

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Monday 21 June is Day 2

## Dear Parents and Friends

Our rugby boys and their coaches deserve a special mention this week. All of our teams won their last games against tough opposition. **Mr Henley** has welded together a strong team of coaches: **Mr Payne, Mr Tuu'u, Mr Wilson, Mr Kingston, Mr Miller,** and ex students **Glen Preston** and **Bronson Ross**. The players have responded and are showing commitment to their practices, commitment to the team and ensuring they prepare properly for games. They know the value of a good sleep the night before, breakfast, and turning up early on game day. Congratulations to **Peter Napier, Martin Watson, Tyler Ingram, Malcolm Tuiavii, Jordan Eckhold-Brown** and **Duschon Nonoa** who have been chosen for North Harbour Rep Squads.

### NZ Community Trust Chamber Groups Competition

I spent a delightful few hours last Saturday listening to chamber groups from Auckland Secondary Schools. Wonderful music played for a very appreciative audience. I was so proud of our students: **Rebekah Jensen, Jacqui Tyler, Ngaio Garcia, Esha Jang, Toni Wong, Luke Dickens, Lisa Humphrey, Abigail Roldan, Rachel Arcos, Newz Raviyan, Dominique Dillague, Louisa Le Riche, Antony Jones, Owen Twort, Andy Yu, Tsun Hei Tai, Alannah Green, Eleanor Adviento, Jed Tan**. Thank you to Mr Donaldson and Mrs Brocklebank, Ms Arthur & Mr Uren for their tuition and support.



*Annalyce Claasen, Brooke Wilton, Louis Prouting and Krissy Dobson*

"They made us not just think Photography, but 'feel' Photography" - *Louis Prouting Year 13*

Last weekend, four Photography students participated in a Photo School Course, directed by Photographer Glen Howey. It was an intensive two days where the students learnt how to shoot on slide film using analogue cameras. The students found the course invigorating and enjoyed Glen's practical hands-on approach. The workshop was part of the STAR course scheme, and was a great opportunity for these devoted students. The films they produced are exemplary - good work guys!

## PRINCIPAL HONOURED

At the meeting of Birkenhead Rotary on Wednesday evening our Principal, **Mr Mathewson**, was recognised by the club for his long service to education and the local community.



The award presented by the club President, **Tom McMillan**, was the **Paul Harris Fellowship**, named after the founder of Rotary. The Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest accolade a Rotary club can award. It is regarded as an honour that must be earned. Mr Mathewson's award citation recognises his long and commendable service to the community that exemplifies the Rotary mission statement of providing service to others, promoting high ethical standards and advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship with business, professional and community leaders. The awards US\$1000 entitlement has been donated to the Rotary International fund.

*Mr Page*

**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.

If you can't make it in to school to buy tickets you can book by phoning Sarah 482 0578, or email [meikles@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:meikles@slingshot.co.nz) and pay online.

*J O Mathewson Principal*

## 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

### **Ugly is beaut!**

The Ugly Shakespeare Company's visit on Tuesday this week focused on presenting a unique and irreverent approach to Shakespeare. Birkenhead College's senior English students enjoyed a performance of Othello that was both contemporary and non-patronising. The live performance style adopted by the Ugly Shakespeare players demonstrates that they are strong believers in getting amongst the audience, relating to them on their level and having fun. This meant that Summer Withers, Mrs Macdonald and Ryle De La Cruz found themselves becoming an integral part of the play Othello!



*Grae, Luke and Tom, from the Ugly Shakespeare company demonstrate that "one man in his time plays many parts"*



*Grae, John Boyle, Alissa Ellwood and Tom: actors from Ugly Shakespeare Theatre Company meet some of the cast from our school production of Godspell.*

The success of a performance like this, is in making Shakespeare accessible and contemporary and thus there were many references to teen culture within the show. However, in between the current teen vernacular, references to film, TV and music there were also serious messages relating to timeless themes in the play. One of these was about the dangers of making assumptions – and I don't think we will ever forget the clever wordplay on this theme, from the 'ugly' actors: "ASSUME means that U make an ASS out of ME"

# MUSIC!

Our Concert Band will be performing at Glenfield Mall next to the foodcourt at 5.30pm next Friday (25th June). Come along and support our kids and take in some shopping or an early dinner! We will also be selling raffle tickets next week. The raffle will be drawn during the mall performance and tickets will be available from the music office.

## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Each year the United Nations High Commissioner (UNHCR) celebrates World Refugee Day on 20 June. The global theme this year is 'Home'. Through the theme statement "They took my home but they can't take my future". UNHCR will be highlighting the plight of refugees worldwide and recognising their courage and resilience.

This year we will mark this special event by taking a combined group of refugee background students and ESOL students to the **Kai to Pie Exhibition** at Auckland Museum. This exhibition tells the unique story about Auckland as home to 181 ethnic groups. It celebrates what it means to be an Aucklander through the theme of food.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Department's new Digital SLR Camera, the **Nikon D3000**, was introduced to Year 12 students this week in a workshop run by Ivan Zabak from Apex Photography Supplies. The session was highly informative and covered many of the essentials of digital photography. Ivan connected the Nikon to a TV to visually demonstrate a range of basic and advanced camera functions, from white balance to exposure histograms. The Nikon D3000 is aimed towards both beginners and experienced compact users, and the camera features a new guide mode to help students learn how to get the most out of a DSLR. A big thank you to Ivan for sharing his time and expertise.

