

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Friends

### Board of Trustees election results -

The following candidates have been elected to the Board of Trustees:

**Rob Ashcroft**  
**David Cox**  
**Jamie Tawhai**

**Murray Black**  
**Trevor Dobbin**

The College community congratulates them and looks forward positively to the future. Their voluntary work is of the utmost importance.

I do hope you get to see **Godspell** either tonight or on Saturday night. Mr Willis and the cast, and Mr Donaldson and the band, have produced a high quality and entertaining show. It has played to good houses on Wednesday and Thursday nights and two full matinees of local primary and intermediate school children.

Next Wednesday is our **Open Evening** starting at 6pm. Do come along if you have younger children approaching College age. Please also encourage any of your friends who have prospective students to come along and see the school.

A recent Year 12 assembly was treated to a fascinating presentation by Deputy Head Girl, **Vanessa Viliamu**, about her Outward Bound course in January. This course was sponsored by Birkenhead Rotary, and they are doing the same again this year. It is a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and leadership for our Year 12 students. **Mihi Church** (11CW) is also off to Outward Bound in the near future. Mihi won this through sponsorship by school supporter, Allan McGregor. Good luck Mihi.

*Alice Markie, Year 13 student visited the Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman MP at his office recently. Alice has been selected to represent Northcote at Youth Parliament on 6/7 July.*



**Monday 17 May is Day 2**

**Term 2**

**Issue 4**

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

### TERM 2

<b>Week 4</b>	12 May	School Production week
<b>Week 5</b>	19 May	Open Evening
<b>Week 7</b>	31 May	Senior Assessment week
<b>Week 9</b>	16 June	Geo trip to Rotorua
<b>Week 10</b>	25 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
<b>Week 11</b>	2 July	Reports home
	2 July	Last day of Term 2

### TERM 3

<b>Week 1</b>	19 July	First day of Term 3
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### OPEN EVENING—19 MAY @ 6pm

For prospective students & parents, come along and see your College in action.

Meet in the Theatre.

Hear about our wide range of music, drama, art and sporting activities on offer.

View our new Theatre and Sports Complex.

### URGENT TRAFFIC NOTICE

We have received serious complaints about cars entering the school carpark area at speed and without consideration for pedestrians -

**PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS** are at risk when they are crossing the driveway - **please take extreme care when entering the school grounds.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ Drop off and pick up pupils in Birkdale Road or in the bus stop area (no parking).
- ◆ Do not double park.
- ◆ Do not speed - speed limit in the grounds is 10kph..



*J O Mathewson Principal*



## CAREERS

**AUT** will be presenting an overview of their courses on Tuesday 18th May at 1.30pm in T4. All senior students are invited. The AUT faculty information evenings begin in June. Details are in school, on their website and will be listed in our newsletter. These are highly recommended for students and parents as it is a chance to visit the faculty areas and speak with tutors about specific courses.

**Career Quest** is an online interactive programme designed to identify your work interests and recommend potential jobs and training. It is a great starting point for those not sure about work directions. It can now be found on the career services website [www.careerservices.org.nz](http://www.careerservices.org.nz)

## OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

Reminder that applications for the Year 12 Rotary Outward Bound Scholarship are due to Mr McKissock by this coming Monday at 3.15. If you are interested in applying please see Mr McKissock urgently.

## GATEWAY



Gateway students have had a very positive start to the year. Students have already gained credits from courses in both First Aid and Health & Safety in the Workplace. Seventeen students have started their placements in a variety of industries.

The feedback we have had from all our employers has all been complimentary. **Krissy Hobbs**, **Aleesha Winiata** and **Zakk Davies** were all commended on how well they work with the children at their primary schools and **Shontarna Cundy** received an excellent report from FERNZ commenting on her eagerness to learn, intelligence and “can do” attitude.



## TOUGHLOVE

**Toughlove** believes in keeping families together but we understand how difficult that can be for parents struggling with unacceptable teenage behaviour.

**Toughlove** provides Parent Support Groups around Auckland that meet in the evenings and are run by parent volunteers trained in the **Toughlove** Programme.

Find out how parents just like you have turned unacceptable behaviour around and kept their families together. Go to [www.toughlove.org.nz](http://www.toughlove.org.nz) or phone 624 4363

Can you help ...

**We are looking for accommodation for a new teacher and her small child. Please phone the school ext 832 if you can assist. Thank you**

## **Parents Support Group Friday 25th June 7.30 pm in the cafeteria Trivial Pursuits Night!**

**Sponsors are being sought** - if you are able to donate any prizes, or approach your workplace for donations — a bottle of wine, printed t-shirts — anything and everything will be greatly appreciated.

The PSG is now a registered charity so donations are tax deductible !



# MUSIC!

Lipsync Competition



## NZ MUSIC MONTH

Last Friday the BC Arts Council kicked off NZ Music Month with the Lipsync Competition. There were some really elaborate performances, but of course, as with every competition, there was a winner. The winners were **Zak Davies, Nicole Astrella** and **Alex Green**. Their performance was a Gaga medley which won the hearts of the crowd and the judges.

This week we have **Dancing with the Staff**, and next week the Council will be hosting the **Battle of the Bands**, so get your drumsticks and picks ready.



