

# BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Monday 9 August is Day 3

## Dear Parents and Friends

Please don't forget that next Wednesday is our **Careers Expo evening**. This is for all students and their parents, and is such a good opportunity to find out about a wide range of careers in one place.

I am looking forward to our School Ball on Saturday night. This has always been a positive social occasion for staff and students. The top floor of the museum is a wonderful venue, and hence the theme: A Night in Greece.

Thank you to our Students Council and Mrs McVeigh who have worked hard to ensure it all runs smoothly.

### Congratulations

- ◆ Kaze McGree - a star climber! (see inside)
- ◆ The following students have been awarded ASB Scholarships which will be presented on 23rd September at a luncheon at Eden Park:

**John Boyle,  
 Tsun Hei Tai,  
 Alex Shegay,  
 Lucy Marshall.**

### Ex Student - Adrian Leat (2005)

Mr & Mrs Leat called in last week and updated me on Adrian's progress. He is completing his Masters in Architecture, and because of his wonderful design work has won an internship with leading Architects Jasmax. They have given Adrian and 3 colleagues a significant project: to design a community school to be built in Kenya. Shortly they will be travelling to Kenya for 10 days for interviews and research work.



**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**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

### TERM 3

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

### REAL GEOGRAPHY



Last week our Year 12 Geography & Year 12 Economics classes went into the Auckland CBD to study various aspects of urban development.

We looked at rail infrastructure, the Port of Auckland, the Victoria Park Tunnel project, Wynyard Quarter and other sites. It was cold but still a great chance to get out and see how the city is moving forward and solving problems such as traffic congestion and demands of the 2011 Rugby World Cup. For the geographers it was a valuable opportunity to do some real geography - out in the real world talking to real people and looking at real issues, in this case public transport.



### SCHOOL YEARBOOK

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



*J O Mathewson Principal*



BC MUSIC  
PRESENTS FOR 2010

## MUSIC SHOWCASE

Wednesday 18th August  
Brian Gerrard Theatre

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students, \$20 family

Featuring: Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band,  
Barbershop, Chamber Groups, Tui Tuia.

AND, the debut performance of  
The Birkenhead Junior Orchestra

### CAFETERIA SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Chicken Burger & Quench - \$5.50

The cafeteria will be open from  
11.30am to 2.15pm daily.



### Can you help ....

If you have any good leather school shoes or sandals that no longer fit your child please consider donating them to the school for those students who are less fortunate. Thank you.



### 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.

### sex, alcohol and technology

INSIGHT INTO THE MIND AND WORLD OF YOUR TEENAGER



Presented by Kendyl Smith, David Atkinson & Zane Scarborough  
Thursday 19 August - 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
\$10 per ticket

Three presenters from the Parents Inc. Attitude team with 16 years of experience talking to high school students nationwide, collectively. The presenters will offer their take on each of these teen topics, considering their influence on today's teenagers. Questions are welcome on the night, or email beforehand to [teenagepanel@parentsinc.org.nz](mailto:teenagepanel@parentsinc.org.nz). The cafe will be open from 6.45pm.

The Parenting Place | 300 Great South Road, Greenlane  
Tickets available by phone 09 524 1387 or online.  
[www.theparentingplace.com](http://www.theparentingplace.com)

# School Ball

## A Night In Greece

7 August  
2010

Auckland Museum



### BALL IS ON TOMORROW NIGHT!

We are looking forward to over 200 students and staff enjoying our *A Night in Greece* themed Ball tomorrow night and take this opportunity to remind students and their parents/guardians of details:

Dress is formal. No trainers or denim clothing.

Venue is the Event Centre on the top floor of the Auckland War Memorial Museum in Domain Drive, Parnell. Students who have bought tickets have been issued with a yellow sheet with directions and information about parking. Note that entrance to the venue is from the back of the building.

Doors open at 7.30 pm and close at 8.00 pm. Doors do not open again until midnight. Please do not make arrangements to leave before midnight.

There is a coat-check facility where students may leave bags, coats and valuables.

A photographer will be present. Proofs will be displayed at school in a few weeks and students may order prints if they wish to.

No alcohol will be served or is permitted to be brought into the venue. As students enter, security guards will check belongings. If they, or Mr Page and senior management suspect a student to be under the influence, the student will not be allowed to enter and the parent/guardian will be phoned. This also applies to outside partners.

The venue does not allow gum, nor cigarettes, lighters, matches etc to be taken from the ground floor up to the Event Centre. These will be confiscated so must not be taken to the venue.

Students (and partners) have been given the opportunity of travelling back to Birkenhead by chartered BTC buses. These will leave the Museum at approximately 12.15 am. Drop-off points are New World, Verrans, school, bottom of Birkdale, Beach Haven roundabout and half-way up Rangitira. Students travelling on buses should text or phone parents once they are close to pick-up points.

We are sure this will be a wonderful school occasion.

## CLIMBING



**Kaze McGee** (Year 10) gained a first place in a climbing competition last Sunday. What was especially impressive was that he was competing in the

Senior Class as there were no other Intermediate competitors! The competition included climbing different coloured handholds, bouldering and 'lead climbing' where he had to clip himself in as he ascended. **Kaze** is no stranger to top three positions as he has gained them on numerous occasions over the past couple of years. Well done **Kaze**.



