

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends

Term 2

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Headboy—David Bhana
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Deputy Headgirl—Vanessa Viliamu

ANZAC DAY

Special thanks to our Head Students and Mr Page who represented the College with dignity and pride at the Birkenhead War Memorial service. Anzac Day is when we remember those New Zealanders and Australians who gave their lives for their country in war. It is held on the anniversary of the first landing of British, Australian and NZ troops in Gallipoli, Turkey, on 25th April 1915, during World War I.



Laying of the Wreath

On that day the Anzacs landed at Ari Buruni (now known as Anzac Cove). A strong current had carried them 1.6km from their intended landing site and they were put ashore on a beach with steep slopes rising 100 metres and an enemy with all the advantages. By nightfall 16,000 Anzacs had landed but more than 2,300 were dead and nearly 6,000 more wounded. The Anzacs had to dig trenches and establish a beach-head that was to become their home for eight terrifying months. In total 88% (nearly 9 out of 10) of all New Zealanders at Gallipoli were either killed or wounded before the order came to evacuate in mid-December. Almost one in three had died. Despite the terrible carnage it is claimed the battle was the beginning of New Zealand's national pride; that they fought not only for the British Empire, but also for New Zealand. Lest we forget.

Ex Students It was rewarding to meet up with **Louisa** (1992) and **Gallo Fa'atele** (1994) this week and show them round our school. They were so enthusiastic about the developments since they were here, i.e. Sports Centre, new theatre, cafeteria. Louisa gained her BA from Auckland University and now works for ACC. Gallo is married with one child and studied Business Studies at AUT and worked for ANZ bank for 12 years. She is presently running her own business.

REPORT EVENING

A reminder that there is another Report Evening this coming Tuesday (4th May) if you missed the one last night. The Report Evening runs from 4—7.30 and is for all levels. Please get your child to make appointments with their teachers.

GODSPELL
at BC

2010 NZQA ASSESSMENT CALENDARS CAN NOW
BE VIEWED ONLINE AT www.birkenhead.school.nz

Parents Support Group

Friday 25th June 7.30 pm in the cafeteria

Trivial Pursuits Night!

Sponsors are being sought - if you are able to donate any prizes, or approach your workplace for donations — a bottle of wine, printed t-shirts — anything and everything will be greatly appreciated.

The PSG is now a registered charity so donations are tax deductible !



Monday 3 May is Day 4

J O Mathewson Principal

MUSIC!

May is New Zealand Music Month! Lunchtime concerts are planned for every Friday in May.

Lipsync competition : 7 May
Battle of the Bands : 21 May

Get a band together now and start practising! See Mr Donaldson for an entry form and to book practice rooms.



BC ENGLISH TUITION CENTRE

English Tuition Centre in H4 every Wednesday from 3.30 to 4.30. All levels welcome - just bring the work you need help with!



**Defensive Driving
North Shore,
9 Ponderosa Drive,
Browns Bay**

Learn the skills to become a safer driver. Reduce the time on your Restricted Licence by 6 months.

The next course details are:

Monday 17th May, Wednesday 19th May,
Monday 24th May, Wednesday 26th May,
6.00pm—8.00pm

You must attend **ALL** sessions.

Please phone 476 3603 or 027 494 5794, or email colin@defensivedrivingnorthshore.co.nz

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Now on sale!!! Get yours today from the Music Department or Accounts office. Only \$65 per book. Contact Mrs Russell, rl@birkenhead.school.nz for more information.

School Publications - if you do not wish your child/guardian's image to be used in any school publication, please advise me of this in writing.

Linda Asselbergs - Privacy Officer

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 2

Week 3	4 May	Report Evening
Week 4	12 May	School Production week
Week 7	31 May	Senior Assessment week
Week 9	16 June	Geo trip to Rotorua
Week 10	25 June	Trivial Pursuits (PSG)
Week 11	2 July	Reports home
	2 July	Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1	19 July	First day of Term 3
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Refugee/ESOL Students

Every Tuesday and Wednesday after school, we run a

homework

centre for

refugee and

ESOL

students:

Tuesday is

Maths with

Mr Smith and

Wednesday is

Science with

Mr Nix.

