

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 3

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On Wednesday night we were treated to a great deal of talent at the penultimate NCEA Music Performance evening for 2011. There were many highlights and it was wonderful to hear the students at this stage of the year, and think back on the progress they have

all made since the first performance evening in March. The last opportunity to hear our amazing senior musicians is on Wednesday 14th September, at 6.30pm. We hope to see you there.



Mr Wilson and Mr Tuu'u, dressed to impress!

Please see story inside.



The Ball

Our young people are very special! Congratulations to our senior students who attended the ball. They were beautifully dressed and their exemplary behaviour was impressive, and was commented on by the management at the venue. It was a stylish and fun night, set off by the 1920's theme decorations, the good company, the good food and music, and some superb dancing. Special thanks to Ms Russell and all of our staff who supported the occasion.



Ex student — It was lovely to catch up with **Alisha Henderson (2006)** the other day. She is just back from the States where she has spent the last 12 months at Disneyworld, Florida, working as a lifeguard at Blizzard Beach Waterpark.

Alisha graduated from Lincoln University at the end of 2009 where she had won a Netball scholarship. She also played for Canterbury U21 team.



Support your local Intermediate
Winter Gala – Birkdale Intermediate School
Saturday 20th August, 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Raffles – Garage Sale – Second Hand Clothing- Fairy Grotto – Book Stall – Haunted House – Games and many student made products – Devonshire tea café.

And lots more!

WIN AN XBOX 360 -

Simply by paying your school donation

If your school donation is paid by the end of September, you could win an Xbox 360. Be in it to win it, pay now!



STOP PRESS - for all accounts queries please email accounts@birkenhead.school.nz

Monday 22 August is Day 6

J O Mathewson Principal

NZQA Fees

NCEA FEES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1st. Payment can be made at the school office between 8.30am and 4.30pm daily by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit card. Students can also pay via the envelope system. **All cheques are to be made payable to Birkenhead College.**

In most cases the fee is \$76-70. However after Sept 1st an extra "late fee" of \$50 is incurred, and payments must be made directly to NZQA.

A pre-printed Invoice was sent with school reports at the end of Term 2. If you have misplaced this please contact the Accounts Office (accounts@birkenhead.school.nz).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Many families are eligible for Financial Assistance. An information sheet and pre-printed application form were also included with the report. Further copies can be obtained from the school office or by [downloading them from the NZQA website](#). You should definitely apply if your family has a Community Services Card, and / or more than one family member entering NCEA.

THE DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS IS ALSO SEPTEMBER 1st.

Applications for Financial Assistance are made directly to the school Accounts office (accounts@birkenhead.school.nz). However after Sept 1st you would need to contact NZQA directly.

Uniform Items Needed URGENTLY

Due to the very cold weather we are experiencing this winter, we have several students who desperately need warmer items of school uniform. Our used stocks are almost completely depleted. If you have any uniform items, especially shoes or jumpers / jackets that your family no longer needs please consider donating them for students who are not able to purchase their own at this time. Should any of you like to make a donation to assist with purchasing items for students please call Mrs Eberly at the Sick Bay on 483-9039 ext 836.

Parent Support Group Meeting

Don't forget, it's the Parent Support Group meeting on Tuesday 23rd August at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Please come along and learn a little more about the school.



CAREERS

University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day – Saturday 27th August.

Check online or collect booklet from Mrs Morris.

UNITEC Open Day – Wednesday 31st August.

Please check website for details of presentations at each campus. Note the courses now being offered at the Northern campus in Albany.

JUNIOR CAREERS EXPO

On Tuesday 6th September we are hosting a Careers morning for our year 10 students. Speakers will include representatives from Health, Engineering, Trades, Sport and Recreation, Retail, I.T. Science and the Armed forces.

Watch this space for more details.

MATHS HELP

Every Wednesday after school in T8, 3:15—4:15, and every lunchtime. For help with homework, studying or any maths problems.

ENGLISH HELP

Every Wednesday after school in H4, 3:30—4:30. Any BC student who fears the English monster! Help is available.

SCIENCE HELP

Every Thursday after school in S5 3:30—4:30. For help with homework, studying or any science problems.

The Asthma Bus



The Auckland Asthma Bus will be with us again in September. If your child has Asthma noted on their school medical file they will have the opportunity of receiving a free Asthma consultation with a specialised nurse. If you have not notified us that your child is asthmatic but would like them to have an assessment done please contact the school nurse on 483-9039 ext 836.



If you want to opt out of this service please send a note with your child.

School Ball - A stylish, lovely, occasion.

Thank you Ms Russell and the student council for their excellent organisation.

King: Duschon Nonoa

Queen: Alexandra Green

Prince: Martin Watson

Princess: Sofia Munoz

Best Dressed Theme: Alannah Green



School Yearbook

The School Yearbook will remain at \$15 for this year. This will be charged directly to your August school account. To ensure that you receive your copy, please pay **before the 31st October 2011.**

Maths Week 2011!

The high point of Maths Week for the staff was definitely the great "Geek Off" or the "Search for the Biggest Maths Nerd". **Mr Tuu'u** and **Mr Wilson** made the staff howl with laughter as they out performed each other in the staffroom with their quiz-mistress **Mrs Walls**. **Mr Wilson** won by a fraction of a point, and **Mr Tuu'u** thought that there should be a rematch in an assembly, but **Mr Wilson** is happy with his victory...



