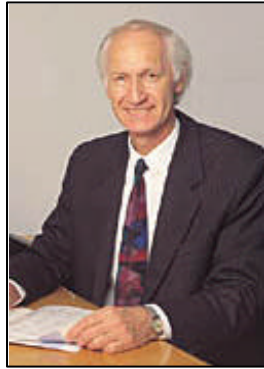


BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends



At assembly this week I emphasized to students the importance we place on ensuring they believe in themselves, like themselves and have a high self esteem. Why? So they can cope with the knock-backs and disappointments in life, so they can make good decisions, so they don't have to show off to their mates for approval, so they are not influenced by negative peer pressure and get

involved with alcohol, drugs, smoking. Having the self-belief and strength to say NO is vital and an important message in view of recent events. Our precious young people don't need this stuff to enjoy and live fulfilling lives. It is time for a huge culture change.

Open Evening Thank you to our staff and students who put on a wonderful series of displays for parents and prospective students

If you do not know our school and you missed this event last Wednesday, don't hesitate to contact us if you wish to know more, phone 483 9039 ext 832.

Impressive victory The staff Touch team defeated the Year 13 team in an impressive display of fast, fair, fit and furious touch rugby.

EX STUDENT NEWS - Alex MacDonald (2008) was recently flown to Tonga with the Starlight String Quartet and NZ Trio pianist, to play for the King's New Year celebrations—a royal treat. Alex has also received the Winifred Stiles Viola scholarship this year. Last year he was awarded the Performer's prize in the Douglas Lilburn Composition competition.

Alex is the leader of both the Auckland University Orchestra's and Auckland Youth Orchestra's viola sections. He has now formed a string quartet "DSCH" which will have its first concert **this Sunday** in Devonport at **The Depot Artspace, 5pm**, \$5 entry. Please support Alex if you can, and enjoy a pleasant evening at the same time.

SCHOOL FIRST AID

Any student who is feeling ill at school, or has injured themselves, **MUST** report to the First Aid room and the school nurse will either treat them or phone their parents. It is not up to the student to call their parents and sign themselves out of school.

Term 2

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

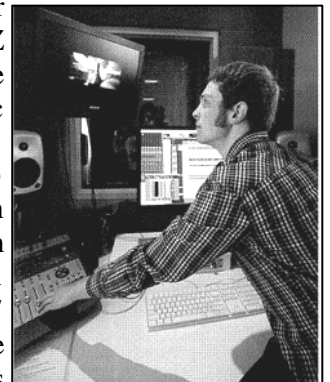
TERM 2

Week 7	31 May	Senior Assessment week
Week 9	16 June	Geo trip to Rotorua
Week 10	25 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
Week 11	2 July	Reports home
	2 July	Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1	19 July	First day of Term 3
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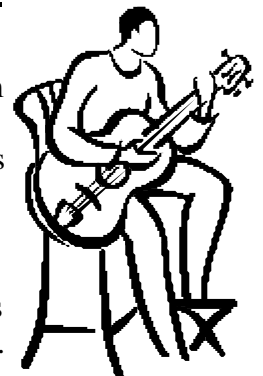
James Bryant (2005) from the University of Auckland School of Music will be travelling to China with 11 young dancers and their lecturers to showcase NZ Arts & Customs at the Beijing Modern Music Festival. Representing NZ for the first time, the group will perform with an international line-up from North America, Europe and China. They will perform 7 pieces in the 90 minute ensemble and James has composed all of the music. The main feature entitled 'Woven' has a "NZ infused soundscape of haunting vocals and electronic Maori & percussion sounds", composed by James.



MUSIC!

NCEA Music Performance Evening -

Wednesday 26th May 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.



Monday 24 May is Day 1

J O Mathewson Principal



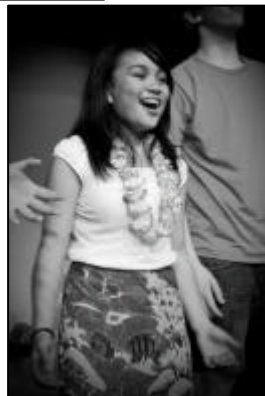
GODSPELL

at BC

What a great night's entertainment. The musical 'Godspell' was all that it was hyped up to be. Full of energy, good voices and comedy. It played to good houses every night, and also matinees for local primary and intermediate school children.

