

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

Special congratulations to **Mrs Macadam** and her English Department for running such a successful Book Day on Thursday. This was a day when students and teachers talked about their favourite books, and when teachers dressed up as characters from well known books.



Mrs Macadam

Our guest speaker was renowned author, Des Hunt, who captivated students with his presentation, which was richly illustrated with a range of science demonstrations.

Des Hunt has written many books, amongst them 'Frog Whistle Mine', 'Cry of the Taniwha' and 'The Crocodile Nest'.

"reading a variety of literature independently by the age of 15 is the single biggest indicator of future success, outweighing negative factors such as socio-economic background or family situation".

Geoff Barton, Principal

King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds.

Impressive University Results

It was tremendous to receive the May 2011 graduation results from **Auckland University** this week and see that 37 ex Birkenhead College students graduated this year with a total of 45 degrees amongst them. Of particular note were **Ljiljana Simic** (Dux 2001) receiving a Doctorate in Philosophy, **Renee Edwards** gaining a Master of Nursing, and **Vipti Kapadia** and **Yee Tai**, both with Bachelor of Optometry degrees. **Kristen Bouchier** (Head Girl 2005) received conjoint Arts and Commerce degrees, **Jack Chng** (Head Boy 2007) gained a Business degree, while **Emma Massey** (Proxime Accessit 2006) received conjoint Science and Commerce degrees. Engineering also featured highly with **Hao Sun**, **Robin Shucksmith**, **Paulo Naititi**, **Andrew McDonald**, and **Shane Maelzer** all graduating with Bachelor of Engineering degrees.

Trivial Pursuits Night!
TONIGHT AT 7.30

Term 2

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Year 11 Geography Field trip to Rotorua

45 students and 3 staff were treated to three great days in Rotorua last week. The students study geo-thermal activity in the area and examples of the development of tourism from the more sedate days of the 'Pink and White Terraces' to the present day thrills of the Luge and the Lions of Paradise Valley.



Jodie McLaren and Hannah Meikle at the waterfall



Students at the Buried Village

Our students were shining representatives of Birkenhead College both in their behaviour, enthusiasm and commitment to their written work. A big thank you to Mr MacFarquhar and Mr Lane for organising the trip

and to our wonderful coach driver, Steve Edwards, for looking after us so well.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Martin Baxalle**, (Year 9) for winning the Best Creative Story-telling prize in the Auckland Museum film competition. He won prizes for himself, and a digital camera for the school. His film was based on a Maori legend involving Mahuika (Fire Goddess) and Mataoho (God of Volcanoes)



J O Mathewson Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 2

Week 8	Fri 24 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
Week 9	Fri 1 July	Year 12 Geo trip
Week 11	Mon 11 July	Reports home
	Fri 15 July	Term 2 finishes
TERM 3	Mon 1 Aug	Term 3 starts

Chelsea Primary PTA presents:

What not to wear!

Style evening, hosted by Jackie O'Fee from Signature Style - a regular on TV1's 'Breakfast' and 'Does my bum look big' TV series.



At **Birkenhead College, Brian Gerrard Theatre**, on **Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm** - doors open at 6.45pm.

Tickets \$25 available from Chelsea Primary School, or Birkenhead College. Grab a group of friends ... Bring your

Mum, grandma or daughter ... Join us for a fun and informative night out!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2011

On Friday 17th June, our students combined with 12 Auckland schools to celebrate World Refugee Day. The theme for this year is "1 refugee without a home is too many". Guests were welcomed by Kelston Girls' College Kapahaka Group. **Mounis Mohammad** ably stepped in as male speaker to greet everyone, a key role in the powhiri.

One of our ex-students, **Zainab Ewazi**, delivered a powerful speech and looked stunning in her Afghani dress. Zainab explained: 'Refugees are people who have been forced to leave their country and while on their journey face more difficulties, so that they gain hope and do the things that they've always hoped for.' She said, 'When I arrived in New Zealand, it was like I had woken up from a dream.'

The participating schools performed a concert showcasing a variety of vibrant and colourful dances, songs, speeches and cultural presentations. From our school, **Rachel Lusukula, Laamauga Fagu**

and **Apiseka Tuiloma** performed an exciting Congolese dance. Another highlight for Birkenhead College was **Tina Kharazi's** award for winning the World Refugee Day Poster competition. Congratulations, Tina!



The student audience was respectful and responsive. Our students are to be commended for their willingness to accept the responsibility of organising the seating in the hall, helping with the distribution of lunch and clearing up at the end.

Tina Kharazi: 1st Place (with photo)
World Refugee Day Poster Competition 2011

Tina's poster portrays the radiance and joy of freedom, new opportunities and hope for the future.

Orienteering



Oliver Pike

Last Sunday the team took part in the 1st Orienteer of the Year Club competition. This event was held on the old Hobsonville Aerodrome where it was less technical and more suited to the sprinters. Year 9 runners were to the fore again and led by **Oliver Pike**, we filled 8 of the top 9 places. **Oliver** was 1st, **Toby Gentil** 2nd and **Jon More** 3rd.



Toby Gentil

Cameron Simms ran up a grade and was just edged out of 1st place by 10 seconds. **Simon Markwick** and **Michael Irwin** competed on a longer course where **Simon's** fitness enabled him to finish in 3rd place. The team was joined by two Birkdale Intermediate runners who both achieved highly. **Simon Cox's** brother, **Mathew**, finished 2nd to **Cameron**, while **Luca Sturny's** brother, **Frankie**, finished 4th amongst the Year 9 boys.



Jon More

Next event is in the Waiuku Forest on Sunday 10th July.



