XI	vs	TBA Finals	
<b>Football—Boys</b> Saturday	1st XI	vs	Marcellin	10am Marcellin
	Year 9/10	vs	TBA	
<b>Football—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Westlake	4pm Home
	2nd X1	vs	Northcote	4pm Home
	Junior	vs	Takapuna	4pm Birk Int
<b>Basketball Boys</b> Friday	Sen Boys	vs	Westlake	8pm AUT
	U19 boys	vs	No game	
	U17 Blue boys	vs	No game	
	U17 White boys	vs	No game	
	U15 A boys	vs	No game	
	U15 B boys	vs	No game	
<b>Basketball - Girls</b> Thursday	U19 Girls	vs	No game	
	U17 Girls	vs	No game	
	U15 Girls	vs	No game	
<b>Squash</b> Monday	Boys Snr 1	vs	Westlake Boys	4pm B/Haven
	Girls	vs	Hato Petera	4pm YMCA
	Boys Jnr	vs	Orewa	4pm Red Beach
<b>Netball</b> Saturday	Team 1	vs	Long Bay	9.45am Crt 21
	Team 2	vs	Whangaparaoa	11.15am Crt 10
	Year 10/1	vs	Westlake	12 noon Crt 14
	Year 10/2	vs	Albany	1.30pm Crt 18
	Year 9/1	vs	Kaipara	8.15am Crt 16
	Year 9/2	vs	Takapuna	9am Crt 13

Special mention to the following teams who did very well this week:

### Netball

Year 9/1 beat Rangitoto 38-11

Year 9/2 beat Northcote

Team 2 beat Albany Junior High

### Table Tennis

D4 team beat Westlake Girls 12-0



### QUEENS BIRTHDAY

### REGIONAL ORIENTEERING CARNIVAL



It was a great weekend with both **Simon Cox** and **Cameron Sims** achieving top results in a high level competition.

Simon had a 5<sup>th</sup>, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 6<sup>th</sup> placing (6.4km / 6.1 km / 6.7km) over the three days and was lying second after day 2. He slipped a little in the third race, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Day 2 was particularly memorable as Simon beat two New Zealand reps.

**Cameron Simms** ran a 1<sup>st</sup>, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and then a 4<sup>th</sup> place (3.1 km; 3.2 km; 2.4 km) over the 3 days and was in first place after day 2. His 4<sup>th</sup> on the last day put him about 4 minutes off the pace over the 3 days. A pretty good result for a first time Auckland rep.

The Auckland teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> over the weekend with home conditions really showing out.