

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Monday 28 June is Day 1

Dear Parents and Friends

Today we are hosting the ‘Young Singers In Harmony’, **Auckland Barbershop competition** in our theatre. Over 300 students from 12 Auckland Secondary Schools are competing, and include Choruses, Quartets and Harmony Choruses. Thank you to **Mrs Newman**, **Mr Donaldson** and **Mr Buckingham** who have been instrumental in ensuring this celebration of young singers’ talent is showcased here.

Welcome:

Aorere College,	Auckland Grammar,
Carmel College,	Kristin School,
Macleans College,	Mt Albert College,
Rangitoto College,	Rosehill College,
Takapuna Grammar,	Westlake Boys,
University of Auckland.	

Our HOD English, **Mrs Macadam**, has organised for our students to meet a top NZ author, **Brian Falkner**. He has written a number of popular books including ‘**Henry and the Flea**’, ‘**The Real Thing**’ and ‘**Brain Jack**’ and will be in our school on Friday 23 July to work with our Year 9/10 students and to open our very first **Birkenhead Book Day**. What an excellent way to celebrate books and reading! Please, always encourage your children to read, it is so important.



The BGT — before and after - our fabulous new theatre



MATHS HELP
Every Wednesday after school in T8, 3:15—4:15
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.

Trivial Pursuits Night!

TONIGHT AT 7.30

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS
This week all Year 13 students were notified of the main tertiary scholarships on offer from universities and corporates. Information about other scholarships will be notified as it comes to hand. Parents of Year 13 students who would like a copy of the information are invited to email Ms McVeigh, mh@birkenhead.school.nz.

PHILOSOPHY FESTIVAL — 24 July

@ Auckland Girls Grammar School, organised by the Philosophy Department at the University of Auckland.

This is a one day opportunity for Secondary Students (Years 9—13) to experience philosophy. There will be two morning sessions in which all participants will be involved and in the afternoon participants will divide into small groups. A range of philosophical issues, both theoretical and practical will be introduced.

Registration is required as there is a limit of 120 places. The festival will be free (although a gold coin donation would be appreciated).

If you are interested please email school.philosophy@gmail.com



J O Mathewson Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—MEETING DATES 2010

Birkenhead College Board of Trustees meet on the following dates in the College boardroom

29 July @ 7 pm
26 August @ 7 pm
23 September @ 7 pm
21 October @ 7 pm
25 November @ 7 pm



The Young Singers in Harmony Auckland regional competition will be held in our refurbished school theatre all day today. Schools from across Auckland will compete for prizes and trophies in Barbershop Quartets and Choruses of up to 60 singers. The competition was historically held in the BGT, but had moved to larger venues in recent years. With the new seating capacity of 450, we welcome visiting schools back to BC and hope they enjoy BC's legendary hospitality during their stay.



Newz Raviyan, Louisa Le Riche, Lucy Marshall & Danielle Israel

Our own 'Miniquavers and a Crochet' group (above) will be competing in the competition. The girls designed and made their own dresses.

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YEAR 13 EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

It is an exciting time of year for our Year 13 students as far as education outside the classroom goes. On Tuesday our Year 13 Biology students spent the day at the Liggins Institute at Auckland University carrying out some advanced 'hands on' biotechnology.

This Sunday, Year 13 History and Geography students leave for a 3 day trip to Waitomo, exploring sites of the Land Wars, and the tourism industry at Waitomo.

Finally, early next term our Year 13 Economics and Accounting students have a 2 day trip to Wellington visiting the Ministry of Economic Development and Parliament as well as various other activities.

BLOOD DONATIONS

Thank you to the 80+ senior students who donated blood on Monday when the Blood Service set up camp in our old gym. This was a good increase on the number of donors last year, and at a time when blood donations across New Zealand are decreasing.



It was great to see our students being so civic minded. Each person's donation will help save approximately three lives, so well done BC.

SCHOOL BALL

This year's ball for Year 12 & 13 students is on Saturday 7th August, which is the end of the third week of next term. Outside partners are welcome but they must be in Year 12 at other schools, or older.

The theme is 'A Night in Greece' and the venue is the new dome at the Museum, a beautiful venue. Doors will open for entry at 7.30pm and close



at 8pm, not opening again until the ball finishes at midnight. Students will need to find their own way to the Museum but will be able to travel back to school on Birkenhead Transport buses.

Tickets cost \$90 and will be on sale from 26 July, this includes a full 3course meal and soft drinks throughout the evening.

The Student Council will stage a Ball Extravaganza to provide more information next Thursday, 1 July.

EX STUDENT NEWS -

Anna Horley (2009) always wanted to go into the fashion industry and work alongside designers and of course design and make her own creations. She now studies at New Zealand Fashion Tech and has just finished her first six month course in Garment Technology. Fashion Tech has already given her so many opportunities and because of her excellent grades she was chosen to work for Trelise Cooper (one of NZ's top fashion designers) as part of her



From left: Mrs Holmes, Anna Horley, Annie Lee, Emilyjean Waite & Laura Huysmans

work experience. Anna has also been asked to work at New Zealand Fashion week for Trelise Cooper. As well as studying, Anna is encouraged to build up her design portfolio and make a lot of her own clothes. The next six months of this year she will be studying Pattern Design at Fashion Tech and from that gain yet another certificate in Design.

