

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents and Friends*

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*Yoshino Takeda, Yuki Kimura, Rina Sakai, Yurika Hiragimoto, Kaho Araki, Noa Oowaki, Mizuha Kirino, Sotaro Hirafuku.*

On Wednesday morning we said farewell (with many tears) to this year's group of **Kyoto Nishi** students, who were departing for an overnight trip to Rotorua before flying home to Japan. They all said how much they enjoyed their stay with us and the

classes they have taken at Birkenhead College.

Special thanks to our Student Council for organising our **Christchurch Mufti Day**, and thank you to all students and staff who donated so generously. We presently have students from Christchurch schools and will do all we can to make sure they feel welcome and supported.

## **NGA PEKA HOU POLYFEST DRESS REHEARSAL**

Sunday 13th March at 12 midday. \$3 donation (towards costumes) at the door. There will also be a sausage sizzle.

## **SUPER HERO DAY**

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No ... it's a Year 13! Last Friday our Year 13 students channelled their favourite superhero (or villain) for our first Year 13 dress-up day of the year. Students and teachers failed to hide their amusement as the Hulk, Superman, Wolverine and Wonder Woman went about their daily business in the midst of mere mortals. It was a fun, yet productive day that will not be soon forgotten.



*From left: Tim Johnstone, Mr Cato, Toni Wong, Connor McLay, Nina Rees, Alex McIntyre*

## **WORLD VISION**

"The World Vision Leadership group went to the Global Leadership Convention at the Bruce Mason Centre. We learned a lot about the global food crisis and other issues, but the focus was on challenging us as student leaders to take action. Our first goal is to organise a successful 40 Hour Famine in May, as we know what a huge difference the money we raise can make to the lives of children in disadvantaged nations like East Timor. We came away inspired to really make a difference."

## **CLASS PHOTOS**

[www.myclassphoto.co.nz](http://www.myclassphoto.co.nz)

Log in: bhc Password: bhc

Limited time special offer - from 4 March to 25 March, buy all the photos you want during this period and pay only \$10 + GST per photo (normally \$16).



## **BIRKDALE PRIMARY & BIRKDALE INTERMEDIATE**

We had the pleasure of hosting Birkdale Primary School and Birkdale Intermediate students last week for their swimming sports days. It was a pleasure to share our facilities with them.

**Monday 14 March is Day 4**

*J. O. Mathewson*

**J O Mathewson Principal**

## GATEWAY

### ATTENTION EMPLOYERS

Last year a number of businesses offered work experience for our students as part of the Gateway programme. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in a real work environment but it can also be a rewarding experience for employers. Several students from the North Shore (including Birkenhead College students) gained full and part time positions from the experience and employers keenly recommended the opportunity to “try before you buy”.

We need contacts for a wide variety of experience from professional practices, trades, creative industries etc. In particular, we need placements with architects, IT businesses, music retailers, cafes, restaurants and other tourism and hospitality businesses. If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking a student or wish to find out more about the Gateway programme, please contact Mrs Morris (x 819) or Mrs Jenkin (x 808) at the school.



Congratulations to **Harrison Seale** who started an apprenticeship recently with Birkdale Motors after a very successful Gateway placement at By'gone Auto Services (Beachhaven) in 2010. We are very grateful for the huge support that these businesses offer to our students.

### Come to the movies ...

#### “THIS WAY OF LIFE”

Thursday 17th March @ 7pm  
Birkenhead College Theatre,  
Waged \$20, Unwaged \$15

An award-winning New Zealand documentary about Peter and Colleen who live in the Ruahine ranges with their six children and fifty horses. The film explores the family's connection to nature, their keen survival skills and their absolute intimacy with each other and their horses.

A fundraiser for the Northcote Labour Electorate Committee



### Baking for Christchurch

The children from Lancaster Early Learning Centre came to visit us on Friday with baskets of lovely

homemade baking to entice us to give generously to Christchurch. It worked! They had been holding bake sales all week and raised a substantial amount for their efforts. Who could resist?

**GOOD LUCK** to **Eleanor Adviento** and **Kelsi Heath** who are travelling to Naseby, Central Otago, to compete in the curling selection trials for the Inaugural Youth Olympics which will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, from 12th—22nd January 2012. If selected, the girls will spend some time this year in Naseby training. The team will comprise 2 boys and 2 girls, who will be chosen from 11 athletes.

### VOLLEYBALL

This term we have had 2 teams competing in the **North Harbour Secondary School Volleyball Championships**. Both the boys and girls teams have shown huge improvements during the year. This has come about due to hard work and plenty of 7am practices! There have been full turnouts to almost every training session and game, which is pleasing to see and the results have reflected this. The boys team have won five out of their six matches and the girls have won four out of their six. This shows that with commitment and hard work any team can perform well in their sport. We have been ably assisted by **Teina Boyd**, a NZ womens' volleyball representative, who has worked tirelessly with our girls team. In term 4 the Juniors will have a chance to represent BC at volleyball and we want as many enthusiastic students as we can taking part. Training will start in Term 3.



### **Help — would you like to volunteer?**

Would you like to come into the English Department for a couple of hours a week on a regular basis? We would appreciate help with typing, photocopying, book covering, etc. If you are interested please contact Mrs Macadam on ext 821.