

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

The Pike River tragedy has affected all New Zealanders. Clearly our thoughts are with the grieving families who now face a very changed life without their loved ones. It is times like these when we tend to put all of our daily problems into perspective.

Rostering Home

Please note: All Year 9 students must be at school next Wednesday, classes will be run as normal.

Sport 2011

We are always looking for keen, supportive, sports coaches. If you would like to join us and coach our students in the sport you love please phone our Sports Coordinator, Mr Peters on 483 9039 ext 834.

Cultural Exchange

Bruno Colantoni (9Bi) was born in La Plata, about 40km from Buenos Aires, and came to New Zealand in 2002. Recently he spent 3 months on a cultural exchange back in Buenos Aires at the *Collegio Nacional-UNLP* (University of La Plata), which has Kindy, Primary and Secondary schools attached. All of his work was in Spanish, and there were 2 teaching shifts a day, 8am—1pm, and then 1pm—6pm which he was in. A great experience for him.



JUNIOR ACTIVITY DAY

Junior Activity Day is on Tuesday 7 December. Students should have brought a letter home with all the information. Permission slips and money will be collected at school on Tuesday 30 November. Please note that students will not be allowed to do activities until all library books are returned and all detentions completed.



Monday 29 November is Day 5

YEAR 10 SPEECH COMPETITION

Recently the Year 10s gathered in the BGT for the Year 10 Speech Competition. This year our six finalists included: **Ruth Corin, Brendan Shipman, Saskia Mautner, Dominique Dillague, Kaitlyn Collins** and **Louisa Le Riche**. The competition took place



immediately after the Year 10 assembly and judges were blown away with these talented speakers and their abilities to successfully and positively impact, inform and persuade an audience. After being captivated by **Ruth's** humour, **Brendan's** fresh ideas, **Saskia's** ability to project her voice, **Dom's** motivation, **Kaitlyn's** strong



opinions and **Louisa's** energy, judges were left with the difficult task of announcing the winners. After a drum roll and audience cheers, **Dominique** came in 3rd, **Kaitlyn** came 2nd and **Brendan** came 1st. He will take away the appropriate cup at the Junior Prizegiving on December 10th.

Well done finalists and congratulations winners!

J O Mathewson, Principal

YOUTHTOWN

This year's action packed Summer Adventure Camps are coming up, so make the most of the summer months, and join us for hugely popular adventure camps. Activities can include Kayaking, Sailing, Windsurfing, Coastering, Snorkelling, Blokarting and more! All activities are led by outdoor trained instructors so all campers experience the activities in a fun, safe, environment.

Dates : 11th & 12th December (Weekend Camp)
17th—21st January (5 day Camp)

For more information txt Adventure + your name and email address to 4040 or contact Reception on 09 379 5430, email info@youthtown.org.nz ; web www.youthtown.org.nz

Alcohol / Drugs and Youth Talk Thursday 2nd December 7—9pm Takapuna War Memorial Hall

'Operation Unite—A blitz on drunken violence'

A love of sport and enjoying socialising around the BBQ with our mates are two positive traits we share with our trans-Tasman neighbours. Unfortunately, we also share a culture of binge drinking which is a major cause of crime, violence and anti-social behaviour.

Aware that this is a problem that affects the whole community, Police on both sides of 'the ditch' are uniting to help change the 'drink to get drunk' approach to alcohol.

On the weekend of 17 & 18 December, the police in both countries will stage a weekend of action — *Operation Unite—A Blitz on Drunken Violence*. The third such joint operation. Operation Unite aims to crack down on alcohol abuse.

FREE Card Making & Scrapbooking in your own home

I will come to your home and show you lots of different techniques to make cards for all occasions or a scrapbook page. Learn how to use punches, stamp sets, ink pads, colour co-ordinated paper, 3 dimensional for layering purposes. All these items make for a fun and exciting learning experience. Please contact Christien on 418 1734 or 027 663 6782, or email kinder@ihug.co.nz



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 4

Week 9 Tue 7 Dec Junior Activity Day
Fri 10 Dec Junior Prizegiving & school ends

TERM 1, 2011

Week 1 Tues 1 Feb Yr 11, 12 & 13 Courses, careers, Peer Support
Wed 2 Feb Year 9 begin 8.45am — 1.30pm
Thur 3 Feb Whole school start

"THE UNVEILING"

The first 5 people to call or email us will receive one free ticket to the show!

Come and watch "The Unveiling" on 4th December at **The Brian Gerrard Theatre, Birkenhead College**. It's a belly dancing showcase celebrating students, teachers and special guests of Phoenix Belly Dance with a j a m - p a c k e d programme full of Middle Eastern magic. This show is a delight for the senses! Show starts at 7pm, doors



open 6.30pm. For ticket bookings please email phoenix.candice@gmail.com or call 021 170 4183. Adults \$20, children \$10 (under 13 years of age). www.phoenixbellydance.co.nz

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

We are now purchasing second-hand uniforms. Please make sure they are washed and they must be in good condition.. Please see the Dean's Assistant, Mrs Eberly.

Too much UV is not very groovy

Ultraviolet radiation is what makes our skin burn. It is especially harsh in New Zealand. Remember to cover up, seek shade, and wear sunscreen during the summer months.



