

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 8 June is Day 5

Dear Parents and Friends

We wish you all a relaxing and safe Queen's Birthday Weekend. Do take special care on the roads.

Please don't forget our Trivial Pursuits evening on 25th June. This is a superb evening of fun and a great way to support your school.



Kaumatua John Marsden

On Monday this week we had local kaumatua, John Marsden, bless the replacement carvings on the amo, or front supports of our whareniui. These have been carved by local carver, Clark Ngamu, and he has done a really impressive job. We also welcomed our new teacher of te reo Maori, Whaea Smith, with a mihi whakatau inside the whareniui,



Carver, Clark Ngamu

Great Support! A very special thank you to **Mrs Nanao**, a new parent, who has just presented us with a \$1000 cheque for our rugby teams. She negotiated this amount with her employer—**Dils Funeral Services**. Thank you. What a generous community spirited action.

Ex Student Mrs Priest (Deputy Principal, Birkdale Primary) was here this morning with one of her classes and she gave us an update on her son, **Brent Tobin** who was Head Boy in 1995. He completed a Bachelor of Communications at AUT, worked for More FM and is now in a very significant position in the UK. He is the Programme Director for Galaxy Radio, a very large network.

TONIGHT - SUPPORT OUR BAND

The Smokefree Rock Quest Regional finals takes place at the Bruce Mason Theatre tonight 7—10 pm. Do come and support our band 'Reverse' - **Josh Black, James Beattie, Antonia Wade & Stuart Johnston**.

Farewell

Today we farewelled a very special young man, **Jaden Burrell**.

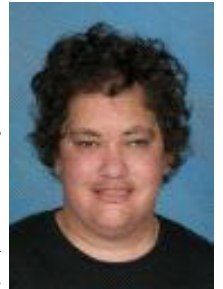
Each day he has overcome significant challenges and is a most admired and loved young man. Everyone knows Jaden!

We will never forget his sense of fun, enthusiasm, courage, determination and sheer "get up and go". He never lets his disability deter him from full involvement in the life of the school. He has participated in most of the musicals and talent quests and ardently supports school sport. Nothing holds him back - he simply gets on with life and is a wonderful example to all of us.

We also admire his ability to express his feelings and show joy and sadness.

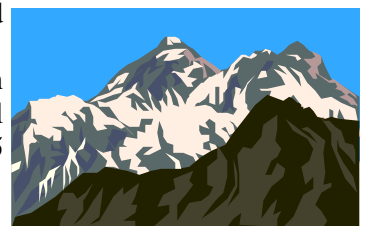
Thank you Jaden, it has been a privilege to have you at Birkenhead College, you have taught us so much.

We are so proud of you and wish you a wonderful, fulfilled life.



YOUTH TO EVEREST

16 day cultural and walking adventure to the Everest region of Nepal in the April 2011 school holidays for students 15 years and over.



This programme has been an outstanding success with students from Northland to Southland participating. The community project for 2011 will be to continue with the reforestation.



If you are interested please see Mr Chambers.

Register online at www.youthtoeverest.co.nz.

J O Mathewson Principal



Bathed in blue light and Blue Bossa, the audience at Friday's New Zealand Music Month event in the theatre were treated to a polished and professional performance by current and past BC students and friends now studying Jazz Performance at tertiary level. Year 13 student **Josh Black** was joined by 2009 students **Nik Dobbin** and **Callum Passells**, and bassist Cameron McArthur in a programme that combined new music written by members of the group with jazz standards. This was a clear personal favourite for me from this year's superb NZ Music Month Friday lunchtime events.

Mr Donaldson



Last Friday we had a superb jazz band based at the University of Auckland. This quartet featured several famous names from Birkenhead College with alumni **Nik Dobbin** on guitar and **Callum Passells** on alto saxophone, and current student **Josh Black** on the drums. They played several smooth jazzy tunes and even let the crowd



name their band, which is now called **G Unit**.

This week we had the **Glory Sea**, a popular alternative rock band come in and wow us with their amazing songs. The audience rocked, especially to *Tres Amantes*.

Troy Shipman



NZ Music month may well be over for another year but don't turn off the radio just yet! Stay tuned for more information on such events as BC's Got Talent 2010, and the guest performer lined up for the last lunch time of Term two. Watch this space!!

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

On Tuesday night a group of 11 students attended the New Zealand Opera's 'The Marriage of Figaro' (or 'The Day of Utter Madness') at the Aotea Centre.



It lived up to its name as it was a day of utter madness! The audience and myself thoroughly enjoyed the night as we watched one of Mozart's most loved works. The opera was in 4 acts which tells the story of a scheming Count who tries to break up the wedding between two of his servants, Figaro and Susanna. Performing to a full house, the world class actors delivered their performance perfectly, and made the audience truly understand how much work goes into something like this. We were also witness to some amazing work done by the orchestra's bassoons and oboes.

Crawling back to school at around 11.30 that night we were all abuzz with the excitement the 3 hour performance gave the audience.

It leaves me wondering, what are we going to see next?

