

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends



From left — Mr Page (Deputy Principal), Ms Plummer (Assistant Principal), Mr Mathewson (Principal), Ms Stanley (Assistant Principal)

The end of the term and hopefully some better weather during the holidays! For senior students the holidays are a good time to reflect on their performance in the recent school exams, and make a study programme for the NZQA exams which start in Week 5 of next term. Parents of senior students – please note there is one remaining report evening on October 20th, which is a chance to discuss with teachers what areas your child needs to really focus on for these important exams.

It was pleasing to receive a letter from the Cancer Society during the week thanking the school for raising \$525 on Daffodil Day. Well done to the Student Council for organising this. On the subject of community involvement, good luck and thank you to the 30 or so Music students who are putting on a chamber music concert at St Phillips church this afternoon.

ASB SECONDARY SCHOOL BURSARY AWARDS



Monday 11 October is Day 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 3

Week 10	24 Sept	Progress Reports home (Juniors)
	24 Sept	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1	11 October	School resumes
	14 October	Arts Awards
Week 2	20 October	Senior Report Evening
Week 3	28 October	Sports Prizegiving
Week 4	5 November	Whole school assembly—2011 Prefects & Council announced
Week 5	9 November	Senior Prizegiving

CONGRATULATIONS ALEXANDRIA GREEN

NEW STUDENT REP TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2011.

Votes:

Coleman-Briggs, Dominic	116
Green, Alexandria	223
Raviyan, Newz	123
Invalid Votes	24



Four of our top academic students were chosen to receive ASB Bursary Awards at a special luncheon held on Thursday 23rd September at the ASB Stand in Eden Park. These students all received the bursary for their high academic achievement.

The four students are **Tsun Hei Tai, John Boyle, Lucy Marshall** and **Alex Shegay**.

R C Page, Deputy Principal


ARTS AWARDS EVENING
THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER
7.00PM - Brian Gerrard Theatre
DRESS FORMAL

EX STUDENT— Sam Mence (2009) recently appeared in The Aucklander, under the heading ‘Sam’s legacy of fun - Teenagers with a vision have carried their idea through to construction of a playground for young people in their North Shore community’.

It has taken two years for Sam’s vision to come to fruition but at last the earthworking machines have



moved in and Beach Haven’s picturesque Tui Park will soon have play equipment suitable for teenagers. “I’m getting to the far end of wanting to use the equipment myself,” Sam

says, “But the people at the age now that I was when this started will be the ones to enjoy it.” Sam says the facilities have been approved through the joint effort of his friends and the local community coordinator. They have had to take into account heritage concerns and iwi consultations, but stuck at it.

“I’m excited now,” says Sam, “It’s something we need in this area and it will be here for a long time.” Sam is currently an engineering student at the University of Auckland.

FREE ASTHMA CLINIC

The Auckland Asthma Bus will be here on 19th & 20th October. Their team of Specialised Nurse Educators will be running a clinic for all Year 9 & 10 students with asthma. (An Asthma Clinic for Seniors will be available next year.) This is a great opportunity to get more information on asthma triggers, effects on the respiratory system as well as prevention and treatment so you can *breathe well EVERY day!* A letter has been sent home to Year 9 & 10 students with asthma. If you did not receive one and would like to attend please see Mrs Eberly in the Sick Bay, or call on 48309039 ext 836.

GATEWAY 2011

We are currently taking applications from Years 11 & 12 students interested in joining the Gateway Programme for next year. This programme is completed in addition to their options and involves



regular work experience and attendance at employment based short courses which have unit standard credits attached. If you want to know more about the scheme, please contact Ms Morris or Mrs Jenkin by phone at the College or email mr@birkenhead.school.nz or jk@birkenhead.school.nz



UNIFORM REMINDER

Sandals may be worn in Term 4. These must be regulation school sandals, black, brown or blue sandals with a back strap. ‘Gladiator’ sandals are NOT permitted, please do not buy them.

ELECTRONIC WASTE

FREE DROP OFF — DRIVE THRU
9AM—3PM SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER
CAR PARK 2 OF AUT UNIVERSITY
90 AKORANGA DR, NORTH SHORE

Staff will unload everything for your convenience

Do not dispose of your e-waste on the streets for inorganic collection. E-Waste (electronic waste) is hazardous and a big threat to our precious land if it ends up in our land fills.