Mr Wilson & Mr Tuu'u

Apart from this event, there were many other challenges to keep students happy. **Shahim** was the winner of the lolly jar competition (and gets to eat 777 MnMs as his reward), while **Mrs Logan** won the staff lolly jar but has been a bit more generous with her winnings! The scavenger hunt was enthusiastically taken up; if you saw students roaming the school at lunchtime, counting steps or looking for weird symbols, it was probably because they were filling out the daily puzzle. **Jessie** (12LE) was drawn from the people with 4/4 correct entries and was very pleased with her prize! There were over 100 separate entries, so this was a big hit with many people.

The seniors and juniors all had hard and horrible questions to challenge them each day, and everyone finished the week with a sense of accomplishment – especially the Maths Department!

MUSIC!

Congratulations to the college Orchestra and Jazz Band who both gave committed performances at the **KBB Music Festival** at St. Mary's Church, Parnell on Tuesday. The Orchestra performed challenging symphonic music by Liadov, Haydn and Elgar and received much positive feedback from the audience. The Jazz Band enjoyed performing a selection of Jazz, Latin and Funk standards.

Special mention should be made of **Newz Raviyan** who arranged and performed a solo piano concerto by Haydn with the orchestra. Her performance was polished and professional.

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 4

Rugby Saturday	1st XV	vs	Hato Petera	12 noon Hato Petera
	3rd Grade	vs	Westlake	9.30am Home
	6th Grade	vs	Westlake	10.40am Home
Football—Boys Saturday	1st XI	vs	Edgewater	10am E'water
	Year 9/10	vs	Kingsway	9am Home
Netball Saturday	Team 1	vs	Long Bay	9.45am Crt 15
	Team 2	vs	Rangitoto	12.45pm Crt 20
	Year 10/1	vs	Carmel	1.30pm Crt 15
	Year 10/2	vs	Carmel	12 noon Crt 2
	Year 9/1	vs	Long Bay	8.15am Crt 14
	Year 9/2	vs	Whangaparaoa	9am Crt 1

Coaching Clinic

Last Tuesday, 28 of our sporting students, ranging from Yr 9 to Yr12 attended a special Coaching Clinic provided by **Sport North Harbour**. The aim was to prepare students to coach a school sports team, in the future. The session was a lot of fun and the instructions given were very relevant for first time coaches.

It is very important for our school sport to have assistant and full coaches to assist with our teams This year **Nathan Saluni** and **Ryle Dela Cruz** both coached basketball teams. **Nathan** was the coach of our top U17 Boys team, who won their North Harbour pool games and then advanced to the semi-finals, where they were beaten by only 2 points. A win would have seen them advance to Finals Night. **Ryle** has a dual coaching role, not only does he coach the Girls U19 team, that are leading the North Harbour competition, he also coaches the Boys U19 team that did very well in Pool play, but missed out in the cross-over.

Hopefully the success that our 2 boys have had will inspire our prospective coaches to have a go in the following years.

Senior Boys Squash

The senior boys squash team attended the National Squash Championships which were held in Auckland over the weekend. The boys did extremely well to attain the rank that they were seeded with after the withdrawal of the team's top player!

Other school's coaches repeatedly made comments about the fantastic manner in which our boys conducted themselves. They were unfailingly cheerful, had excellent senses of humour and displayed outstanding sportsmanship at all times. The team consisted of **Sohail Kashkari**, **Callum Hines**, **Richard Yew**, **Josh Parore** and **Steven Zinsli**. It has been a wonderfully successful season and we are looking forward to even greater success next year.



Congratulations to the following teams:

Netball

Team 1 beat Albany Senior 38-19
Year 9/1 beat Carmel 30-13
Year 9/2 beat Kristin 26-13

Badminton

Junior girls team 1 beat Westlake 5-4

Rugby

3rd grade beat Rangitoto 29-8

GOOD LUCK to **Eleanor Adviento** and **Kelsi Heath** who are competing in the NZ U21 Curling team in the NZ Winter Games. The girls will be up against tough competition facing Womens former World Champions and Bronze Medalists Bing Yu Wang of China, the Japanese, Korea and the NZ Womens team.



Water Polo

Water polo is played over 4 terms. The first term was for training and getting to know our new players. The second term was a round of grading games, each team at the end is placed into one of three groups, and this term is a round of full games that count towards our placing overall in the competition.

The first game was a hard fought loss against Westlake Boys. With few opportunities for goal scoring and our defence put through their paces. However they stood up well. Congratulations to **Hana Kashkari** for winning the player of the day award.



Hana Kashkari

The second game was an action packed draw against Albany Junior High. An exciting game to watch. Great goals scored by **Seho Lee** and **Jackson Nieuwland**. **Will Molloy** played hard in mid pool and some fierce defence was played by **Liam Bradford**, **Rachel Muir** and **Hana**. **Oliver Pike** was awarded the player of the day for some fantastic goal keeping, good hard defence play and mid pool play. Congratulations to the team, well done.



Oliver Pike