Owen Twort

Trivial Pursuits

25 June
PSG fundraiser

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010

TERM 2

Week 8	7 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
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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READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL



It all started with a bus load of Birkenhead College students and two English teachers heading towards the Aotea Centre. At the Readers and Writers Festival, two Year 10 English classes listened to several authors, all with different advice and personalities. Despite almost being late, we still managed to hear 4 authors over the course of the day.

Charlie Dark was an entertaining writer and poet who had an interactive way of giving advice. One of my favourite poems he presented was 'Billy the Brick' poem about a boy he saw in a shop. **William Taylor** was a more experienced author who had scores of useful advice about getting out and experiencing life so that you can write about more worldly experiences. **Anna Mackenzie** had lots of advice about ideas and characters. She talked about how writing is a puzzle that just needs to be put together. She also spoke about how ideas come from "what if?" and encouraged us to keep one eye open. Lastly, **Des Hunt's** speciality was suspense. How and when to use it and different types of suspense and force in stories. Overall it was a very informative and enjoyable day.



Louisa Le Riche & Kaitlyn Collins

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**

June 16th	Business, Law.
June 17th	Hospitality & Tourism.
July 6th	Art & Design Portfolio
planning.	
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 Poutarna, Maori Development.

VOLLEYBALL

Sports Captain, **Katalina Tutaia**, is making giant strides in volleyball. Last term she was chosen to represent North Harbour at the NZ Inter Provincial U19 Championships. Although they didn't win the Tournament, they did beat the eventual championship winners, Tasman. This term she was scouted to play for the North Harbour Raiders Womens Premier team. The team will be going to a major tournament this term. Well done Katalina.



BASKETBALL

Jarome Lundon has been rewarded for his outstanding play by being drafted into the North Harbour U19 Basketball team that will be competing in the National Championships shortly. Unfortunately he is unavailable. Well done anyway Jarome.



NETBALL

Tahlea Fong, last year's Junior Sportsperson, is a North Harbour U15 Netball Representative. Her team will be taking part in several inter Provincial Tournaments in the near future. Well done Tahlea.



Development Netball Players for Te Raki Paewhenua Maori squad are U15 **Te Moana Maika** and **Hazel Taia-Scott**, U17 **Brianna McCauley**. Well done Tem, Hazel & Brianna.



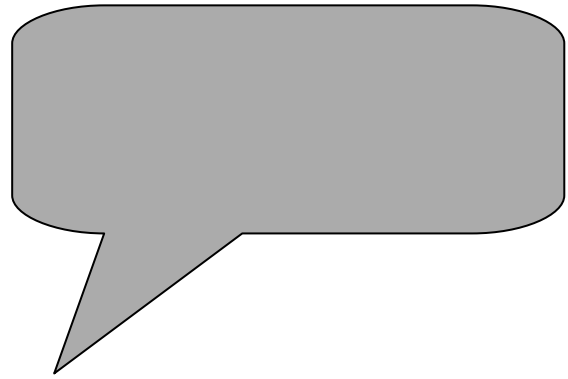
GOOD LUCK TO SIMON & KELSI

Orienteers **Simon Cox** and **Kelsi Heath** are competing this weekend in the Auckland S/S team at the Inter Provincial Championships, which are being held over three days in forests around Auckland.



GAMES TO SUPPORT

Week 7



Rugby	1st XV	vs	Kaipara	Home 12:00
	3rd Grade	vs	Glenfield	Glenfield 1 9:30
	5th Grade	vs	Rosmini	Rosmini 3 10:40
	6th Grade	vs	Albany Jr H	Home 10:40
Hockey—Boys Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Westlake	4:00pm Crown 1
Hockey—Girls Thursday	1st XI	vs	Kristen Dev	5:00pm Kristen
	2nd XI	vs	Westlake Sr	4:00pm Crown 2
Soccer—Girls Wednesday	1st XI	vs	Mahurangi	4pm Mahurangi 1
	2nd XI	vs	Northcote 3rd XI	4:00pm Home 1
	Junior	vs	Kristin	4:00pm Kristin 2
Basketball Boys	Friday	A Boys	vs	No game
		U17A Boys	vs	No game
	Thursday	U17B Boys	vs	Bye
	Wednesday	U15 Boys	vs	Rangitoto B 4:45pm NSEC 3
Basketball - Girls	A Girls	vs	No game	
Curling (Thursday)	BC Adviento	vs	Massey Mixed	Avondale 7:00pm
	Waterpolo (Thursday)	Jrs	vs	Academy Girls 7:15pm Millenium Pool

Congratulations to the following teams:

Rugby:

1st XV beat Kingsway 34 — 27
5th Grade beat Orewa 27 — 0

Soccer:

1st XI Boys beat Sancta Maria 3 — 2
2nd XI Boys beat Long Bay 6 — 1
2nd XI Girls drew with Rangitoto 2—2

Basketball

U15 boys beat AJHS 28—6

Squash:

Senior Boys beat Rangitoto 12 — 0
Junior Boys drew with Westlake 2 — 2

Netball:

Year 9/2 beat Carmel 18 — 14



Eleanor Adviento is playing in the NZ Mixed Fours Curling Championships this weekend at Paradise Skating Rink in Avondale - Sunday evening 5pm start and very early Monday morning 6am start.
Best of luck Eleanor

