



Dear Parents and Friends

Exam season is now underway. I hope the exams went well for our Year 10 students this week. Year 9 your first ever school exams start on Thursday. It is important that you start learning to revise and make the most of the opportunity. Level 1 English is on Monday so good luck to all of our Year 11 students.

The improvement with our environment continues and it is pleasing to see the landscaping being done at the entrance and at the front of the Administration building.

We are finally getting a new school minivan as we have managed to secure some funding to pay for this. Thank you to Birkenhead Licencing Trust and the Lion Foundation.

Late start on Tuesday 14th November

Due to staff professional development, school will start at **10 am on Tuesday 14th November**. Students will go directly to their period 2 class on arrival at school.

Unfortunately morning bus times cannot be changed, so if your child does arrive at school early there will be a venue and activity organized for them.

Rotary Science & Technology Forum

Congratulations to one of our top Science students, **Sophia Hutchinson**. Sophia, Year 12, has been selected to take part in the Rotary Science and Technology Forum to be held at Auckland University over the summer break. Selection for the Forum is a considerable achievement and the experience will provide Sophia with a fantastic opportunity to work with scientists and industry specialists on the cutting edge of research and technological development.



Well done Sophia!

Junior Activities Day 2017

Junior Activities Day for Year 9 and 10 students will be on **Tuesday 5th December**. There will be a variety of in school and



out of school activities such as: Rainbows End, Airsoft at the Armory, a visit to the Jump Trampoline Park and many more. Some will have minimal charges while others will be more expensive. Letters with details and permission slips were sent home this week. A full list of options is on the back of this newsletter.

The money collection for Activities Day will be on **Friday 24th November**. Please remember to bring your permission slip along with enough cash to pay for your most expensive activity option.

Students will only be able to join in activities if they have no outstanding detentions and have returned all library books. Sports and music fees should also be paid.

Big Thank You!



Thank you to the Birkenhead Licencing Trust and the Lion Foundation for their very generous grant of \$48 000, allowing us to purchase a new mini van for the school. How great is that?

Giving a helping hand...

Senior students **Oban Hawkins** and **Braidon Fletcher** have been leading a Futsal Programme with our neighbouring school, Birkdale Intermediate. The programme was put in place by the BC Sports Dept. and Harbour Sport to promote Futsal, enhance the link between schools and ultimately provide the students with the opportunity to be active and improve their skills.

Goals, balls and bibs are to be donated to BIS at the conclusion of the 4 week programme.



Well done Year 9s

Some of our Year 9 students have been busy in Textiles, making their own sweatshirts.

Well done girls.



A reminder to Year 9 and their parents that their option forms need to be returned to their Form Teacher by Wednesday 15 November

Second Hand Uniform: If you have good quality school uniform to sell please drop it in with your name and contact phone number attached and Mrs Eberly will get in touch with you.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

MONDAY 11th December

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Admin Block - Rear Door



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017

TERM 4

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| Week 5 | Thur 16 Nov | Year 9 exams start |
| Week 8 | Tue 5 Dec | Junior Activities Day |
| | Fri 8 Dec | Junior Prizegiving, Reports home, last day of Term 4. |

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| | 30 & 31 Jan | Course Confirmation Days |
| Week 1 | Thur 1 Feb | First day Year 9 students only |
| | Fri 2 Feb | First day All Year levels (Day 1) |

BC ART EXHIBITION

*An Art exhibition of student work from
Birkenhead College*

A selection of work from Years 9 & 10 and Years 11 & 12

8th November through to 27th November
Birkdale Intermediate Art Gallery
Open until 4pm daily

Once again our students are exhibiting their work down at Birkdale Intermediate. The works on show include a stunning range of personalised skateboards, explorations of aquatic life and tactile formal portraits. Our exhibitions always prove popular with the Intermediate students and allows us to maintain strong ties with present and future students. Please support our students and pay a visit, preferably after school hours, the gallery is open to the public.



Students involved in the exhibition include **Kate Watt, Kaylah Brierly, Madeleine Pastor-Pasi, Selataka Tuitupou, Trevarne Tugaga, Piper Swanson, Elise Waterman, Izzy Tobeck, Ruthann Siloi, Ivy Rose Pondman-Carmont, Yao Zhang** and more!

