

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Monday 2 August is Day 4

Dear Parents and Friends

It is crunch time for Senior Students. There are only 29 school days to their most important exams. Please support your son / daughter to strive to do well. If you have concerns, don't hesitate to speak with the Deans.

Success does not happen by magic. It requires hard work, determination, commitment, persistence and a planned revision programme. The challenge is to do the very best you can.

Don't forget the important Careers Expo on the 11th August.

Mr Mathewson and Miss Fuller were delighted to receive a prize package from Mechanix and Microsoft. Amongst



other things, it included 20kg of coffee for the staffroom and an X b o x . M o r e i m p o r t a n t l y , Birkenhead College receives Live@EDU for all staff and students. This exciting Microsoft package allows all students to use Microsoft Office 2010 (Word, Excel, Exchange and PowerPoint) in an online space. They can send emails, create projects and save up to 25Gb of work online, allowing them a seamless integration between their work at home and at school. The question of what to do with the Xbox is a trickier problem to solve!

Cone Challenge Congratulations

For years I have challenged students to be physically active during the school holidays and suggested they climb the volcanic cones in this beautiful city. **Alex Shegay** and **James Beattie** have done it! After 8 hours cycling and 80+ kms they topped 11 cones: Mt Victoria, North Head, Mt Wellington, Mt Richmond, One Tree Hill, Mt Roskill, Big King, Mt Albert, Mt Eden, Mt St John & Mt Hobson.



GOOD LUCK to the Concert Band!

25 students are travelling to Napier on Thursday to take part in the concert band and small ensemble categories in the National Concert Band competition. Good luck!

MONDAY'S POWHIRI

Kia ora whanau and friends!

On Monday, BC's Kapa haka group - *Nga Peka Hou* - welcomed our new international students by way of a warm powhiri. A timely event serving as a perfect way to start Maori Language week! The powhiri process is tapu and we are proud to be a school which embraces this



uniquely NZ welcome! Our welcome followed proper powhiri structure starting with a Karanga. A karanga is a calling. The first call is made by tangata whenua to welcome the manuhiri – international students. The visitors follow with a karanga to reply to the tangata whenua. Next a haka powhiri (chant) takes place. This is performed during the second karanga. After the female has finished the final karanga, the male speaker from the tangata whenua side speaks.



At the end of his speech, a waiata is performed. After the tangata whenua has spoken, the manuhiri must reply with a speech and supporting waiata. Both sides then greet each other through hongiri or handshake. After these formalities, both sides share kai and have the chance to get to know each other. Our BC students mix so easily with students from around the world!

Nga Peka Hou welcomes any new members, whether you were born here - the land of the long white cloud - or whether you are from distant shores. Have a brilliant Maori Language Week and keep up Te Reo – Tumeke!

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Don't forget to pre-pay for your school magazine before 1 October, only \$15, payable at the Accounts Office.



J O Mathewson Principal



CAREERS EXPO

WEDNESDAY
11th AUGUST 2010
In the BGT
7pm to 9pm

Universities Armed Forces Travel
Engineering Science Technology
Hair and beauty Computer design and
technical Building Electrical Retail
Automotive Health Career Services

All students and their parents are invited

SOUTH SEAS

South Seas Film and Television School is one of Australia and New Zealand's leading industry training providers for film, television, animation, photography and media studies. It specialises in providing intensive, practical training courses for the industry. Seven of our students were asked to model for their Graduates Wearable Art Extravaganza. One of our students, **Saskia Mautner**, was chosen by the professional photographer as the best model (out of approx 40 models) and she gets to



have some professional photos done for a portfolio. Students who participated were: **Saskia Mautner, Brooke Frankham, Ruth Corin, Hannah Schwartfeger, Vivian Shephard, Nicole Ander, Lisa Chernyshova.** Our students thought it was so much fun, really exciting, it was great to see what tertiary education is available and it was great to be in such a creative environment.

