

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Monday 14 June is Day 3

Dear Parents and Friends

Students' learning is paramount, nothing is more important at school. We have 3 weeks to go in this term and it is timely to remind students to refocus and ensure learning is their priority. We want them to gain the very best grades they are capable of - that means striving, working diligently, concentrating in class, asking questions when work is not understood, completing homework, taking a pride in their written work and not giving up.

Please talk with your sons / daughters about their learning, it is so important. This is their best opportunity to gain qualifications - it will never be so accessible again! Thank you.

Attitude -

Lex, from a group called Attitude, has addressed the students this week at assemblies. Each year group has had a specific talk designed to address issues affecting their age group. The mission of Attitude is to equip teenagers with skills that will help them to lead a meaningful life. They focus on issues such as self esteem, self confidence and resilience. Lex talked about the challenges our teenagers face today, and the strategies they can use to make safe decisions.

Support our Chamber groups -

Twenty of our best music students will compete in eight small ensembles in the prestigious NZ Community Trust Chamber Music Competition this weekend. Featuring a wide variety of music from Beethoven to Jazz, including Haydn, Borodin, Mozart and Scarlatti. The groups have worked together on a weekly basis from late in 2009 towards this competition.



Venue : Diocesan School for Girls Junior Hall, Margot St, Epsom.

Time : Friday @ 4.30 pm, Saturday @ 5 pm.

The semi finalists will be announced at approx 7.30 pm on Saturday and those selected will perform again on Sunday

Ex students visit -

It was great to speak with 3 of our 2009 students who are studying at university. **Amy Weng** and **Brittany Myburgh** are at Elam studying for a conjoint BFA/BA, and **Nick Kim** is at AUT studying Spatial Design for his degree. They were all so enthusiastic and excited about their studies and just love what they are doing.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

Last Friday, a Year 1 class from **Birkdale Primary School** were invited to come and visit BC to help our Year 11 Digital Technologies class.

The Year 11 class brief was to use a programme called *Alice* to make chapters for an animated story book aimed at helping 4 – 6 year olds learn to read.



J O Mathewson Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2010 PROJECT K STUDENTS

Twelve Year 10 students have been selected for Project K adventure. The Project K scholarship from the Youth Development Trust enables 6 boys and 6



girls to take part in the scheme which seeks to “maximise youth potential”.

Maximising Youth Potential™

This year the group leave at the end of Term 2 for what promises to be a wintery challenge in the Lake Tarawera and Okataina area.

The boys are: **Vance Crowther, Lomi Gaulofa, Abdul Irfaan, Pierre Baxalle, Chris Doughty and Jake Farrell.**

The girls are: **Nicole Swart, Danielle Shields, Sharna Payne-Sherwin, Sharon Moles, Sophie Padmore and Samantha Randall.**

TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION TATTOO

North Shore Events Centre, July 4th at 1pm. Free Entry. Massed Pipe Band Displays, Scottish and Highland Dancers, WWII Enactment, Marching Teams and a lot more ...

Bring along the family for a few hours to celebrate the Scottish way ...



NCEA Music Performance Evening -

Wednesday 23rd June 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.



AUT INFORMATION EVENINGS

All 6–9pm on the following evenings. Be sure to register online for your chosen faculty evening and to check the venue or **ring 0800 288 864**

June 16th	Business, Law.
June 17th	Hospitality & Tourism.
July 6th	Art & Design Portfolio planning.
August 10th	Hospitality & Tourism.
August 11th	Business, Languages & Social Sciences, Law.
August 12th	Design & Creative Technologies (including Engineering, computing and Maths, Communications, Art & Design, Creative Technologies).
August 16th	Health Sciences, Sport & Recreation & Dance.
August 17th	Education.
August 18th	Applied Sciences.
September 30th	Te Ara Poutarna, Maori Development.

Parents Support Group

Friday 25th June 7.30 pm in the cafeteria

Trivial Pursuits Night!

**Tickets now available at the school office
and selling out fast!**

\$10 adult \$5 student

Book now to avoid disappointment.

We have some great prizes on offer!

Tables of 10 can be pre-booked or individuals and smaller groups can buy tickets and join a 'blind date' table. Fancy dress is optional, some tables like to have a theme. Everyone is encouraged to bring food and beverages on the night. There will be raffles auctions and spot prizes as well as roll a gold coin, so come armed with coins. Everyone has a fun night and almost everyone wins a prize.

Calling all future vets & zookeepers...

PRACTICAL ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP— JULY HOLIDAYS

Oracle Petkeeper Workshops are on again this July holidays. Hands on learning for all animal lovers with our amazing range of pet and exotic animals. Just some of our animals include rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, lizards, turtles, frogs, puppies, chinchillas, newts, fish, Parsley the goat and Neil the giant eel! Also covers animal careers, enclosure design, animal health and more! Workshops for all ages including an advanced class, 'Petkeeper Safari', plus work experience opportunities for graduates. Tutors are all experienced and qualified animal professionals.



Two locations: Herne Bay and North Shore. For more information phone Sally on 376 2024, email sally.hibbard@oracle.ac.nz or visit www.hippo.co.nz.