Students have

found it to be a valuable use of their time, where they

get one-on-one

help with the

concepts they

sometimes find

difficult to

understand in a

normal

classroom

setting. They

also enjoy the

free biscuits

and fizzy drink kindly provided by Mrs Lauago.



MOVIE FUND RAISER : 'BOY'

Year 13 Accounting & Economics students are travelling to Wellington in July with Mr Moore & Ms McVeigh. As part of their fundraising there will be a BC block booking at the 8pm screening of 'Boy' at the Berkeley Cinema in Takapuna on Wednesday 5 May. Please see Mr Moore (me@birkenhead.school.nz)

Community Notices

The information given is printed as a service to parents. The school neither endorses nor recommends any offers or proposals made.

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENTS

GODSPELL

May 12th to May 15th at 7.30pm,

in the refurbished Brian Gerrard Theatre,

Birkenhead College, 140 Birkdale Road, Birkenhead



Godspell is a fantastic musical based on the Parables and Community of the Gospel of Matthew. It was a hit on Broadway and is full of Gospel-Rock music, dance and delightful comedy.

Tickets are available at the school office, phone 483 9039 for reservations

Don't miss this timeless and hugely popular musical based on the Gospel of Matthew, with its whimsical blend of song, dance, mime, charades, vaudeville routines, and comedy.

For further information or to book tickets contact Birkenhead College on 482 9039

TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY: fashion illustration

During the holidays five Textile Technology students attended a 2 day workshop on Fashion Illustration by a Sydney tutor Anita McAdam. The workshop enabled students to learn how to create a fashion figure template, use different colour and media to create depth and movement in illustration and to learn simple presentation techniques to achieve professional portfolios.



Mrs Holmes was truly amazed with the outstanding work the students completed and all students were praised for the extra effort they put into their work and their extremely positive attitude.



The students were **Clare Sykes, Kelsi Heath, Emma Van Kerckhof, Ally Shrimpton** and **Alexandria Green**. The specific skills gained will now be applied to the individual units of work the students are studying in class, in particular Wearable Art and Trendy Teenage Fashion.

GAMES TO SUPPORT—week 2

Rugby		1st XV	vs	Whangaparaoa	12.00 Whangaparaoa
		3rd Grade	vs	Westlake 4th	9.30 Home
		5th Grade	vs	Hato Petera	10.40 Hato Petera
		6th Grade	vs	Long Bay	10.40 Home
Soccer—Boys		1st XI	vs	Mahurangi	10.00 Home
		2nd XI	vs	Kristin	10.00 Kristin
		Year 9/10	vs		
Basketball Boys	Friday	A Boys	vs	Long Bay	7 pm NSEC3
	Friday	U17A Boys	vs	Westlake	4 pm NSEC1
	Thursday	U17B Boys	vs	Glenfield	5.30 pm NSEC3
Basketball - Girls		A Girls	vs	Westlake	8.30 pm NSEC4
	Friday	U17	vs	Westlake Jnr	4 pm NSEC4
Squash		Boys Snr 1	vs	Westlake	4 pm Beachhaven
		Girls	vs	Westlake	4 pm Beachhaven
		Boys Jnr	vs	Orewa	4 pm Red Beach
Netball		Team 1	vs	Mahurangi	9 am Court 8
		Team 2	vs	Carmel	10.30 Court 8
		Team 3	vs	Northcote	11.15 Court 5
		Team 4	vs	Carmel	12 Court 20
		Social	vs		
		Year 9/1	vs	Whangaparaoa	8.15 Court 10
		Year 9/2	vs		



Last week our 1st XV Rugby team beat Albany Junior High 17-10, and our 5th grade Rugby team also won their game against Takapuna 54—10. Well done!

Our 1st XI Soccer team unfortunately lost to Otahuhu 2—1, better luck this weekend.