BOYS SQUASH

Last Tuesday and Wednesday our senior boys squash team, comprised of **Bruno Colantoni, Chi Ho Yoon, Sohail Kashkari, Yu Tak Son, Callum Hines, Richard Yew** and **Sam Kim** played in the highly competitive Auckland Secondary Schools Championships in division two. After some very hard fought battles, the team placed a very close second. The team banded together well to overcome a couple of disasters and were great ambassadors for the school!



1:10 TRIAL OF ACHIEVEMENT



Shakespeare said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em". The rich talent amongst our English students at Birkenhead College prompted us to believe that our students could "achieve greatness" by participating in an educational trial of assessment resources. During the course of this year, the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) are engaged in a review of achievement standards to ensure that curriculum-based NCEA standards are aligned to the New Zealand curriculum.

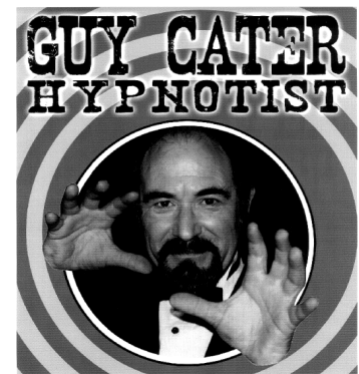
The English Department at Birkenhead College is one of only two schools in the country that has participated in the 1.10 trial of Achievement Standard assessment resources. 1.10 refers to a Standard which requires students to read and respond to a text. During Term 1 and 2 our students worked hard to read the required number of texts and produce good reading responses.

Last week, we submitted the work that **Hazel, Joseph, Luke, Amber, Arahia, William, Nicole** and many other year 10's and 11's had completed. Their work may go towards creating NZQA assessment resources that could be used to promote good teaching and learning in schools throughout New Zealand. Thank you to all the students and teachers from the English Department who participated so enthusiastically in this trial!

PROJECT K

A fun night out : 4th August @ 7 pm, tickets \$15

Get a group together and be in quick to get seats to the "ULTIMATE COMEDY SHOW" with world renowned HYPNOTIST—Goy Cater. Ticket booking slips will be



given to students next week. This is a Project K fundraising venture, supported by DILS funeral services.

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 10

Rugby	1st XV	vs	Rangitoto	12:00 BC	
	3rd Grade	vs	Long Bay	9:30 am Long Bay	
	5th Grade	vs	Westlake 5/1	10:40am Westlake 1	
	6th Grade	vs	Westlake 6/2	10:40am Westlake 3	
Hockey—Boys Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Orewa Sr	4:00pm Miller 3	
Hockey—Girls Thursday	1st XI	vs	Westlake 2XI	4 pm Harbour 2	
	2nd XI	vs	Mahurangi 2XI	5:00pm Kristin	
Soccer—Boys	1st XI	vs	Mahurangi	10am Mahurangi	
	2nd XI	vs	St Peters	10:00am BC 1	
	Year 9/10	vs	Auck Gr 3	9:00am Auck Domain 5	
Soccer—Girls Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Rangitoto Reserves	4:00pm BC 1	
	2nd XI	vs	Rangitoto 2XI	4:00pm BC 2	
	Junior	vs	Northcote 2	4 pm Northcote 2	
Basketball Boys	A Boys	vs	Whangaparoa	7:30pm NSEC 2	
	Friday	U17A Boys	vs	Rosmini	5:00pm NSEC 2
	Thursday	U17B Boys	vs		
	Wednesday	U15 Boys	vs	No game	
Basketball - Girls	A Girls	vs	Carmel	7:00pm NSEC 3	
	Friday	U17	vs	Mahurangi	5:00pm NSEC 3
Squash	Boys Snr 1	vs	No game		
	Girls	vs	Rangitoto	4pm Browns Bay	
	Boys Jnr	vs	Orewa JB1	4 pm Beachhaven	
Netball	Team 1	vs	Kristin 2	9:45am Ct 7	
	Team 2	vs	Westlake 6	11:15am Ct 5	
	Team 3	vs	Long Bay 8	9:45am Ct 18	
	Team 4	vs	Carmel 16	12:45pm Ct 19	
	Year 9/1	vs	Carmel 9/3	8:15am Ct 9	
	Year 9/2	vs	Westlake 9/10	8:15am Ct 18	
Curling (Thursday)	BC Adviento	vs	No game		
Waterpolo (Thursday)	Jrs	vs			

TOP TEAMS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the following teams:

Rugby -

1st XV beat Glenfield 11—10
5th Grade beat MHS 34—14
6th Grade drew with Rangitoto 10—10

Boys Soccer -

1st XI beat Otahuhu 3—0
2nd XI beat Auckland Grammar 4—2

Girls Soccer -

1st XI beat Westlake 4—0
2nd XI beat Takapuna 8—0

Boys Hockey -

1st XI drew with Glenfield 1-1

Girls Hockey -

2nd XI drew with Massey 0—0

Squash -

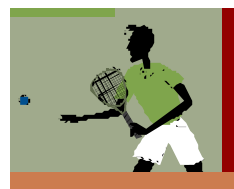
Boys Seniors beat Takapuna 8—6
Girls beat St Doms 3—1

Netball -

Team 4 beat Long Bay 18—14

Curling -

BC Adviento beat Kelston Boys 10—1



Thank you Westfield!

Special thanks to Rachel Bonham, Marketing Manager for Westfield. She has been instrumental in organising sponsorship for our rugby jerseys. This is very much appreciated. Please support Westfield - they support us!