## UNIFORM REMINDER -

Canvas shoes are **NOT** acceptable for school uniform. Black leather dress shoes are required. Please check our school uniform requirements as some shops are giving out incorrect information regarding school shoes.





# RUGBY SPECIAL

## A great weekend for BC Rugby: 4 Games, 4 Wins!

### 6 Players selected for North Harbour

### Training Squads

#### 1st XV -



The 1st completed their third win in a row against a tough Hato Petera side. The wind made conditions tricky, but the BC players kept a cool head to win 10—0. Midfielder, **Duschon Nonoa**, had a strong game, scoring two tries.

#### 6th Grade -

6th Grade had an epic win over top ranked and highly fancied Kaipara College. The final score was 38—0. **Jamal Nabawi** was on fine form, scoring 5 tries which was the result of a whole team effort that saw Birkenhead College dominate not only the scoreboard but the territory and possession statistics.



#### 3rd Grade -

A strong platform from the forwards gave the backs



plenty of ball to run with. Great solo tries from **Richard Westerlund** and **David Bhana** added to the impressive team performance.



**Congratulations to the following players who have been selected for North Harbour Training Squads:**

#### U16 -

**Peter Napier, Martin Watson, Tyler Ingram, Malcolm Tuiavii**

#### U18 -

**Jordan Eckhold-Brown, Duschon Nonoa**

#### 5th Grade -

The 5th Grade have had a solid start to the year with the team competing against the top under 15 teams on the North Shore. On Saturday the boys had an outstanding win 29—0 against the top Takapuna Grammar side. Despite missing three key players, the boys played brilliantly with the forwards laying the foundation for the backs to run with. The team is being ably led by



**Filisi Viliamu** and **Tyler Ingram**, who inspire the boys to their best. In the backs **Dean Kingi** has been lethal and **Lomi Gaulofa** has been opening teams



up with his incisive running and quality ball distribution. In the forwards **Sami Fuataimi** has been destructive around the park and in the scrums. **Malcolm Tuiavii** has been a dominant figure in the lineouts. With continual hard work at trainings and practising in their own time, this team and the players involved could well be worth watching in the future.



# GAMES TO SUPPORT

## Week 9

<b>Rugby</b>	1st XV	vs	Glenfield	12:00 BC
	3rd Grade	vs	Kaipara	9:30am Kaipara
	5th Grade	vs	MHS (2)	10:40am BC
	6th Grade	vs	Rangitoto (2)	9:30am BC
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Not known	
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	Not known	
	2nd XI	vs	Not known	
<b>Soccer—Boys</b>	1st XI	vs	Otahuhu	10:00am BC 1
	2nd XI	vs	Auckland Gr 6	10:00am BC 2
	Year 9/10	vs	Albany Jr	9:00am Albany Jr 1
<b>Soccer—Girls</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Westlake Sr	4:00pm BC 1
	2nd X1	vs	Takapuna Blue	4:00pm BC 2
	Junior	vs	Kristin A	4:00pm Birk Intermediate
<b>Basketball - Boys</b>	A Boys	vs	Westlake A	8:30pm AUT 1
	U17A Boys	vs	Mahurangi	6:00pm Kristin Old Gym
	U17B Boys	vs	Rangitoto B	4pm NSEC 3
	U15 Boys	vs	Westlake B	4pm NSEC 4
<b>Basketball - Girls</b>	A Girls	vs	Northcote	7:00pm AUT 2
	U17	vs	Rangitoto	4:00pm AUT 1
<b>Squash</b>	Boys Snr 1	vs	Takapuna	4pm Beachhaven
	Girls	vs	St Dominics	4pm Unitec 3
	Boys Jnr	vs	Glenfield	4pm Beachhaven
<b>Netball</b>	Team 1	vs	Kingsway 1	9:45am Ct 6
	Team 2	vs	Rangitoto 6	12:45pm Ct 13
	Team 3	vs	Northcote 5	12:00pm Ct 14
	Team 4	vs	Long Bay 11	12:45pm Ct 17
	Year 9/1	vs	Northcote	9:00am Ct 11
	Year 9/2	vs	Rangitoto	8:15am Ct 18
<b>Curling</b> (Thursday)	BC Advento	vs	Kelston Boys Blue	Avondale 7:00pm
<b>Waterpolo</b> (Thursday)	Jrs	vs		Millenium Pool 8:15pm

# TOP TEAMS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the following teams:

### Rugby -

1st XV beat Hato Petera 10—0  
3rd Grade beat Westlake 5th 25—15  
5th Grade beat Takapuna 21—0  
6th Grade beat Kaipara College 38—0

### Soccer -

Boys 1st XI drew against Henderson 1—1  
Junior Girls beat Westlake 1—0

### Basketball -

U17A Boys beat Takapuna 37—15  
U17B Boys beat Albany Jr 26—6  
U15 Boys beat Long Bay 32—28

### Squash -

Girls beat Mt Roskill 4—0  
Snr Boys beat Massey A 12—2

**\* Congratulations to the Senior Boys Squash team who came 2nd overall in the Auckland Secondary Schools Squash Championships**

### Netball -

Team 1 beat Carmel 20—19  
Year 9/2 beat Albany Junior 21—15



### WRESTLING

**Acoya Chant**, Year 9, was placed 2nd in his first wrestling tournament at Auckland Wrestling Champs, held over the weekend at Dilworth School. **Acoya** was in the Under 13, 47—53kg division. He was the lightest of the boys but wrestled really well and beat many boys heavier and more experienced than himself.