Thank you to everybody involved, all the backstage people, the band and especially to Mr Willis. **Godspell** was a hit on Broadway and it was a hit here at Birkenhead College, thanks to Mr Willis.

Our newly refurbished theatre was well and truly christened!



Trivial Pursuits Update

Prizes are starting to come in from our generous sponsors: Charlton Jewellers in Glenfield Mall have donated a Pandora Charm Bracelet & charm, we have vouchers from Ziggys, Art of Gifts, Picture Framing & Warehouse, Affordable Kuts & Kurls, Au Bon Coin, North Shore Leisure and rock climbing.

Also wine from Beachhaven Liquor, items from Rangitira Pharmacy, Crave, Arvika and Ashore Fine Foods, a cotton quilt from Wallace Cotton, books from Random House, Animates & Kings in Porana Rd, Bridgeway Cinema and Sausalito Café. Fullers have donated tickets to Waiheke Island—does anyone have a contact for accommodation over there? We could auction a weekend away.

Please support these businesses as we couldn't do it without them. Start thinking about getting some friends together to attend this fun evening on 25th June. Tickets will go on sale in June, but if you would like to make a reservation feel free to leave your details and we'll make sure there's a space for 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. Please contact Sarah on 482 0578 or email meikles@slingshot.co.nz

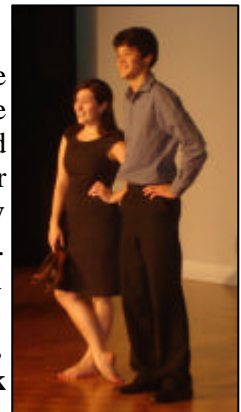
The PSG is now a registered charity so donations are tax deductible !



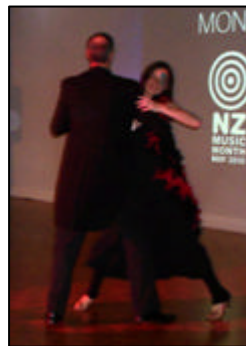
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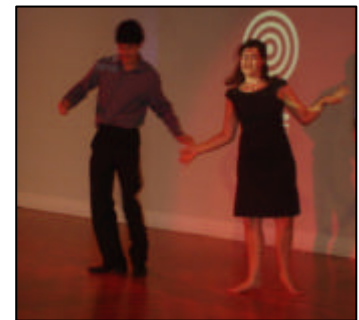
Last Friday we had Dancing with the Staff competition, which was a fundraiser for World Vision. Everyone had a good time and we managed to raise more than \$140. The competition had some really hilarious and unexpected dances. The pairs were Mr Willis & Mr Donaldson; Mr Cato & **Lisa Humphrey** (13PD); Miss Carr & **Alex Shegay** (13BT) and Mr Tuu'u & **Nekoda Hema-Simon** (12WH). Congratulations to our winners, Miss Carr & Alex Shegay, and many thanks to everyone who helped.



Today, we have the **Battle of the Bands** performing in the BGT, starring our very own **Josh Black** (13MV).



The Judging Panel



Help our students help our community

North Shore City Council is supplying funding to improve central Beach Haven. You are invited to be an important part of this exciting ongoing community project. You can make a huge contribution this Sunday by supporting us in the "Clean Up Beach Haven" project.



"Clean Up Beach Haven" is the first step towards creating a fun and friendly atmosphere in your own community. We will be armed with sponges, window cleaners and paint to give the shops a polished appearance and make it more attractive for residents and visitors.



Please come along and be part of making Beach Haven even more amazing.

- ◆ Sunday 23 May @ 11 am
- ◆ Meet at the corner of Rangatira & Sunny Haven.
- ◆ Lunch is provided !!
- ◆ Project led by Birkenhead-Northcote Youth Advisory Team.

The North Shore Concert Band are looking for players.

(The band has some brass instruments available.)

The North Shore Concert Band is a community band for players of all skill levels. The band practices on Tuesdays 7.30 to 9.30pm



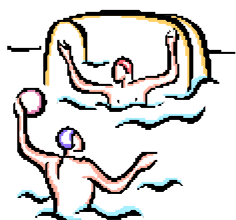
at the Birkenhead College Auditorium and plays a number of public concerts a year.