*The Judging Panel*



## BASKETBALL



Friday night is **'BASKETBALL NIGHT'**. If you want to be entertained and see some great school games, come on down to the Event Centre on Friday nights. Our U17 Boys and Girls teams have games at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm, while our Senior A Boys and Girls teams play either 7pm or 8.30pm.

This year we have been extremely lucky to have 3 outstanding outside coaches looking after the three teams. Shawn Nance, American, is an ex Harbour Heat player and manages and coaches our Senior Boys. He has the boys playing great basketball. They are playing fast, entertaining basketball, with their strongest asset, a smothering defence. To date they have overwhelmed Westlake and Glenfield in the only 2 games played. This week they take on Mahurangi at 8.30pm.



*Stephanie Sanchez*

The U17 Boys have as their coach Pastor Rod Ellis. He is doing a great job. The team is a mixture of experienced and newer players and as yet they have not reached their full potential. It will come!

Tony Pompellier, ex BC student, is an experienced North Harbour coach and is looking after our U17 Girls team. His knowledge is extensive and the girls have come a long way in a short time. The team is well balanced with **Stephanie Sanchez** and **Tahlea Fong** the most experienced players. They both have the ability to set up the offensive patterns leading to other girls scoring. Last Friday they shut down Takapuna with aggressive full court pressure to win by 40 points.



*Tahlea Fong*

Many thanks to last year's Head Girl, **Jenni Anderson**, who is coaching our Senior Girls. They had a great game against rivals Northcote last Friday. Northcote, a strong team, expected an easy win but the girls dug deep, traded goals until the last quarter, giving them a substantial fright. Well done girls. Their Friday night game is against Carmel at 7pm.

# GAMES TO SUPPORT

## Week 4

<b>Rugby</b>	1st XV	vs	Kristin	12:00 Kristin
	3rd Grade	vs	Kristin	9:30 Kristin
	5th Grade	vs	Westlake	10:40 home
	6th Grade	vs	Massey	10:40 Massey
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Glenfield	4pm Miller 3
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	Kristin	5pm Kristin
	2nd XI	vs	Albany Junior High	4pm Sand
<b>Soccer—Boys</b>  Thursday	1st XI	vs	Dilworth	10:00
	2nd XI	vs	Auckland Grammar	10:00 home
	Year 9/10	vs	Rangitoto	4:15
<b>Soccer—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	NO game	
	2nd X1	vs	Westlake	4:00 home
	Junior	vs	Northcote	4:00 Northcote
<b>Basketball Boys</b>  Friday Thursday Wednesday	A Boys	vs	Mahurangi	8.30pm NSEC 1
	U17A Boys	vs	Northcote	6pm NSEC 3
	U17B Boys	vs		
	U15 Boys	vs	Northcote	4pm NSEC 4
<b>Basketball - Girls</b>  Friday Wednesday	A Girls	vs	Carmel	7pm NSEC 3
	U17	vs	Orewa	5pm NSEC 4
	U15 Girls	vs		
<b>Squash</b>	Boys Snr 1	vs		
	Girls	vs		
	Boys Jnr	vs		
<b>Netball</b>	Team 1	vs	No game	
	Team 2	vs	No game	
	Team 3	vs	Orewa	10:30am
	Team 4	vs	Westlake	12:00
	Year 9/1	vs	Rangitoto	8:15
	Year 9/2	vs	Takapuna	8:15
	<b>Curling</b> (Thursday)			Training

# Results—Week 3

<b>Rugby</b>	1st XV	vs	Northcote	lost	10-19
	3rd Grade	vs	Orewa	lost	0-32
	5th Grade	vs	Bye		
	6th Grade	vs	Westlake	won	20-13
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Westlake Jr	lost	0-4
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	Kaipara		
	2nd XI	vs	Mahurangi		
<b>Soccer—Boys</b>	1st XI	vs	Parnell	lost	1-3
	2nd XI	vs	Glenfield	lost	1-6
	Year 9/10	vs	Takapuna	won	3-1
<b>Soccer—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Bye		
	2nd XI	vs	Westlake Social	No game	
	Junior A	vs	Northcote	No game	
<b>Basketball Boys</b>  Friday Thursday Wednesday	A Boys	vs	Glenfield	won	51-38
	U17A Boys	vs	Westlake A		
	U17B Boys	vs	Westlake E		
	U15 Boys	vs	Bye		
<b>Basketball - Girls</b>  Friday Wednesday	A Girls	vs	Northcote		
	U17	vs	Takapuna		
	U15 Girls	vs			
<b>Squash</b>	Boys Snr 1	vs	Orewa A2	won	8-6
	Girls	vs	Rangitoto	lost	1-3
	Boys Jnr	vs	Bye		
<b>Netball</b>	Team 1	vs	Takapuna 1	lost	21-67
	Team 2	vs	Carmel 6		
	Team 3	vs	Westlake 13	lost	5-26
	Team 4	vs	Westlake 31		
	Year 9/1	vs	Kaipara		
	Year 9/2	vs	Rangitoto		
	<b>Curling</b>		vs	Avondale Massey	Won won