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School Ball

A Night In Greece

7 August
2010

Auckland Museum



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 3

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| Week 3 | 7 August | School Ball |
| Week 4 | 11 August | Careers Evening |
| Week 7 | 30 August | Mid term break |
| Week 7 | 31 August | Tournament Week |
| Week 9 | 13 Sept | Senior Exams |

YEAR 13 COMMERCE TRIP TO WELLINGTON



Year 13 students, Ms McVeigh & Mr Moore, with the Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, MP

Twenty Year 13 Accounting & Economic students flew to Wellington last week, with Ms McVeigh & Mr Moore. Our local MP provided a morning tea while discussing his role in the electorate and in parliament. As a special treat Dr Coleman organised a visit to John Key's private office and meeting room, a great privilege. A comprehensive tour of parliament followed, and everyone was in awe of the beauty and history of the building. They then visited the Reserve Bank before returning to parliament to sit in on question time in the House—the highlight of the trip. The group visited the Ministry of Economic Development where they were hosted by ex student **Simon Ngawhika**. They also visited Te Papa, Westpac Dealing Room and the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants. The weather was truly awful—wet, freezing and windy, Wellington really lived up to its reputation! Everyone had a great time and came back personally enriched as well as better equipped to apply classroom theory to real-life context.

Get your hair done at **Affordable Kuts & Kurls**, especially for the ball. Please phone 483 5016, 36 Fairdale Place, Birkdale. www.akk.co.nz.



Please support them as they support us!



Birkenhead Book Day – Friday, 23 July 2010

Brian Falkner, author of five young adult books, came in to school as our Birkenhead Book Day featured author and workshop presenter on Friday 23 July. The Year 9 & 10 students were lucky enough to participate

in Brian’s presentation in period 1, and his entertaining story sports workshop in period 2.

To introduce himself to students Brian has a prepared talk which covers the following subjects:

- How he became an author
- His books, and upcoming books
- Where he gets his story ideas
- The structure of a story
- The importance of emotion in stories

English teachers attended with their classes in the BGT so they were able to see Brian do his 'author' presentation in P1, and his story sports writing workshop in P2. Then in P3 - selected Year 11,12 and 13 writers went to the library, which Mrs Croy had graciously allowed us to use. The core group of writers came from Ms Gouldstone’s Creative Writing group, but a handful of others were

nominated by their teachers and they had an intensive writing workshop with Brian. The workshop content was excellent and hopefully it will prove to be an incubator for our writing talent.



The Library promoted Book Day with wonderful displays of books and book posters. In addition, they created a promotional table which featured the books that had been recommended by the staff who had appeared in the newsletter.

SUPPORT PROJECT K

A fun night with Guy Cater : **4th August @ 7 pm, tickets \$15.** Tickets available at the school office.

Get a group together and be in quick to get seats to the “ULTIMATE COMEDY SHOW” with world renowned HYPNOTIST— Guy Cater.

This is a Project K fundraising venture, supported by DILS funeral services.

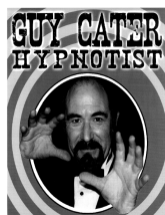


TABLE TENNIS



Congratulations to our table tennis players. Our team Birkenhead 2 (**Shea Sinclair-Vannes, Shaun McCullough** and **Andy Yu**) came top of the D4 grade and made it to the playoffs to compete for a place at the greater Auckland Champion of Champions Tournament. After convincingly winning their first match of the playoff, they fought hard against tough opposition in the second match to only narrowly miss out 13 sets to 12. The term 3 league starts this Friday, all the best to our players in the competition this term. Anyone interested in playing table tennis please see Mr Smith



Alice Markie with The Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, MP.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2010 (5-7 July)

Youth Parliament 2010 offered a great opportunity to the youth of New Zealand to express their values to the community. The wonderful experience to speak in the Debating Chamber of the Beehive is one that I will never forget.