Visit our website: nscb.org.nz or contact Ian Cheesman Ph:09 378 0136
email: ian@graphics.co.nz
Musicians WANTED

WATERPOLO

Our games are played on a Thursday night at the Millennium Centre. Last week we played Carmel College.

Please come along and support our junior team.



GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 5

Rugby	1st XV	vs	Long Bay	12:00 Home	
	3rd Grade	vs	Rosmini	9:30 Home	
	5th Grade	vs	Massey	10:40 Massey	
	6th Grade	vs	Rosmini	10:40 Home	
Hockey—Boys Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Kristin 2XI	6:00pm Kristin	
Hockey—Girls Thursday	1st XI	vs	Pinehurst A	4:pm Miller 3	
	2nd XI	vs	Takapuna 3	6:pm Crown 2	
Soccer—Boys	1st XI	vs	Waitakere	10:00 Home 1	
	2nd XI	vs	Kingsway	10:00 Home 2	
	Year 9/10	vs	Glenfield	9: Glenfield 2	
Soccer—Girls Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Takapuna 2XI	4:00pm Taka-puna 2	
	2nd X1	vs	Takapuna	4:pm Home 2	
	Junior	vs	Takapuna	4:pm Home 1	
Basketball Boys	Fri	A Boys	vs	Westlake D	8:30pm Kristin Old Gym
	Friday	U17A Boys	vs	Bye	
	Thursday	U17B Boys	vs	Northcote	5:30pm NSEC 3
	Wednesday	U15 Boys	vs	Homeschool	4:00pm NSEC 3
Basketball - Girls	A Girls	vs	Rangitoto	8:30pm AUT 2	
	Friday	U17	vs	Hato Petera	4:00pm AUT 2
Squash	Boys Snr 1	vs	Auck Gr A	4:00pm Auck Sq Center	
	Girls	vs	Orewa 1	Beachhaven 2	
	Boys Jnr	vs	Long Bay	Beachhaven 1	
Netball	Team 1	vs	Kaipara 1	9:45 am Ct 7	
	Team 2	vs	Takapuna 3	10:30am Ct 8	
	Team 3	vs	Carmel 8	11:15am Ct 10	
	Team 4	vs	Carmel 17	12:00pm Ct 21	
	Year 9/1	vs	Long Bay	8:15am Ct 11	
	Year 9/2	vs	Westlake	9:00am Ct 11	
Curling (Thursday)		vs	EGGS Lee	Avondale 7:00pm	
Waterpolo (Thursday)		vs	Bye	Mellenium Pool	

Results—Week 4

Rugby	1st XV	vs	Kristin	Lost	7—23	
	4th Grade	vs	Kristin	Lost	15—17	
	5th Grade	vs	Westlake	Drew	15—15	
	6th Grade	vs	Massey	Lost	0—46	
Hockey—Boys	1st XI	vs	Glenfield	Lost	0—4	
Hockey—Girls Thursday	1st XI	vs	Kristin	Lost	0—7	
	2nd XI	vs	Albany Junior High	Lost	0—12	
Soccer—Boys	1st XI	vs	Dilworth	Won	3—1	
	2nd XI	vs	Auckland Grammar	Won	10—2	
	Year 9/10	vs	Rangitoto			
Soccer—Girls Wednesday	1st XI	vs	No Game			
	2nd XI	vs	Westlake	Won	By default	
	Junior A	vs	Northcote	Drew	0—0	
Basketball Boys	Fri	A Boys	vs	Mahurangi	Won	54—48
	Friday	U17A Boys	vs	Northcote	Won	33—20
	Thursday	U17B Boys	vs	Westlake	Won	22-17
	Wednesday	U15 Boys	vs	Northcote	Won	19—11
Basketball - Girls	A Girls	vs	Carmel	Won	68—60	
	Friday	U17	vs	Orewa	Lost	37—42
Squash	Boys Snr 1	vs	Kelston Boys	Lost	8—9	
	Girls	vs	Rangitoto	Lost	0—4	
	Boys Jnr	vs	Orewa	Lost	1-3	
Netball	Team 1	vs	No Game			
	Team 2	vs	No Game			
	Team 3	vs	Orewa	Lost	7—42	
	Team 4	vs	Westlake			
	Year 9/1	vs	Rangitoto			
	Year 9/2	vs	Takapuna	Won	8—3	
Curling		vs	No Game			
Waterpolo		vs	Carmel			