

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Friends

### Rostering Home

Please note: All Year 10 students must be at school next Tuesday, classes will be run as normally as possible

### Year 9 Speech Competition

This week saw the annual Year 9 Speech Competition underway after Monday's Year 9 assembly. There was a captivating range of topics – from personal heroes to animal cruelty to SpongeBob Squarepants!



Shannon, Katrina and Shaida

Our seven speakers braved the crowds of a great Year 9 audience for an hour, keeping their cool under pressure – and they were entertaining, informative and confident.

In the end, the overall winner was **Katrina George**, with a speech on everyday heroes. Second runner-up was **Shannon Boyle**, and third was **Shaida Bahrami**.

Well done, Year 9 students – we look forward to your efforts in the 2011 competition!!

### PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

We are now purchasing second-hand uniforms. Please make sure they are washed and they must be in good condition.. Please see the Dean's Assistant, Mrs Eberly.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

#### TERM 4

Week 7	24–26 Nov	Year 9 Exams
Week 9	10 December	Junior Prizegiving & School ends

Monday 22 November is Day 6

### CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel

**Arcos**, Year 11, who has passed the tough grade 5 clarinet external exam with **distinction**, the highest award issued. These prestigious exams are offered internationally through the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music. ABRSM exams are available to students of most instruments at any level from beginner to tertiary. Students who wish to take an exam in 2011 should approach their instrumental teacher or Mr Donaldson.



### JUNIOR ACTIVITY DAY 2010

The Activity Day for Year 9 and 10 students will be on Tuesday 7 December. These include school based options such as Multisport & a movie or Japanese Fan Making. Possible out of school activities are a Bike Adventure, Waiwera hot pools, Rangitoto Island trip, Paintball, Rainbow's End and MOTAT. Some activities will be free, others such as Paintball will be more expensive. Next week students will bring home a letter listing the Activities available and the cost of each.

Students will only be able to join in activities if they have no outstanding detentions and have returned all library books.

### BC STAFF vs TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR STAFF

Last Friday our staff took on staff from Takapuna Grammar at Touch Rugby, and beat them 9 tries to 4. **Mr Tuu'u**, **Mr Henley** and **Mr Kingston** were the stars who were supported by **Mr Rotheray**, **Mr Lane**, **Mr Moore**, **Mr Alderman**, **Mr Wilson**, **Ms Dryburgh** and **Mrs Walls**. Next we take on Rangitoto College staff - bring it on!!

### Birkenhead College Students in a Piano Concert

Monday 22 November at 1.30 pm in the Brian Gerrard Theatre.  
Music from Liszt to Czerny to ABBA.



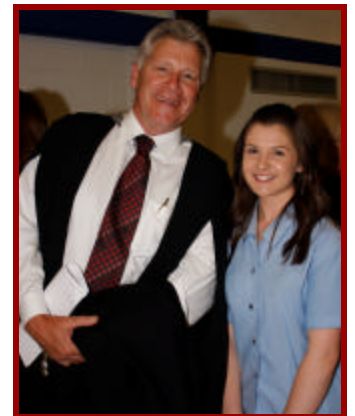
Come and listen to:

**Simon Markwick**, **Fiona Yew**, **Richard Yew**, **Abby Roldan**, **Eleanor Adviento**, **Ariana Shipman**, **Laura Huysmans**, **Kelvin Lau**, **Ardea Bartlett**, **Stephanie Shaw**.

J O Mathewson, Principal



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2010



MUSIC!

The Music Department have had quite a presence in the community in the last fortnight. On Thursday (4 November) the BC Marching Band gave their debut performance in the centre court at Westfield Glenfield, supported by the Birkenhead Junior Orchestra and Jazz Band. All three groups are to be commended for their flexibility, giving professional and engaging performances despite the unconventional venue!

The Jazz Band performed again at Beach Haven Primary School on Tuesday (11 November), providing musical entertainment before the Biennial Art Auction. The evening was a huge success.