12ECM VISIT TO BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



A fortnight ago, two of our 12ECM English classes spent an interesting hour reading to some very excited five-year-olds. The visit was part of

our students' current assessment: a research investigation into children's literature, and is an important part of gaining Level 2 Literacy this year.

Our 12ECM students had spent time analysing and making notes on a range of children's books, mostly aimed at 10 years and under, before the visit. They selected some books to read out loud to the youngsters and

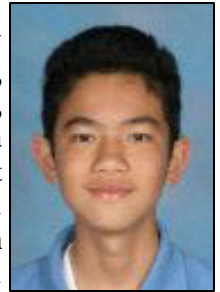


asked questions about what they enjoyed about each book and story. The answers were collated for use in our research reports; giving a real-life application to what we have been studying in class



AUSTRALIA MATHS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all Year 9 students who took part in the Australian Maths Competition. Every participant gained an award of Proficiency or higher. A special mention to: **Kieran Le Comte, Lisa Chernyshova, Kent Loh, Stephanie Shaw, Kelsey Moller, Bruno Colantoni, Daniel Jones, Jessica Cross, Hana Kashkari and Lydia Naguib** who all gained a Credit Award; **Rachel Shaw** who gained a Distinction Award and **Kelvin Lau** who gained a High Distinction, which puts him in the top 1% of all participants. Very well done!



Kelvin Lau

SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

Jodie McLaren, Hannah Meikle, Robert Gray and Melanie Bracewell braved the elements on Wednesday to take part in the first Auckland Regional Council Sustainability Challenge. Their wits, fitness and navigation skills were put to the test as they collected points at various checkpoints during the three hour event held at the Waitakere Ranges course.



CURLING

Birkenhead College, skipped by **Eleanor Adviento** and with **Jed Tan** and **Sohail Kashkari** continued their winning streak in last night's Auckland Secondary School competition by beating previously undefeated Epsom Girls Grammar 8-4 thereby setting themselves up to face Green Bay High School in the Auckland final on Thursday 14 October.

Eleanor and her team—**Jed, Kelsi Heath** and **Sohail**—are travelling to Dunedin to compete in the NZSS Curling Championships these holidays, and then in the NZ u21 Championships. Good luck!

TEXTILE STUDENTS AT NZ FASHION WEEK

On Tuesday night nine Year 12 Textile students took part in the 'Walk the Line—Young Designers Fashion Show' at the opening night of NZ Fashion Week.



It was organised by Raise Up n Represent and the YMCA North Shore, and platforms the latest youth talent in fashion design. The show is a competition for young designers to parade their cutting edge flair when they enter in a choice of high fashion, cultural, wearable arts or open categories.

The BC students included **Jee Espino, Sze Looi Chin, Jenny Lee, Chye-Xian Huang, Katrina Martin, Nina Rees, Wairereata Elisaia-Hopa, Jessica Curran, and Alexandria Green**. Having the chance to showcase their talents and be aware of the back stage goings on was a great experience and students will have another opportunity next term at our own Arts Awards.



Correction & Apology

We apologise to **Mika Shimokawaji, 13MC**, who came 2nd in the recent Talent Quest together with Laura Huysmans. We erroneously reported that Micah Carston had won the award.



ZUMBA

Zumba Fitness with Larisa, Birkenhead College on Mondays at 6pm to 7pm. Come join the fitness craze, meet friends, get fit, have a great time.



RUGBY LEAGUE

BC Rugby League played Westlake this week. Too many missed tackles and handling errors resulted in a loss however. **Rangipo Munroe** and **Junior Ulutunu** played well, making strong runs up the middle. Player of the Day went to **Junior Ulutunu**.



The finals are this Saturday at Hibiscus Coast.

A 2-day, self awareness workshop for girls

"It's All About Me!" is a programme designed for fun, learning new things about ourselves, and gaining some new skills!



Through art and fun hands-on activities we will be discovering our personal boundaries and body image, learning assertiveness and self defence skills and having some 'me' time with facials from the Body Shop.



Mon 27 / Tues 28 Sept - 13 year old girls

Wed 29 / Thur 30 Sept - 14 to 16 year old girls



9am to 3pm, \$60, lunch included

North Shore Women's Centre
5 Mayfield Rd, Glenfield, Ph 444 4618
Email Kristi.womenctr@xtra.co.nz



TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether with your troubled teen? You can turn it around. A self help programme that gives parents the support and tools to deal with unacceptable teenage behaviour that works!

Find out how parents just like you have turned their families around.

Go to www.toughlove.org.nz or phone 624 4363