Year 9 Exams 2017 Timetable

| | Periods 1 & 2 8.45 - 11 | Interval 11-11.30 | Periods 3 & 4 11.30 – 1.30 | Lunch 1.30 –2.15 | Period 5 2.15 – 3.15 |
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| Thursday 16th NOV (Day 3) | <i>Science</i> | | Normal school for the rest of the day | | Normal school for the rest of the day |
| | 9AL (H4) | | | | |
| | 9DG (T2) | | | | |
| | 9ME (T11) | | | | |
| | 9MY (H9) | | | | |
| | 9SJ (T5) | | | | |
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| Friday 17th NOV (Day 4) | Normal period 1 & 2 classes for all other Year 9 students | | <i>English</i> | | Normal school for the rest of the day |
| | | | 9AL (D1) | | |
| | | | 9DG (T11) | | |
| | | | 9ME (T2) | | |
| | | | 9MY (T7) | | |
| | | | 9SJ (T5) | | |
| | | | 9ERI (H4) | | |
| Monday 20th NOV (Day 5) | Normal period 1 & 2 classes for all other Year 9 students | | <i>Maths</i> | | Normal school for the rest of the day |
| | | | 9AL (H6) | | |
| | | | 9DG (H9) | | |
| | | | 9ME (T2) | | |
| | | | 9MY (H1) | | |
| | | | 9SJ (H4) | | |
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| Tuesday 21st NOV (Day 6) | Normal period 1 & 2 classes for all other Year 9 students | | <i>Social Studies</i> | | Normal school for the rest of the day |
| | | | 9AL (H4) | | |
| | | | 9DG (H10) | | |
| | | | 9ME (T7) | | |
| | | | 9MY (H1) | | |
| | | | 9SJ (T5) | | |
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“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, & learning from failure.”
~ General Colin Powell

“Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven’t planted.”
~ David Bly

“A lot of us would like to move mountains, but few of us are willing to practice on small hills.”
~ Anonymous

“The best way to finish an unpleasant task is to get started.” ~ Anonymous

Junior Activities Day

Unless otherwise stated activities run for most of the day, **Tuesday 5 December 2017**. Students must be at school at 8.45am as usual.
All activities will finish by 3.15pm.

| Activity | Description | Cost | What to bring |
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| Airsoft @ The Armory (and Movie) | 2 hours of intense airsoft action at The Armory in Northcote. There is a variety of team games that can be played on their indoor airsoft course. Rental gear and unlimited ammo will be provided. Includes Domino's pizza for lunch. Students will watch a movie in the afternoon. | \$44 | Suitable footwear and clothing for running must be worn. The more exposed skin you have the more it will hurt. Students all need to bring water in a bottle. Pizza will be provided at school for lunch but students must bring morning and afternoon tea. |
| Board Games | Are you a fan of board games? If you are then this the activity for you. A variety of games such as Risk, Chess and Monopoly will be played and feel free to bring along any from home you might like to play. Students will have Domino's pizza for lunch and then join the other students to watch a movie in the afternoon. | \$3 | Bring any favourite board games to play Additional snacks/drinks for the morning and afternoon |
| Jump | Bounce around and play games at the outstanding trampoline park at Jump Avondale. We have secured a 2 hour private booking just for our school. Domino's pizza for lunch and then join with the other students to watch a movie in the afternoon. | \$36 | Wear suitable clothing. Jump socks (required) are provided for every student as part of our entry package. Snacks for the afternoon. |
| Multisport & Movie (at school) | Spend the morning playing a variety of sports at school. Domino's pizza at lunchtime. A choice of movies to watch in the afternoon. | \$3 | Sports gear, a drink and a snack. Hat and sunscreen. |
| Rainbow's End | Enjoy the rides and activities at Rainbow's End. Students must travel to and from Rainbow's End on the bus provided. | \$49 | A hat and sunscreen. A drink and lunch or money to buy them. A raincoat if wet. |
| Zoo | See Burma the elephant and some of the 874 other animals at the zoo. Te Wao Nui showcases New Zealand's natural treasures. | \$22 | Lunch and drink or money to buy them. Hat and sunscreen. Raincoat if wet. |