10MF GO 'BIG' ON WOODHILL MOUNTAIN TRAILS



After being postponed twice due to the bad weather last term, it was third time lucky for the 10MF boys class Mountain Bike Trip. Finally the day was hot and dry, and the boys were charged and ready to go. They rode hard on the tough terrain, and everyone had an exciting trip. Thank you to **Miss Dryburgh** and **Mr Wilson** for helping with transport,

and the biggest thanks to **Constable Searle** and the North Shore Police who funded the trip.

BC TOUCH SHOWS STRENGTH

The Junior Boys touch team competed strongly in the fiercely contested A grade. The team made excellent progress through the year, after a slow start they beat Rangitoto 11-0 and drew with Long Bay 4-4 in their last two games. The team was well coached by North Harbour Representative, **Sage Magele**.

Well done to the following players: **Jay Baxter-Lavatai 10MF**, **James Eckhold-Brown 9WH**, **Joshua Faaee 9WM**, **Tyler Ingram 10CB**, **Htet Tun Kyaw 10DH**, **Chester Merced 10HG**, **Sefa Seufale 9KG**, **Joseph Teiho 10WH**, **Jamie Winiata 9WH**.

The **Junior Girls** touch team had an outstanding season, building on the development from last year. The girls lost one game the whole season. They had an outstanding game in the play off for third and fourth, beating Mahurangi 2-1. The team was expertly coached by AUT Sport & Recreation degree student, **Chontelle Brogden**.

Congratulations to the following players: **Melanie Bracewell 10ML**, **Summer Buckman 10DH**, **Vai Capel 10KR**, **Brooke Frankham 10DH**, **Kayla Gordine 9WH**, **Saskia Mautner 10CB**, **Jodi McLaren 10ML**, **Ihipera McLean 10WH**, **Jess Pukas 10DH**, **Hazel Taia-Scott 10HG**, **Aysha Taylor-Elliffe 10SI**, **Roimata Walker 9WH**.

PIANO RECITAL 22 NOVEMBER

At lunchtime on Monday an audience of 60 junior students and the general public were treated to a varied programme of solo piano music prepared by the talented students learning the piano through the school's instrumental and vocal programme. The concert, hosted by our enthusiastic piano teacher **Dr Gonzalez**, included music by Haydn, Beethoven and also featured music from the 1980s video game Super Mario Brothers, Eric Clapton, ABBA and up-coming pop groups Dimrain47 and Gem (in an original arrangement by Year 9 student **Kelvin Lau**).

The recital marked the end of an era for Year 13 pianist **Abigail Roldan** who performed a challenging piece by Liszt's with rare sensitivity and maturity. Abby is a remarkable young musician and artist with a tremendous future in the arts. She will be missed in the Music Department next year



Don't forget...

**JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING
FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER**



Unless otherwise stated all activities run for most of the day, **Tuesday 7 December**. Students are expected at school at 8.45am for form time and may go home when the activity is finished. All activities will be finished by 3.15pm.

Students on all activities should bring lunch, drink and sun protection (if doing an outdoor activity)

Activity	Description	Cost	Times	What to bring
Bike Adventure	Join Mr Chambers for a bike ride, mainly off road, from Takapuna to Devonport. Starting and finishing at the AUT Akoranga campus.	Nil	Morning	You need your own bike in reasonable condition, a helmet and suitable clothing. Swim gear if fine weather.
Goat island marine reserve	Spend the day snorkelling at the marine reserve. \$40 for transport, wetsuit and snorkel hire \$35 for transport and snorkel hire. \$15 for transport only.	\$15, \$35 or \$40	Full day	Must be confident swimmers. Swimming gear, towel, wetsuit and snorkel gear if you have them. Bring lunch, drink and sunscreen.
Japanese fan making	Make and decorate a Japanese inspired paper fan. Simple and fun, you don't need to be an artist to make something beautiful. Watch the movie in the afternoon.	\$2	Morning	Your creativity. Lunch as usual or join the sausage sizzle.
MOTAT Transport and technology museum	Take a journey in the Voyager 1 4D simulator. See the planes, trains and military vehicles. Visit the working pumphouse, the tactile dome and the challenge zone. Transport to and from MOTAT is included.	\$15	Full day	A hat and sunscreen. A drink and lunch or money to buy them.
Multisport (at school)	Spend the morning playing sport and having a swim, sausage sizzle at lunchtime and watch a movie in the afternoon.	Nil or \$1 for a sausage.	Full day	Togs and towel, sports gear, money for sausage sizzle.
Paintball	Bus to Clevedon for Paintball.	\$50	Full day	Lunch, drink, long clothes to cover limbs, a scarf to protect your neck, extra ammo money if wanted. Change of clothes if wet.
Rainbow's End	Enjoy the rides and activities at Rainbow's End. Transport to and from school is included.	\$40	Full day	A hat and sunscreen. A drink and lunch or money to buy them.
Rangitoto island adventure	Catch the ferry from Devonport to Rangitoto island. Climb to the top to admire the view and visit the lava caves on the way. Transport between school and the ferry is included in the cost.	\$25	8.30 start from school. Full day.	Good walking shoes (not jandals or sandals) Day pack with lunch, lots to drink (at least 750ml), hat and sunscreen. Torch for caves. There is NO shop on Rangitoto.
Waiwera Hot Pools	Visit the pools and slides at Waiwera. Transport is included.	\$20	Full day	Togs and towel, sunscreen, lunch and a drink or money to buy them.