

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

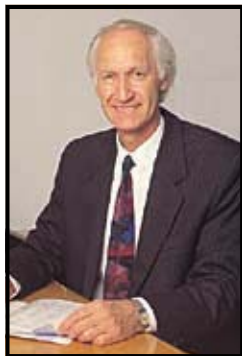
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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 3

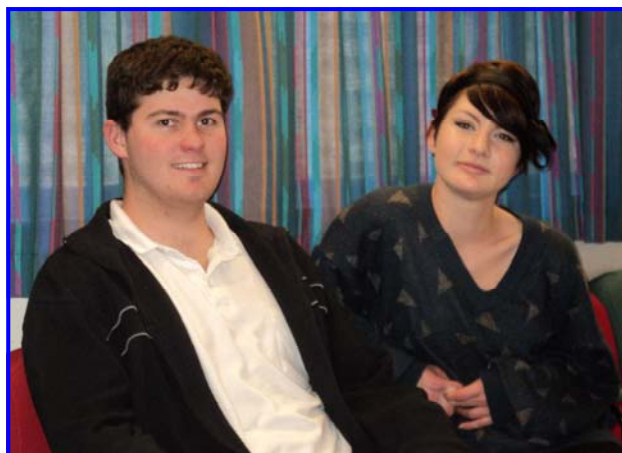
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There are only 6 weeks until the end of this term! It is vital that students focus and concentrate in class, and ensure internal assessment work is completed on time.

Congratulations to our **senior girls basketball team**, they have won the U19 title with a superb 40-21 victory over Albany Senior High. Also congratulations to our boys 1st XI football team and the Junior boys curling team. Do read more inside.



Connor McLay and Alex Green

NZQA Fees

NCEA FEES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1st. Payment can be made at the school office between 8.30am and 4.30pm daily by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit card. Students can also pay via the envelope system. **All cheques are to be made payable to Birkenhead College.**

In most cases the fee is \$76-70. However after Sept 1st an extra "late fee" of \$50 is incurred, and payments must be made directly to NZQA.

A pre-printed Invoice was sent with school reports at the end of Term 2. If you have misplaced this please contact the Accounts Office (accounts@birkenhead.school.nz).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Many families are eligible for Financial Assistance. An information sheet and pre-printed application form were also included with the report. Further copies can be obtained from the school office or by [downloading them from the NZQA website](#). You should definitely apply if your family has a Community Services Card, and / or more than one family member entering NCEA.

THE DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS IS ALSO SEPTEMBER 1st.

Applications for Financial Assistance are made directly to the school Accounts office (accounts@birkenhead.school.nz). However after Sept 1st you would need to contact NZQA directly.

"Last week **Alex Green** and I were selected to be student representatives for Duffy books. What does this mean? Returning to our old primary school, Beach Haven, to speak to the students at assembly about the importance of reading. The songs! The bare feet! Sitting in the big chairs as announcements were made and dances performed! Such nostalgia! As Alex and I showed off our favourite books and bared our lifestyles, we received truly fascinated attention from the assembled school. I showed them my bow, and told them about my life as an archer, Alex showed them a drawing she had done in Year 1, then compared it to a near museum quality piece of art she had made as a senior. She also had a photo of herself as a Year 1, a good reminder of how far we have all come.

Alex and I thought we had received our last certificate from primary school but we were both happy to be proved wrong as we were thanked in front of the school. However, being a role model, seeing all those hands go up as I asked who loves to read and being clapped off stage with such enthusiasm, were the most rewarding things of all."

Connor McLay, 13PD



Monday 29 August is Day 5

J O Mathewson Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

TERM 3

Week 6	Wed 7 Sept	Music Showcase
	Fri 9 Sept	Talent Quest
Week 7	Wed 14 Sept	NCEA Music Performance
Week 8	Tue 20 Sept	ARTS AWARDS
	Fri 23 Sept	Senior Exams start
Week 10	Thu 6 Oct	SPORTS PRIZEGIVING
	Fri 7 Oct	Junior Progress Reports
	Fri 7 Oct	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Week 1	Tue 25 Oct	First day of Term 4
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CAREERS

University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day – Saturday 27th August.

Check online or collect booklet from Mrs Morris.

UNITEC Open Day – Wednesday 31st August. Please check website for details of presentations at each campus. Note the courses now being offered at the Northern campus in Albany.

JUNIOR CAREERS EXPO

On Tuesday 6th September we are hosting a Careers morning for our year 10 students. Speakers will include representatives from Health, Engineering, Trades, Sport and Recreation, Retail, I.T. Science and the Armed forces.

Watch this space for more details.

Ex students news -

Eloise Coveny (2004) has now graduated in Design and is working in the UK

Alice Tait (nee **Coveny**) gained a PhD last year and was awarded a Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarship for her project “intergenerational macronutrient transitions and long-term consequences. She has worked a lot with the Liggins Institute.

WIN AN XBOX 360 - Simply by paying your school donation

If your school donation is paid by the end of September, you could win an Xbox 360. Be in it to win it, pay now!



Boys Curling

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Curling team – **Kurt Haynes, Scott Gannaway, Troy McLaren** and **Cameron Simms** – who competed in the North Island Secondary School Curling Championships on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



The boys started with a fantastic win over Avondale College and then lost a close game to Kelston Boys High – in fact Birkenhead were 2 up coming home in the last end but gave up a 3 to lose by 1 point. Kelston Boys went on the win the Boys championship. They then had another nailbiter against Massey High going down by 2 points. Tournament favourites Long Bay proved too good on the day but due to the closeness of most of the teams Birkenhead had done enough to make the 3rd place match. The boys started well and were 5 – 0 up after 3 ends but the Massey Boys rallied and went on to win.