BOOK DAY AT BC THURSDAY 23 JUNE

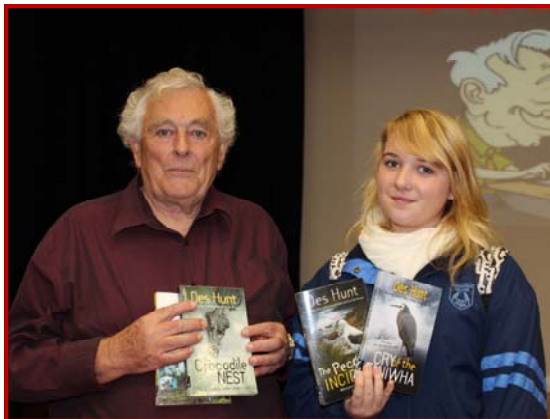


Visiting Author - Des Hunt



On Thursday 23rd of June, Birkenhead College played host to some very colourful people. During the day, the grounds were encroached by characters such as Cruella De Vil, Bell from 'Beauty and the Beast' a vampire and Little Red Riding Hood – and that's just to name a few! However, behind the façade, these characters were secondary school teachers, dressed up as part of Birkenhead College's Book Day.

Members of staff dressed as book characters:
 Mr Willis as Petruchio (Shakespeare character from 'Taming of the Shrew')
 Mr Alderman as a Humpalumpa
 Mrs Russell as Belle (Beauty & The Beast)
 Ms Celebrin as Little Red Riding Hood



Briana with her favourite author, Des Hunt. Briana has read almost ALL of his published books

Birkenhead College held this Book Day to encourage more students to become interested in reading. English teachers at Birkenhead claim, "With the current NCEA University Literacy requirements, it is paramount that our students become avid and confident readers."



The college's Book Day consisted of various activities. There were quotation competitions and several author talks by New Zealand writer **Des Hunt**. He held these talks in both the College Library and the College Theatre. Students heard of how Hunt dedicates copious hours to the writing of his novels. He stressed that students too, must plan and edit their own stories if they are to create a solid text.

The English Department at Birkenhead also held a phenomenal book sale, where students were able to buy their own books at cheap prices. This allowed students to have access to owning a text or piece of literature. These books were gifted to the school by Harper Collins New Zealand, Random House New Zealand and Abacus books – New Zealand's Leading Educational Book Supplier.

Parents ...

Please keep an eye open if your young person has accidentally come home with a theatrical steel sword and tells you he made or found it. It belongs to the Drama Department of Birkenhead College. Please see that it is returned.



A little scientific magic!

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 9



Rugby Saturday	1st XV	vs	Westlake	12 noon Home
	3rd Grade	vs	Westlake Barbarians	9.30am Home
	5th Grade	vs	Westlake Boys	10.40am Home
	6th Grade	vs	Rosmini College	10.40am Rosmini
Hockey—Boys Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Rosmini	4.10pm Miller 3
Hockey—Girls Thursday	1st XI	vs	Albany	4.10pm Harb 4
	2nd XI	vs	Mahurangi	5.20pm Harb 4
Football—Boys Saturday	1st XI	vs	Green Bay	10am Home
	Year 9/10	vs	Glenfield	9am Home
Football—Girls Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Long Bay	4pm Long Bay
	2nd X1	vs	Rangitoto	4pm Home
	Junior	vs		
Basketball Boys Friday	Sen Boys	vs	Kristin	6pm NSEC 4
	U19 boys	vs		
	U17 Blue boys	vs	Westlake	4pm NSEC 3
	U17 White boys	vs	Pinehurst	4.45pm NSEC 3
	U15 A boys	vs	Westlake	6.15pm NSEC 1
	U15 B boys	vs	Westlake	5.30pm NSEC 3
Basketball - Girls Thursday	U19 Girls	vs	Glenfield	7.45pm AUT
	U17 Girls	vs	Takapuna	5pm NSEC 2
	U15 Girls	vs	Carmel	4.45pm NSEC 2
Squash Friday	Boys Snr 1	vs		
	Girls	vs		
	Boys Jnr	vs		
Netball Saturday	Team 1	vs	Long Bay	9.45am
	Team 2	vs	Carmel College	12.45pm
	Year 10/1	vs	Westlake	10.30am
	Year 10/2	vs	BYE	
	Year 9/1	vs	Kristin	9am
	Year 9/2	vs	Whangaparaoa	9.45am

Basketball

U17 Girls beat Carmel 74-7
U17 Blue Boys beat Rosmini 56-4
U17 White Team beat Rangitoto 33-18
U19 Boys beat Takapuna 25-13

Netball

Team 2 beat Rangitoto 34-14
Year 10/2 beat Albany JH 48-1
Year 9/1 beat Long Bay 20-15
Year 9/2 beat Rangitoto 21-15

Badminton

Senior Girls B1 beat Westlake 6-3
Senior Girls B2 beat Kristin 7-1

Football

Girls 1st XI beat Northcote 5-3
Junior Girls beat Northcote 4-2

Basketball



Melanie Bracewell

Won the first 2 games, lost to Rangitoto, Westlake and Kingsway by just 1—3 points, the U17 Girls Team bounced back last Friday to defeat Carmel by 74-7. Excellent defensive rebounding by **Melanie Bracewell** and **Tem Maika** enabled our forwards to pass the ball quickly down the court to set up easy scoring options. **Tahlea Fong** 32 points, assisted by **Melanie**, did most of the scoring. **Brianna McCauley** stepped up in the absence of play maker injured **Stephanie Sanchez**, and was ably supported by **Rangimaarie Painting**



Tahlea Fong

Keep this up and they should reach the semi finals.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rangimaarie Painting and Tira Teiho who have been



Rangimaarie Painting

selected to represent the North Harbour Maori Netball Team. Well done girls.



Tira Teiho