ORIENTEERING - SECONDARY SCHOOL INTER-REGIONAL CHALLENGE

The Regional Schools Challenge was held over Queens Birthday weekend for the second year running. A trophy has been sponsored by ASB College Sport and will be presented to one of the six regional schools teams entered which gains the most points by the end of Day 3.

This competition brings together close to 100 of some of the best secondary school orienteers in the North Island and is a good lead up towards the NZSS Champs in mid-July.



This year **Simon Cox** and **Kelsi Heath** from Birkenhead College were selected to represent the Auckland region.



Simon Cox

Kelsi Heath

Both of our runners performed very well over the three day event with **Simon** finishing 8th overall in the tough senior boys competition while achieving the best aggregate time of all the Auckland runners.

Kelsi finished with 3 firsts and a third over her 4 races proving she belongs in the A team for next year.



With the National Secondary School Championships in Auckland during the next school holidays we look forward to **Simon** and **Kelsi** repeating their efforts along with the rest of the Birkenhead College team.

Overall the Auckland team had a narrow win over Hawkes Bay.

BIRKENHEAD ARTISAN MARKET
SATURDAY, 19TH JUNE
9 am - 1 pm

A local market with something for everyone -
Food, art and craft.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 2

Week 9	15 June	PSG Meeting
	16 June	Geo trip to Rotorua
Week 10	25 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
Week 11	2 July	Reports home
	2 July	Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1	19 July	First day of Term 3
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CONGRATULATIONS to **Eleanor Adviento** who competed in the New Zealand Mixed Curling Championships Queens Birthday weekend. The team she was playing in came 3rd overall in this open competition.



Since then **Eleanor** has been asked to join three members of the NZ U21 Women's team to curl in the New Zealand Open Championships in Naseby at the beginning of July.

Junior Girls' Football – Win 2-0 against Kristin

Our fourth game of the season and players are starting to work together as a team should. With only 10 players starting due to illness it was a tough game against a team who had more subs than they knew what to do with. The BC girls showed what they were made of and didn't give in to tiredness. **Samantha Painter** looked confident in goal with **Catherine Forrest** controlling the back line. **Ardea Bartlett** and **Kaitlyn Collins** were rock steady as fullbacks. **Paige Tibbits** ran miles in her new position in midfield with **Emily Chase** and **Grace Brown** up and down the wings. **Kira Sampurno** used her excellent ball skills to our advantage and **Briana Thomson** put pressure on the Kristin defenders. **Natasha Neeve** was cool, calm and collected as striker, scoring both goals.

A superb effort by all players



**ADVANCE
NOTICE -
SCHOOL
BALL!
7 August**

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 8

Rugby	1st XV	vs	Hato Petera	Hato Petera Noon	
	3rd Grade	vs	Westlake 5th XV	Westlake 9:30am	
	5th Grade	vs	Takapuna	Home 10:40am	
	6th Grade	vs	Kaipara College	Home 9:30am	
Hockey—Boys Wednesday 16	1st XI	vs	unknown		
Hockey—Girls Thursday	1st XI	vs	unknown		
	2nd XI	vs	unknown		
Soccer—Boys	1st XI	vs	Henderson	10:00am BC 1	
	2nd XI	vs	Avondale	10 am BC 2	
	Year 9/10	vs	Western Springs	9 am BC 1	
Soccer—Girls Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Kaipara	4:00pm BC 1	
	2nd X1	vs	Carmel Crusaders	4:00pm BC2	
	Junior	vs	Westlake B	4:00pm Birk Int	
Basketball Boys	A Boys	vs			
	Friday	U17A Boys	vs	Takapuna	6:00pm NSEC 1
	Thursday	U17B Boys	vs	Albany Jr High	5:30pm NSEC 2
	Wednesday	U15 Boys	vs	Long Bay	4:45pm NSEC 4
Basketball - Girls	A Girls	vs	Westlake	7:00pm NSEC 3	
	Friday	U17	vs	Westlake A	4:00pm NSEC 4
Squash	Boys Snr 1	vs	Massey A	4 pm Auck Sq 4	
	Girls	vs	Mt Roskill	4 pm Unitec 1	
	Boys Jnr	vs	Orewa JB2	4:00pm	
Netball	Team 1	vs	Carmel 3	9:45am Ct 6	
	Team 2	vs	Kristin 4	11:15am Ct 6	
	Team 3	vs	Westlake 17	11:15am Ct 17	
	Team 4	vs	Takapuna 14	12:00pm Ct 15	
	Year 9/1	vs	Orewa	8:15am Ct 9	
	Year 9/2	vs	Albany Jr 5	8:15am Ct 17	
	Curling (Thursday)	BC Adviento	vs		Avondale 7:00pm
Waterpolo (Thursday)		Jrs	vs	Millenium Pool	

TOP TEAMS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the following teams:

Rugby -

1st XV beat Kaipara 15—12

Hockey -

Boys 1st XI beat Westlake 1—0

Soccer -

Girls 2nd XI beat Northcote 3—1
Girls Junior team beat Kristin 2—0

Basketball -

Boys U15 beat Rangitoto 15—13

Curling -

BC Adviento beat Massey Mixed 13-2



1st XV against Kaipara College last weekend