This was a fantastic performance from a young team who have only played 6 games in their lives and augers well for the future.

The Asthma Bus

The Auckland Asthma Bus will be with us again in September. If your child has Asthma noted on their school medical file they will have the opportunity of receiving a *free* Asthma consultation with a specialised nurse. If you have not notified us that your child is asthmatic but would like them to have an assessment done please contact the school nurse on 483-9039 ext 836.

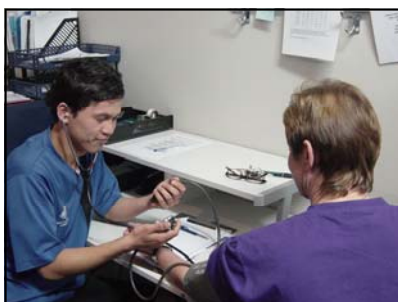


If you want to opt out of this service please send a note with your child.



Gateway

Gateway student **Rafi Mohammadi** completed his work placement this week by taking Ms Morris through a comprehensive



fitness test at the Glenfield Leisure Centre. Ms Morris and his supervisors commented on his great work as well as his manners and professionalism.

Rafi and Ms Morris

1ST XI BOYS FOOTBALL

The Birkenhead Boys 1st XI team have had an impressive season in 2011. After enduring some challenging defeats early in the season, they developed into their positions well showing perseverance and skill. Finishing the football year



1st XI Football Team with Mr Lane

placed 2nd in their draw, they narrowly missed the top spot, taken by Sancta Maria, by 1 point. Their win against Edgewater last weekend marked a positive end to the season where they dominated their opposition to take a 3-0 victory. With a healthy mix of 2011 leavers and younger players, Birkenhead Boys Football appears to be well placed to move forward and experience growing success in the years to come.

Senior Girls Basketball WINNERS!!!!!!

The Birkenhead College Senior Girls Basketball team took the Under 19's Basketball title, with a superb 40-21 victory over Albany Senior High School last Friday at the North Shore Events Centre.

The team, coached by year 13 student **Ryle Dela Cruz**, put on a great show with outstanding defense, strategic play and aggressive offense.

The girls have had an amazing season with only one loss against them to Mahurangi College in the early rounds. The team rectified the situation by beating them in the semi finals and securing themselves a place (as favourites) in the final.

The team

Melanie Bracewell, Wairereata Elisaia-Hopa, (absent) **Kataraina Fong, Tahlea Fong, Jodi McLaren, Kira Sampurno, Lita Sampurno, Stephanie Sanchez** (absent), **Victorine Tampua, Ebony Wilkinson**
Coach **Ryle Dela Cruz** and Manager **Miss Dryburgh**.



MUSIC!

Congratulations to the BC Jazz Band who won a Bronze medal this year at the KBB festival.



The future is bright for this young band!



Please come and support the BC vocal group, **Vox**, who are in the final of the Stand Up Stand Out competition at the Telstra Clear Events Centre in Manukau on Friday the 2nd of September at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$2.00 at the door.

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 5

Netball Saturday	Team 1	vs	Northcote	10.30am Crt 13
	Team 2	vs	Takapuna	12 noon Crt 11
	Year 10/1	vs	Long Bay	12.45pm Crt 18
	Year 10/2	vs	Glenfield	11.15am Crt 19
	Year 9/1	vs	Albany	8.15am Crt 14
	Year 9/2	vs	Albany	8.15am Crt 1
Rugby	3rd grade	vs	Long Bay	9.30am Home

1st XV Rugby

Congratulations to **Josh Parore** who scored 3 tries against Hato Petera last Saturday.

Final score 56-5. Well done!



Drama

Come and support your college Drama Department next week. See Year 13 Drama's staging of **The Taming of the Shrew**

Thursday, 1 September, 7.30 pm

Friday, 2 September, 7.30 pm

Saturday, 3 September, 7.30 pm

Brian Gerrard Theatre, \$3 entry on the door
The Performing Arts Café will be open before the performance and during intermission, selling ice creams, hot and cold drinks and cakes.

CONGRATULATIONS to ex student and head boy 2010 **David Bhana**, he was the Fox Memorial (top League competition in Auckland), **Rookie of the Year**.

David plays for Northcote Tigers.



Climbing

We reported several weeks ago that **Kaze McGee** (11CI) was heading to Europe to train for the upcoming 2011 World Youth Championships in Austria.

Kaze is there now with a team from Climbing New Zealand. To see videos of their activities so far, search for 'New Zealand Youth Climbing Team' on Facebook.



TOP TEAMS

Congratulations to the following teams:

Rugby

1st XV beat Hato Petera 56-5

Football

Boys 1st XI beat Edgewater 3-0

Junior Boys beat Kingsway 3-1

Basketball

Girls U19 beat Albany Senior High 40-21

Netball

Team 1 beat Long Bay 41-17

Team 2 beat Rangitoto 28-18

Year 10/2 beat Carmel 20-14

Year 9/1 beat Long Bay 36-16

Badminton

Junior Boys beat Northcote 8-0

Junior Girls beat Glenfield 6-3

Girls Netball

Well done girls for that great win on Saturday, 41-17 against Long Bay 3. Opposition coaches are commenting on how much you have improved over the season.

On Saturday 3rd September the girls are playing Northcote for the Hartley Cup. Supporters will be very welcome. More details next week.

Birkenhead College Presents

MUSIC SHOWCASE

Wednesday 7 September 7.00pm
Brian Gerrard Theatre

PRICE
Adult \$10
Students \$5
Family \$20

FEATURING
Barbershop Choruses
BC Big Band
Birkdale Intermediate Choir
Birkenhead Junior Orchestra
Chamber Groups
Concert Band
Orchestra
Rock Bands
Soloists
Vox Vocal Group