

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 1

Issue 2

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From left: Simon Cox (Head boy), Alex Green (Dep. Head Girl), Sze Looi Chin (Head girl), Jed Tan (Dep. Head boy)

Congratulations to our Head Students and Student Council who were presented with their badges at our first whole school assembly. They are an excellent leadership group who have the support of both teachers and students.

During their interviews we were so impressed with their loyalty and commitment to the College. They will be fine ambassadors and will represent the school with pride.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2011

Back row: Duschon Nonoa, Jed Tan, Simon Cox, Alexandria Green, Ete Taualii, Zakk Davies, Kataraina Fong
Front row: Sze Looi Chin, Esha Jang, Toni Wong, Tyler Warwick, Rebekah Jensen

MEET THE FORM TEACHER / NCEA INFORMATION

Please note, there has been a change of time for this important meeting. It is now earlier, **3.45 —5.00pm**, on Tuesday 15th February.

Excellence Club

We were delighted to present certificates at our whole school assembly to students who joined our **Excellence Club** as a result of their tremendous academic results in 2010. Students become part of our Excellence Club if they get 10 or more Excellence grades in the Achievement Standards they sit in the calendar year. This year's students are:

YEAR 12 (NCEA Level 1 in 2010): Eleanor Adviento, Rachel Arcos, Kola Ayodele, Ashkan Bayrami-Virsagh, Holly Chase, Jagteshwar Dhillon, Kelsi Heath, Borei Lubicich, Sohail Kashkari, Carli McGee, Jashlini Nand, Lita Sampurno, Nathan Saluni, Adam Smithson, Clare Sykes, William Tongue, Owen Twort, Brenda Yang, Fiona Yew, Andy Yu.

YEAR 13 (NCEA Level 2 in 2010): Jonathan Barratt, Sze Looi Chin, Simon Cox, Kyle Fredrick, Lucy Irwin, Rebekah Jensen, Isaac Lim, Connor McLay, Aidan Ramsdale, Newz Raviyan, Tyler Warwick.

% of Year Level getting NCEA endorsed with Excellence:

Year 11 (Level 1)	
Birkenhead College	11.3%
All NZ co-ed schools	7.3%
Year 12 (Level 2)	
Birkenhead College	5.9%
All NZ co-ed schools	3.3%
Year 13 (Level 3)	
Birkenhead College	7.3%
All NZ co-ed schools	4.8%

Congratulations and well done to all concerned.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP



First meeting of the year, Tuesday 22 February, 7.30pm in the Staffroom. New and old members welcome, especially new Year 9 Parents, it would be lovely to see you.

J O Mathewson Principal

MATHS HELP

Every Wednesday after school in T8, 3:15—4:15, and every lunchtime. For help with homework, studying or any maths problems. **STARTING NEXT WEEK (16 Feb).**

ENGLISH HELP

Every Wednesday after school in H4, 3:30—4:30. Any BC student who fears the English monster! Help is available.

FREE DANCE CLASS

RnB and SlowJam Dance Class - F R E E !!!

A free dance class will be starting in the Old Gym next Thursday, 17th February, at 3.30pm. The class will run every Thursday until the end of Term 1 - maybe longer :) Grab your mates, come along, learn some new moves and get fit! For more information see Ms McCavana.



CHELSEA SCHOOL Family Food Fiesta and Market - Friday 18 February at 5—8pm

Bring your family and friends to Chelsea's first fundraising event of the year. The PTA has organised a food fiesta and market to encourage the community to get together to mark the start of the school year.

Relax with a cold drink whilst listening to live music. Stroll around the market whilst the children enjoy the rides or a swim.

The evening will be largely cash only, with a limited "cash out" facility.

Coach Wanted Netball Senior A

We are seeking any parent or member of the community who may be interested in coaching Birkenhead College senior A netball team in 2011.

If interested please contact the school:

Phone 09 483 9039

Email: office@birkenhead.school.nz

Attention: Mr G. Peters (Sports co-ordinator) or Ms J. Carr (Netball Manager).

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 1

Week 3	Tue 15 Feb	Meet the Form Teacher
	Thur 17 Feb	Swimming Sports
Week 4	Tue 22 Feb	PSG Meeting
Week 5	Wed 2 March	Athletic Sports
Week 7	16-18 March	Polyfest
Week 8	Fri 25 March	Progress Reports home
Week 10	Thu 7 April	Report evening
	Fri 8 April	International Day
Week 11	Mon 11 April	Production week
	Tue 12 April	Report evening
	Fri 15 April	Last day of Term

TERM 2

Week 1	Mon 2 May	First day of Term 2
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WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

Trials for most Winter Sports, played in Terms 2 & 3, will be held during the second and third week of March. Teams will then be announced and Registration Forms will be sent home. These MUST be returned by Friday 25th March.

ALL FEES must be paid by THURSDAY 15th APRIL

Payment options:

1. Full amount paid by 15 April.
2. Weekly payments by 15th April.
3. Automatic payment — bank account set up by 15th April. This can be done by internet banking or completing the AP form and taking it to the bank. Mrs Johnson in our Accounts Office will need to know when the AP has been 'set up'.

AP forms can be obtained from Mrs Johnson or Mr Peters, Sports Co-ordinator.



AFS Host families urgently needed for overseas exchange students!

Could you host a student from one of more than 50 AFS countries for a few weeks or up to a year? There are students waiting to come to NZ who need host families now.

For more information at school talk to Ms Craw in T11 or Ms Purdie in S8. Contact the North Shore branch of AFS by email: hosting@afsns.org.nz or phone Sue on 426 5030.