Alice Markie

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION

It is time for Birkenhead College to support The Auckland City Mission mid-winter appeal. We are accepting donations of non-perishable grocery items—cans of soup, beans, spaghetti, tomatoes, coffee, tea, dry food like salt, sugar, rice and pasta. The aim this year is for every student and member of staff to bring at least one item. Please be generous. Ring Ms McCavana if you would like more information.

GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 2

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|----------------------------------|--------------|----|------------------|---------------------------|
| Rugby | 1st XV | vs | Kaipara Col-lege | 12:00 noon Kai-para 1 |
| | 3rd Grade | vs | Bye | |
| | 5th Grade | vs | Massey (2) | 10:40am BC |
| | 6th Grade | vs | Rangitoto (2) | 9:30am BC |
| Hockey—Boys Wednesday | 1st XI | vs | Rosmini 2XI | 4:00pm Sand |
| Hockey—Girls Thursday | 1st XI | vs | Kaipara 1XI | 5:00pm Kristin |
| | 2nd XI | vs | Rangitoto Jr 1 | 4:00pm Harbour 1 |
| Soccer—Boys | 1st XI | vs | Dilworth | 10:00am BC1 |
| | 2nd XI | vs | Takapuna 2 | 10:00am Taka 2 |
| | Year 9/10 | vs | Onehunga | 9:00am One-hunga 2 |
| Soccer—Girls Wednesday | 1st XI | vs | | |
| | 2nd X1 | vs | | |
| | Junior | vs | | |
| Basketball Boys | A Boys | vs | Rosmini | 9:00pm NSEC 2 |
| | U17A Boys | vs | Orewa | 6:00pm NSEC 4 |
| | U17B Boys | vs | Rosmini Blue | 4:00pm NSEC 2 |
| | U15 Boys | vs | Glenfield | 4:45pm NSEC 4 |
| Basketball - Girls | A Girls | vs | Rangitoto | 7:00pm NSEC 4 |
| | U17 | vs | Takapuna | 5:00pm NSEC 4 |
| Squash | Boys Snr 1 | vs | Sacred Heart | 4:00pm Auck Sq 1 |
| | Girls | vs | Epsom 2 | 4:00pm Unitec 3 |
| | Boys Jnr | vs | | |
| Netball | Team 1 | vs | Kristin 2 | 10.30am Ct 6 |
| | Team 2 | vs | Carmel 5 | 11.15am Ct 7 |
| | Team 3 | vs | Westlake 17 | 12.45pm Ct 19 |
| | Team 4 | vs | Westlake 31 | 11.15am Ct 13 |
| | Year 9/1 | vs | Carmel 9/3 | 9am Ct 14 |
| | Year 9/2 | vs | Kristin 9/4 | 8.15am Ct 20 |
| Curling (Thursday) | BC Advi-ento | vs | Bye | |
| Waterpolo (Thursday) | Jrs | vs | Westlake | 8.15pm Millen-nium Centre |

TOP TEAMS

Week 1

Congratulations to the following teams:

Rugby

3rd Grade beat Kristin 26-17
5th Grade beat Orewa 26-10
6th Grade drew Westlake 5-5

Boys Soccer

1st XI beat Parnell 5-2

Boys Basketball

'A' Boys beat Westlake 72-52
U17A boys beat Takapuna 54-22
U15 boys beat Glenfield 28-14

Girls Basketball

U17 girls beat Takapuna

Boys Hockey

1st XI beat Glenfield 2-1

Squash

Senior boys beat Kings 9-3
Girls beat Botany Downs 4-0

Netball

Year 9/2 beat Westlake 12-10

CONGRATULATIONS and well done to the boys in the U15 Basketball Team and coach, Jordan Eckhold-Brown, who overwhelmed Glenfield by 28-14. This win now puts them into the semi-finals next week, the winner advancing to finals night.

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Via Butiu**, who, as a member of the North Harbour U17 Rep Team for Badminton, finished 4th in the New Zealand U17 Singles Championships held during the holidays. This is an outstanding achievement, well done Via.



FOUND - a tame cockatiel, missing its family, being looked after by the groundsman.

