

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

Next week caps off a very busy Term 3. In case you need reminding of the talents and opportunities our students have, then next week we have the following happening:

Year 10 group competing in a sustainability challenge in the Waitakeres

Year 10 boys' group out mountain-biking

Year 11 Child Development out on work experience

Year 12 Drama presenting Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with life-size Japanese puppets

Year 12 Tourism trip to Sky City

Year 13 Phys Ed coaching at Kauri Park primary school

Year 13 Biology trip to the museum

Year 13 Sports Phys Ed on a high ropes course

Year 13 Tourism trip to the airport

Next term seniors have 20 school days before they leave for the NZQA exams, and they will be in class throughout this time focussing on preparation and revision.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

MUSIC!

To be held on 24 September at 2pm at St Philip's Presbyterian Church, 136 Birkdale Road. Featuring performances from Birkenhead College music groups. Everyone welcome. Admission \$5.

FREE ASTHMA CLINIC

The Auckland Asthma Bus will be here on 19th & 20th October. Their team of Specialised Nurse Educators will be running a clinic for all Year 9 & 10 students with asthma. (An Asthma Clinic for Seniors will be available next year.) This is a great opportunity to get more information on asthma triggers, effects on the respiratory system as well as prevention and treatment so you can *breathe well EVERY day!* A letter has been sent home to Year 9 & 10 students with asthma. If you did not receive one and would like to attend please see Mrs Eberly in the Sick Bay, or call on 48309039 ext 836.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 3

Week 10	24 Sept	Progress Reports home (Juniors)
	24 Sept	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1	11 October	School resumes
	14 October	Arts Awards
Week 2	20 October	Senior Report Evening

The BC Jazz Band



The BC Jazz Band perform at combined assemblies in week 8, fresh from winning a silver medal at the KBB Music Festival 2010.



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Fiona Yew**, Yr 11, who has just earned a Distinction in her external Grade 5 Piano exam. This is an extraordinary result reflecting many hours of diligent preparation over the past year. The examiner commented specifically on her expressive playing and fluent technique.



Monday 20 September is Day 2

R C Page, Deputy Principal

RUGBY LEAGUE

On Wednesday (8th Sept) our Rugby League team played their second game against Rangitoto. Although we started well with an 8 point lead in the first ten minutes, a lapse in defence saw us down 16-8 at half time. Rangitoto scored first after half time but BC put the pressure on and the final result was 22-22. Player of the Day went to **Tom Bhana**. A big thank you to our groundsman, Mr Thompson.



On Saturday we played Hato Petera, and the whole team started strongly and led at half time 12-0, going on to win the game 28-6. Player of the Day went to **Richard Westerlund**. Thank you to parents who helped with transport. The boys really appreciate your support.

On Wednesday (15th Sept) we played Glenfield and unfortunately lost 58-4. The boys will not be discouraged though and will learn from their mistakes. Next Wednesday's game is against Westlake, at home, so please come along and support the team.

CURLING

Congratulations to **Jed Tan**. Jed is a member of the Shy Teds curling team, who won the Auckland U21 title on Sunday evening. He teamed up with some ex Kelston Boys students. They met a team skipped by **Eleanor Adviento** (with players from Kings College, Epsom Girls & Long Bay) in the final and won 4-2. The match went to the last stone—Eleanor had a tricky raise takeout to score 4 and take the game but it didn't quite pan out. Congratulations to both players. They will go on to the NZ U21 championships being held in Dunedin during the next holidays.

CLIMBING

Congratulations to **Kaze McGee** (Year 10) who once again came 1st in a climbing competition in Highbury on Sunday. This is the second time in a row that he has gained the top position in the Senior Boys' Class, even though he is technically in the intermediate class. He held off two competitors from Dilworth School to take the top spot.

TABLE TENNIS

Congratulations to **Shea Sinclear-Vannes** who beat the previously undefeated top player in the D-grade at table tennis last Friday, in what was a very good game, 2 sets to 1.

Well done Shea!



Birkenhead College Drama Dept Presents:
A One hour Japanese BunRaku Puppet adaptation of:
The Tempest By William Shakespeare

1.2 metre puppets
A Wizard, A Monster,
Fairies, Lovers, & Villains
Suitable for ALL ages

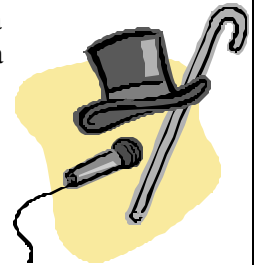
Thursday & Friday September 23 and 24th - 7 p.m.
Brian Gerrard Theatre, 140 Birkdale Rd, Birkenhead, info call 483-9039
Tickets at From the office or at the Door \$4 adults \$2 students
School shows available -

TICKETS ON SALE
AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT
\$4 ADULT, \$2 STUDENTS

TALENT QUEST RESULTS

Winners were:

- 1st Teejay Luatutu, Keisha Nonoa & Fane Vaka (Year 11)
- 2nd Laura Huysmans & Mica Carston (Year 13 & 12)
- 3rd Stuart Johnstone (Year 13)



After paying out \$100 in prizes, we have \$202 to donate to the Red Cross for the Canterbury Earthquake.

Well done Student Council!

Cafeteria Specials all week -
Slushies \$2, Snacks 1/2 price.

sausage sizzles at school on 22, 23 & 24 Sept, \$1.50