## HE WALKS THE WALK ...

Our Head of Drama, Mr Willis, held three workshops at King Edward Court in Dunedin recently, and over 90 pupils attended. He was there to pass on the tricks of being a mime. Mr Willis has worked as a professional actor, mime and clown for more than 20 years. Mime is a "special kind of magic" that allows the artist to communicate directly with the audience through gestures and facial movement.



## OUTWARD BOUND

"There is more in you" - Kurt Hahn

This is pretty much the philosophy at Outward Bound



and by the end of the course you realise this is true. You climb mountains, sail and tramp the Queen Charlotte Sounds, kayak down rapids and climb natural rock walls and climb walls blindfolded. You push yourself past the mental and

physical limits that you think you have. When you are at Outward Bound you learn to limit the excuses that you put in front of yourself because that's what they are - excuses. I really recommend Outward Bound. I had an amazing experience and I did things that I never thought I would have the opportunity to do



*Mihi Church 11CW*

**Mihi won the Outward Bound scholarship in 2009.** The scholarship was kindly provided by Allan McGregor who continues to support our students.

## AUT INFORMATION EVENINGS

All 6—9pm on the following evenings. Be sure to register online for your chosen faculty evening and to check the venue or **ring 0800 288 864**

August 10th	Hospitality & Tourism.
August 11th	Business, Languages & Social Sciences, Law.
August 12th	Design & Creative Technologies (including Engineering, computing and Maths, Communications, Art & Design, Creative Technologies).
August 16th	Health Sciences, Sport & Recreation & Dance.
August 17th	Education.
August 18th	Applied Sciences.
September 30th	Te Ara Poutama, Maori Development.



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

### The New Zealand Defensive Driving Course

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

Details & dates for the next course are:

Monday 16th August  
Wednesday 18th August  
Monday 23rd August  
Wednesday 25th August  
6.00pm—8.00pm  
Plus an in-car training session.  
You must attend all sessions.

Please phone 476 3603 or 027 494 5794,  
Or email [colin@defensivedrivingnorthshore.co.nz](mailto:colin@defensivedrivingnorthshore.co.nz)

# GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 3

<b>Rugby</b>	1st XV	vs	Long Bay	12:00 noon Long Bay 1
	3rd Grade	vs	Long Bay	9:30am BC 1
	5th Grade	vs	Hato Petera	4:00pm BC (Thurs 5 Aug)
	6th Grade	vs	Long Bay	10:40am BC 1
<b>Hockey—Boys</b> Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Whanga-parapoa	4:00pm Harbour 1
<b>Hockey—Girls</b> Thursday	1st XI	vs	Takapuna 2XI	6:00pm Sand
	2nd XI	vs	Massey 2XI	7:00pm Harbour 1
<b>Soccer—Boys</b>	1st XI	vs	Waitakere	10:00am Waitakere 1
	2nd XI	vs	Westlake Vinicombe	10:00am BC 1
	Year 9/10	vs	Rutherford	9:00am BC 1
<b>Basketball Boys</b>	A Boys	vs	Westlake D	9pm NSEC 4
	Friday U17A Boys	vs	Northcote	6pm NSEC 3
	Thursday U17B Boys	vs		
	Wednesday U15 Boys	vs		
<b>Basketball - Girls</b>	A Girls	vs	Carmel	7.30pm NSEC 4
	Friday U17	vs		pm NSEC
<b>Netball</b>	Team 1	vs	Rangitoto	10.30am Ct 6
	Team 2	vs	Whanga-parapoa	11.15am Ct 6
	Team 3	vs	Northcote	12.45pm Ct 15
	Team 4	vs	Westlake	12.00pm Ct 18
	Year 9/1	vs	Westlake	8.15am Ct 8
	Year 9/2	vs	Long Bay	8.15am Ct 19
	BC Advento	vs	EGGS Putts	7:00pm Avondale
<b>Curling</b> (Thursday) <b>Waterpolo</b> (Thursday)	Jrs	vs		

# TOP TEAMS

Week 1

Congratulations to the following teams:

## Boys Soccer

1st XI beat Dilworth 7-1  
2nd XI beat Takapuna 4-2

## Boys Hockey

1st XI beat Rosmini 1-0

## Girls Basketball

U17 Girls beat Takapuna 62-7

## Squash

Senior Boys beat Sacred Heart 11-7

## GIRLS U17 BASKETBALL

Considering that 5 out of the 10 girls in the U17 Basketball team are still 14 years old, they have had a very successful season. In many of their games they had been leading with 5 minutes to go, but due to inexperience other teams caught up and won. However, in the last two games it has been a different story. The girls 'pulled out all the stops' to be completely in control. The first game they won 60-14 and last Friday they overwhelmed Takapuna 62-7. The girls realised that if you spread the opposition's defences wide, there were many opportunities to drive down the middle to score baskets.

**Stephanie Sanchez** was the main leader of the team with great support from **Tahlea Fong**. Our top rebounders were **Melanie Bracewell**, **Aysha Eliffe-Taylor** and **Jodi McLaren**. Top scorers **Melanie, Jodi** and **Stephanie** with contributions from **Jane Tauroa-Rauhihi**, **Brianna McCauley** and **Tem Maika**. Most improved **Lita** and **Kira Sampurno**.

*Stephanie Sanchez*



*Tahlea Fong*

